REWIND













Now that the Israelites had entered the Promised Land, God appointed judges to lead and protect them. Eventually God established a kingdom for the Israelites, but their lack of faithfulness led God to split the kingdom.

The Unit 4 icons are **shield**, **crown**, **Ark of the Covenant**, **wedge**, and **gavel**. Together these icons tell the story of how God built a kingdom for God's people and how their lack of faithfulness led to the division of that kingdom.

Bible Texts Description

God was faithful to the Israelites, but they did not return the favor. God used judges and kings to help God's people be faithful. But Israel's unfaithfulness led to the kingdom's split. God still did not give up on the Israelites. God used the prophets to call the Israelites back to God.

Check out the five Anchor Texts from the Kings & Prophets unit!

- > Judges 2:11-19 When the Israelites lose their way, can anyone save them?
- > 1 Samuel 16:4-13 What kind of person did God choose to lead the people?
- > 1 Kings 9:1-9 What promise—and warning—did God give to Solomon?
- > 1 Kings 11:9-13 Why does the kingdom split?
- > Amos 5:21-24 Why weren't prophets the most popular people?

Talk about it!

Use these questions to connect with each other.

- > What new thing did you learn about the Bible in this unit?
- Which story surprised you the most? Why?
- If you were appointed to be a prophet, how would you share God's message?

What are preteens thinking?

Kids often think that the best Christians are the ones who do everything right. This unit is full of characters who continually mess up. These stories can help your child see that God forgives and loves us despite our mistakes

Try this!

God is faithful and sticks with us! Make crispy rice cereal bars as a family. God sticks with us tighter than marshmallows do to cereal!

Prayer

God, we thank you for forgiving us and calling us back to you when we mess up. Amen.

