A story of bad choices leading to bad consequences
Write a prayer asking God to help you to make good choices.

**Dear God**

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*Amen*
Both kings had made some bad choices, so people who should have been living in peace with one another were now at war.

(Copy these words: Bad choices lead to bad consequences!)

Solomon built the temple and a beautiful palace at Jerusalem. The temple took 7 years and the palace took 13 years to build.

(draw a simple picture of the temple)
Later on Solomon worshipped other gods. He was also cruel to many people. God was angry with him.

(draw an angry face)

Sadly, King Jeroboam soon forgot about God and set up images of golden calves for his people to worship.

(copy this golden calf)
Jeroboam was angry and scared and said to the people, 'Let's refuse to have him as our king. Let's set up a separate kingdom with me as king. He will be our enemy from now on'.

(draw a crowd of people following King Jeroboam)

Solomon had a son called Rehoboam who became the next king of Israel.

(draw a crown)
There was a man called Jeroboam who took lots of people to see King Rehoboam and asked him if he would be kinder to them all than Solomon was. He wanted them all to live well together.

(draw a crowd of people looking at a king)

King Rehoboam asked some wise advisers what he should do. They said 'Be kind!' Then he asked his friends and they said 'Be more unkind than your father was!' Sadly, King Rehoboam took the wrong advice and said he would be more cruel than his father had been.

(Copy this cruel face and add a crown. Draw a speech bubble and put these words in: 'I will be even more cruel to you than my father was!)