

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: A SPLIT KINGDOM

1 Kings 11–22



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Sit in a circle or at a table and hold hands. Ask each person to think of one thing he or she is thankful for about his or her family. Select one person to begin by saying, “God, thank you for this family. I’m especially thankful for ____.” When the person is done, they squeeze the hand of the person sitting to the right. That person says, “I’m especially thankful for ____.” Continue this until the last person shares. End with “Amen.”

TALK TIME

- Though we don’t like to admit it, conflict is a part of every family. It’s also a part of the history of God’s people. We allow petty differences to interfere with our relationships with the people we care about.

The story of how the kingdom split shows us what can happen when we lose sight of what we have in common (God) and focus on our own desires and wants. What is a time when you put what you wanted ahead of what someone else wanted? Is anyone currently in conflict with someone they care about outside of your family? How can your family members support each other when they are in disagreements with others?

- *The Lutheran Handbook* offers some suggestions for how to resolve interpersonal conflict on page 118. These may be useful this week when disagreements, big or small, spring up around the house. Read these steps aloud together so that everyone can help resolve conflict.

WEB TIME

Gather together at the family computer and go to your favorite search engine. Look up phrases like “church conflict” and “family conflict.” See what examples your search produces. Are there any sites that offer tips for resolving church or family conflicts?

KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

JUDAH

ISRAEL

SOLOMON

CONFLICT



RITUAL TIME

Sit together in the room and hold hands. Allow a few moments of silence to reflect on some of the ways your family has disagreed in the past few days. Someone can offer the simple prayer: God, thank you for this family. Help us work through our disagreements in loving ways. Amen

