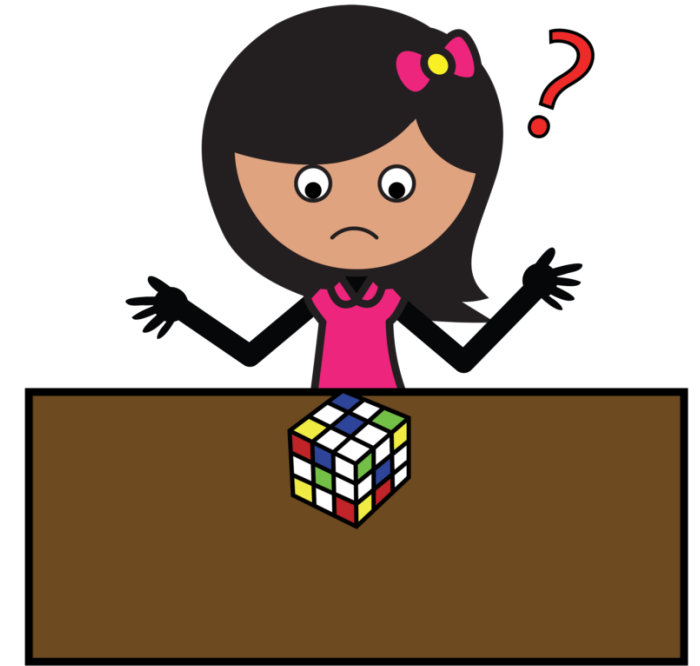
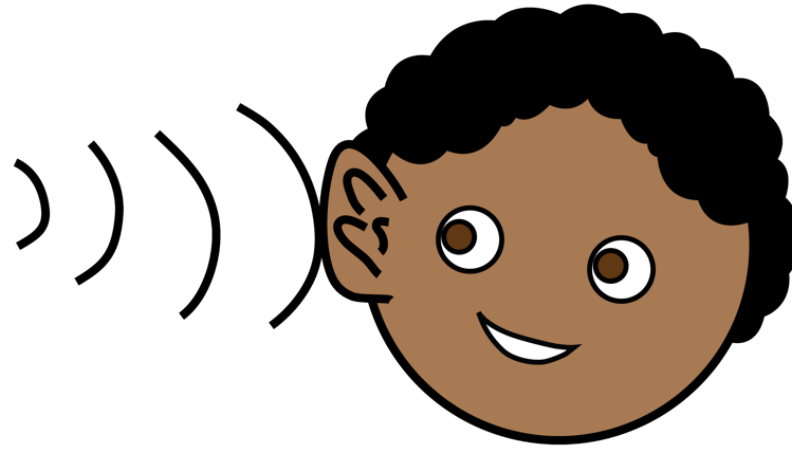


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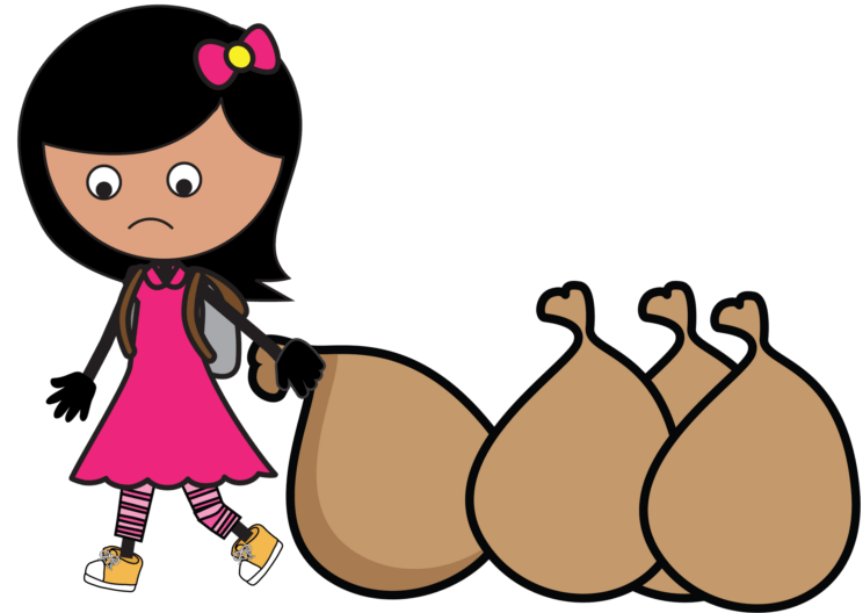
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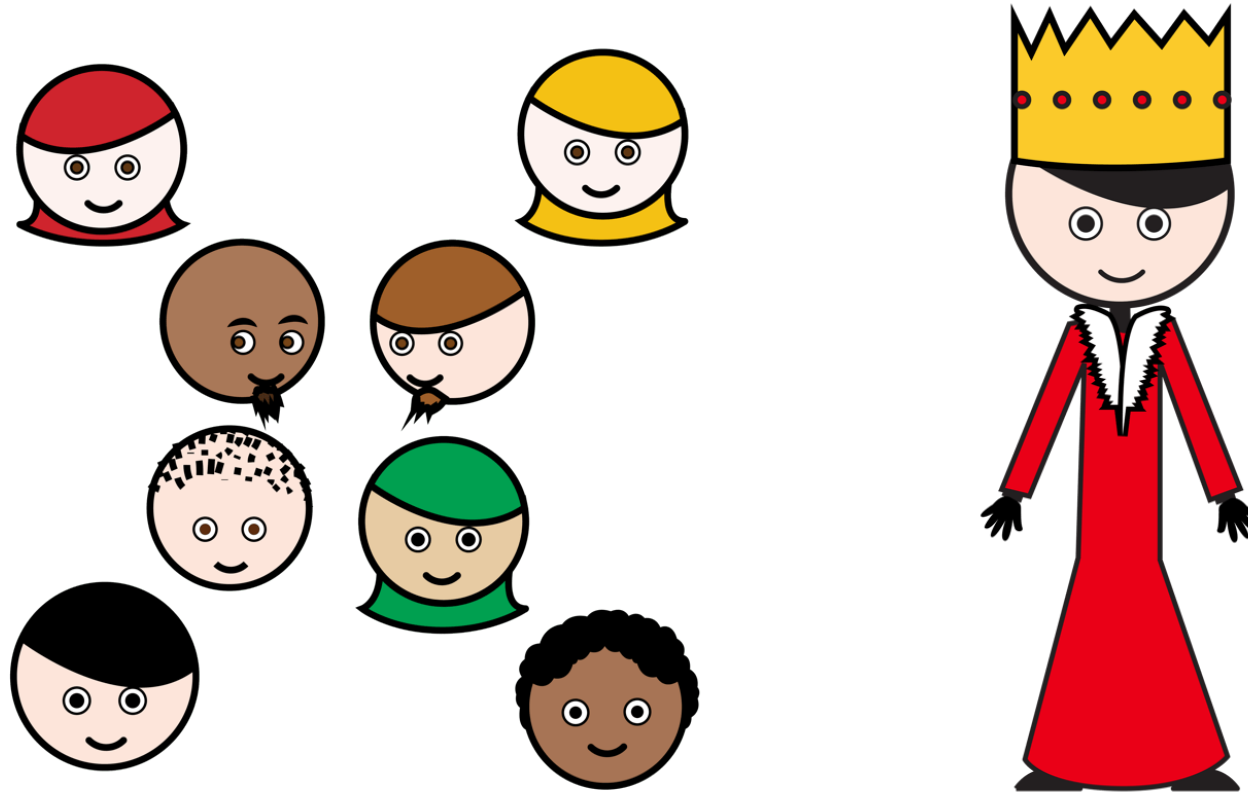
**This Week's Teaching Truth:
Ask and listen when you don't
know what to do**



**Rehoboam was King Solomon's son.
He became king of Israel after his father died.**



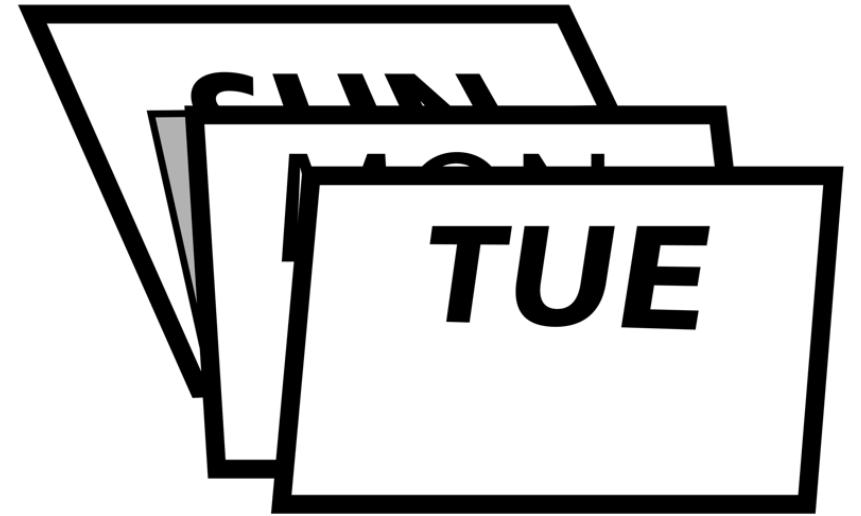
When Solomon was king, he made the people pay lots of taxes and work very hard.



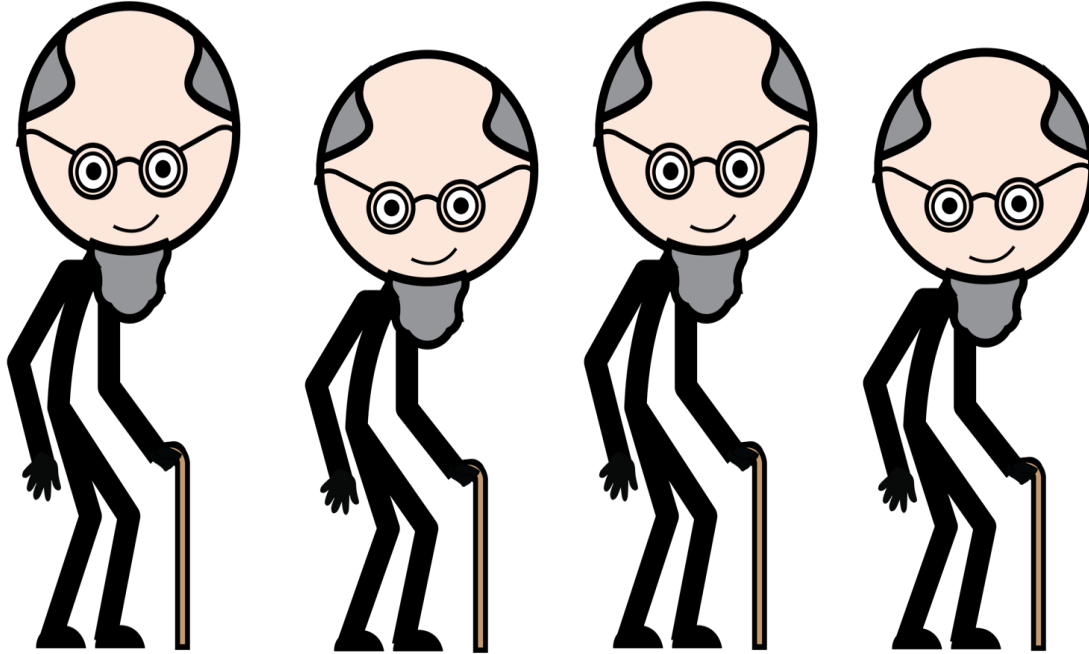
**The people came to Rehoboam and asked him
to stop the hard taxes and work.
They promised they would be loyal to him if he did.**



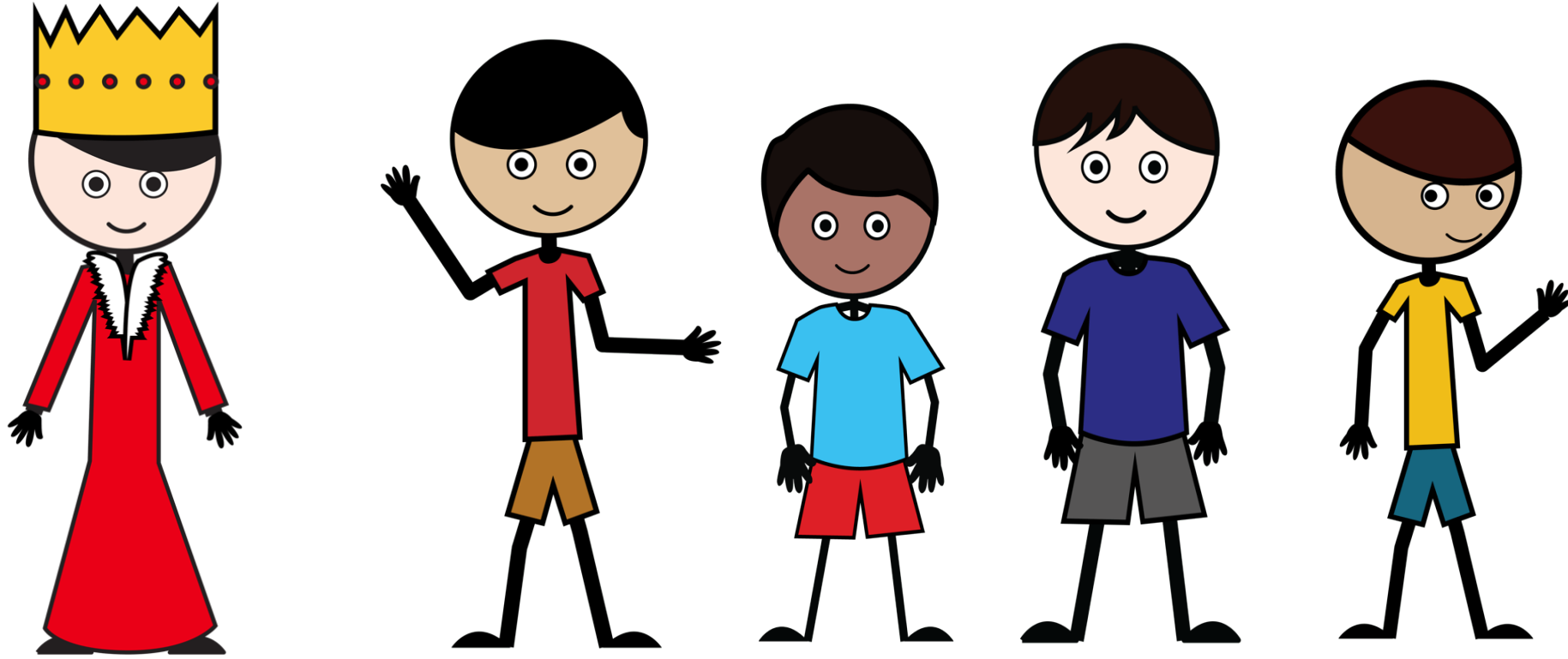
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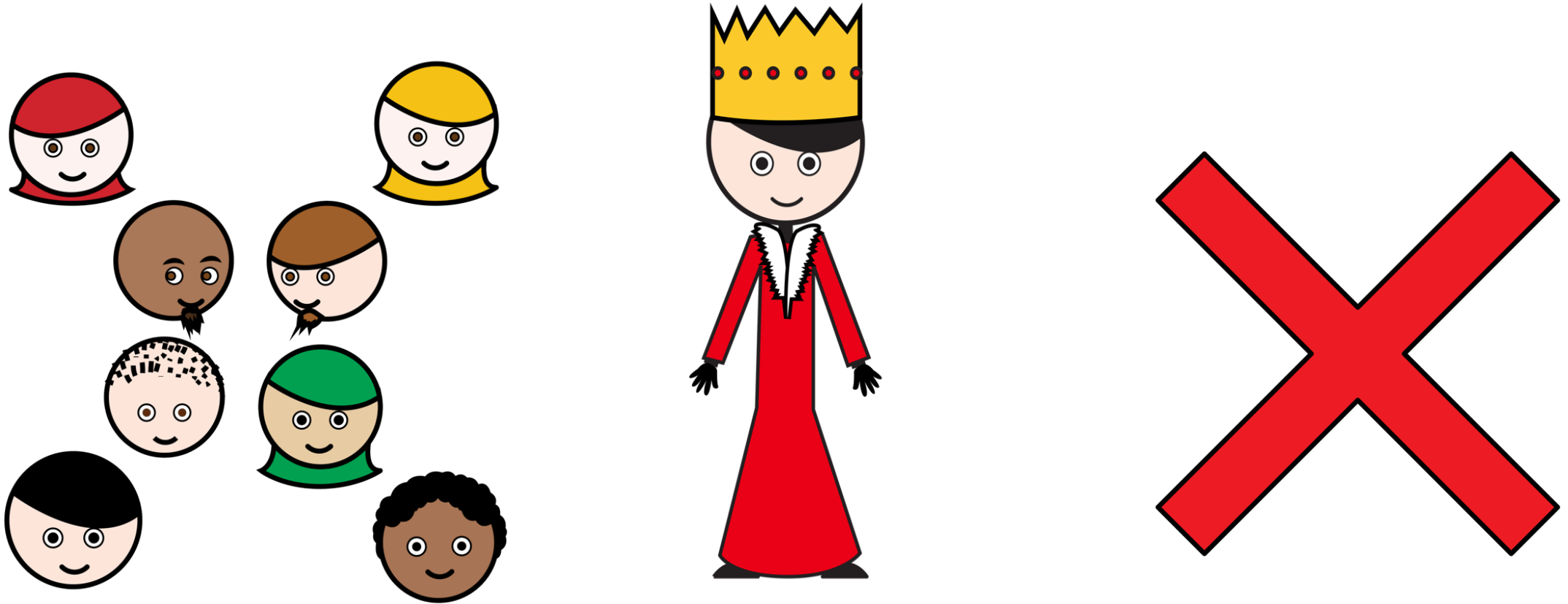
**Rehoboam asked for 3 days to think about it,
and then he would give the people his answer.**



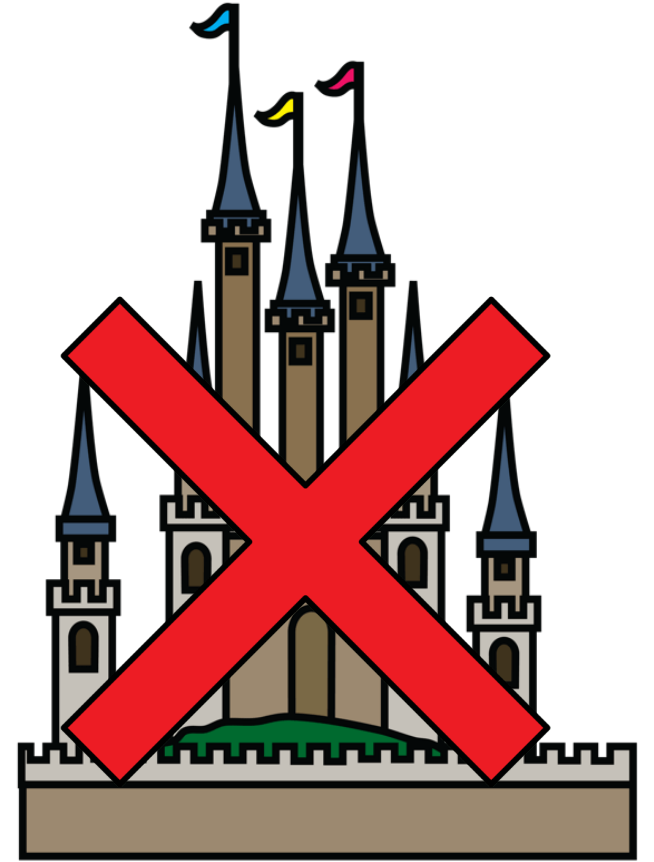
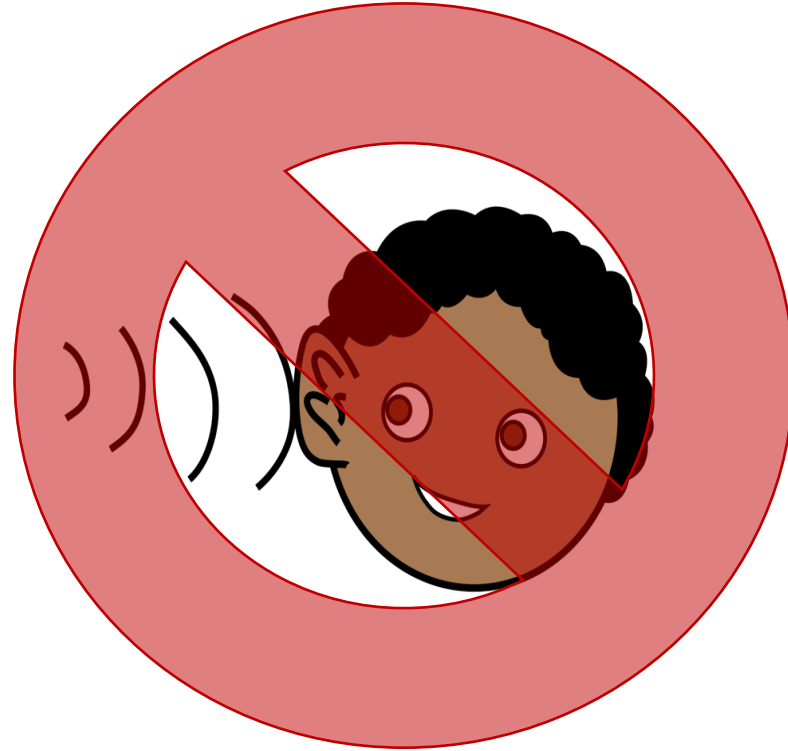
Rehoboam asked the wise old men who had helped his father what he should do. They told him to make it easier on the people, because then they would be loyal to him.



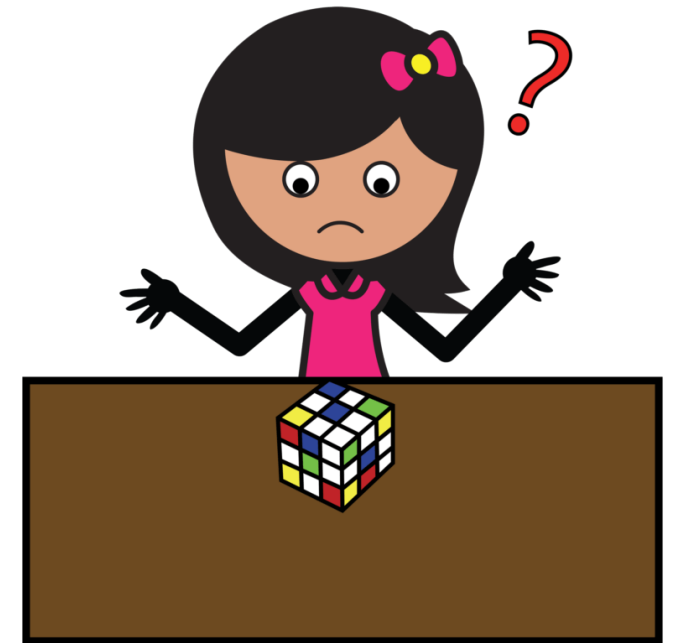
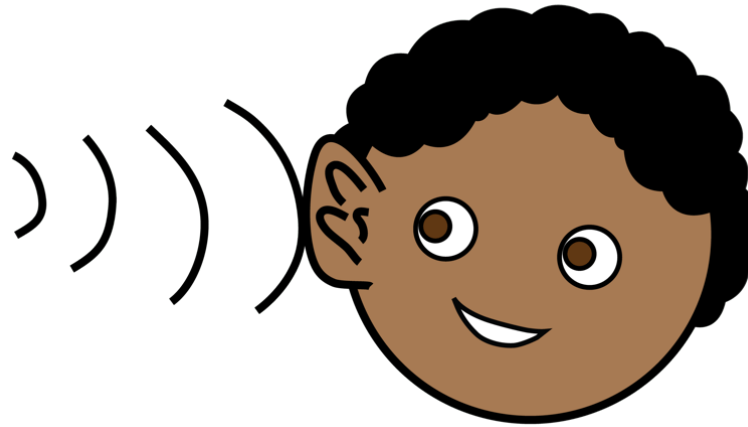
Rehoboam asked the young men he grew up with what to do. They told him to make the people work even harder than his father did! Rehoboam listened to their advice.



**When the people came back, Rehoboam told them
he was going to make them work even harder.
The people rejected him as their king.**



**Because Rehoboam did not listen to the wise men,
he lost most of his kingdom.**



Ask and listen when you don't know what to do.