

“**Idol.**” Have you ever heard that word? **What’s an idol?** We’ve been learning that an **idol** is anything **more important** to me than **God**. So why would anyone ever make or worship an idol?

Can you find **1 Kings 12** in your Bible? It tells us about a new king in Israel—**King Jeroboam**—who got himself in **BIG** trouble when he built not one, but **TWO** golden calves in his kingdom. Let’s read **1 Kings 12:26-33** together...



🕒 Did you notice **WHERE** Jeroboam got his idea?

“...from his _____ heart” (12:33).

It was **HIS** idea, not God’s idea.

🕒 Did you notice **WHY** did Jeroboam did it?

“Now the kingdom will turn _____” (12:26).

He was being **SELFISH**, not honoring God.

🕒 Did you notice **WHO** Jeroboam wanted to please?

“And he said to the _____, “You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt” (12:28).

Was that true? **NO!** That wasn’t true! The one true and living God had brought the children of Israel out of their slavery in Egypt, not some silly idol. But Jeroboam wanted to be a popular king more than he wanted to please God. Even today, when we make anything more important to us than God, we make a **REAL** mess of things.

Then this thing became a sin... (1 Kings 12:30)

FOUNDATION STONES



This month, we're working on:

✓ **TIMELINE Building Blocks:**

The first nine periods of the Creation to Revelation timeline

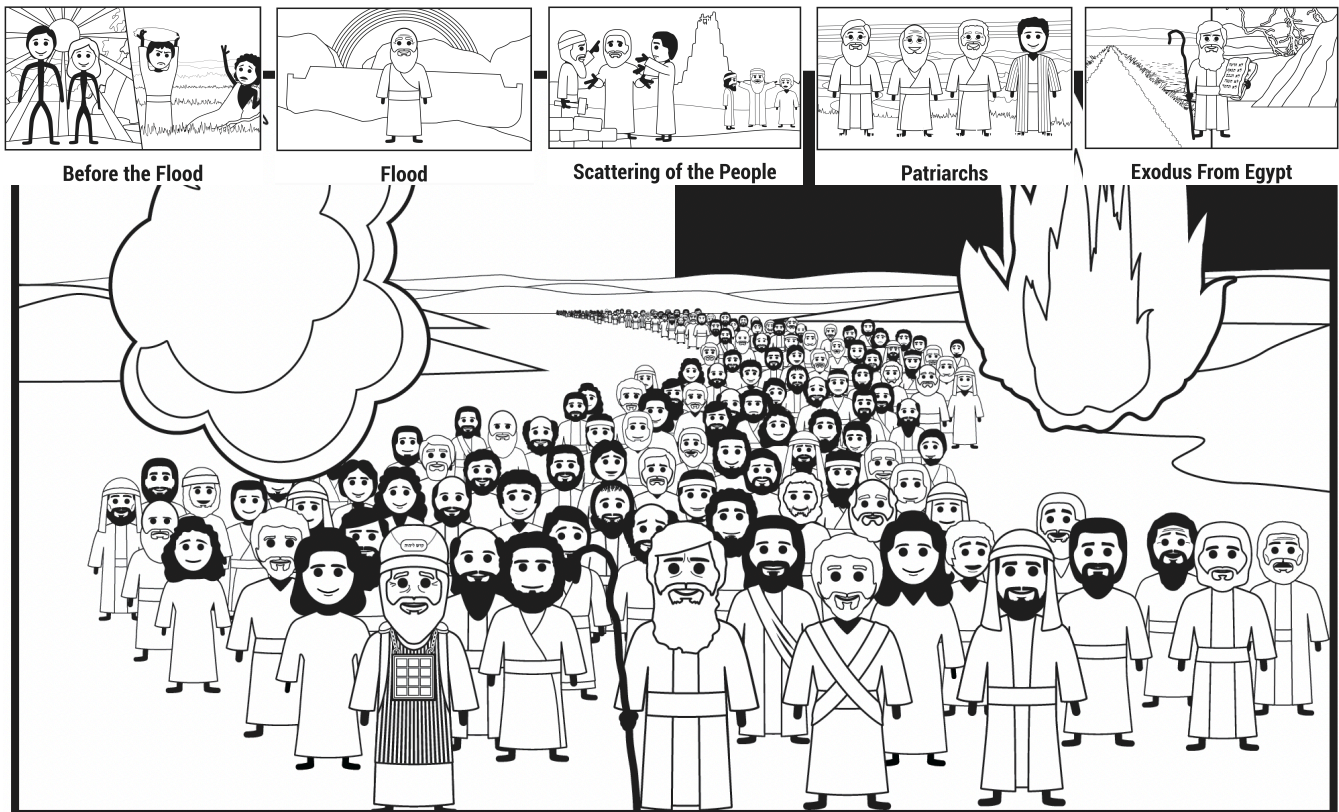
✓ **BIBLE Building Blocks:** Our Old & New Testament books of the Bible

✓ **CHARACTER Building Blocks:** The Israelite family tree

✓ **LIST Building Blocks:** The 10 Commandments

✓ **KEY WORD Building Blocks:** What's a priest? A high priest? A king? A prophet?

TIMELINE Building Blocks: Creation to Revelation (Period 1-6)



Wandering in the Wilderness

KEYWORD Building Blocks

While the children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness, God gave them **priests**. What's a **priest**? Someone who serves between God and people. Once they were settled in the land, God also gave them **kings** who should have led them in the right way. But not all those kings did!