



Biblical Drama based on 1 Kings 3:3-15
Character Parts: Narrators 1-5, Servant, Solomon, God

Narrator 1: After King David died, his son, Solomon, took his place. Being the king was a big job, and Solomon wasn't sure how to carry out his duties. In fact, he felt overwhelmed by it all.

Servant: Your Majesty, why do you look so worried and worn out?

Solomon: I've got so many things to do! I have so many duties as king, and I'm not even sure that I know how to do what I'm supposed to be doing.

Servant: Sir, have you prayed and asked God about it? God will help you.

Narrator 2: So King Solomon went to a place called Gibeon to offer sacrifices to God. When night came, Solomon fell fast asleep. While he was sleeping, God appeared to him in a dream.

God: Solomon! Solomon!

Solomon: Yes, I'm here. Who's calling me?

God: It is I, the Lord. I see you are troubled by all your responsibilities. Tell me, what do you need? Ask for whatever you'd like me to give you.

Solomon: I can ask for anything?

God: Anything at all.

Solomon: Hmm ... (*He thinks.*) Well, I know that when my father, David, was king, you showed him great love and kindness. He walked with you faithfully, and you helped him.

God: This is true.

Solomon: But now you've made me the king, I feel so young and inexperienced! I don't know how to lead this great people! I lack wisdom. Lord, I ask that you would give me an understanding mind, so that I can tell the difference between

right and wrong, and rule your people in the right way. I want to be a wise and faithful leader.

Narrator 3: God was pleased with Solomon's words, because the king didn't ask for his own selfish desires — to gain riches, or to have his enemies brought to him in chains, or to have a long life.

God: I will do as you have asked. I give you a wise and discerning mind. In fact, you will be the wisest king in all of history.

Solomon: Thank you, Lord.

God: And because you didn't ask anything for yourself, I will also give you what you have not asked for. I will give you wealth, honor and victory.

Solomon: You are a gracious Lord.

God: Remember, I want you to continue to walk in my ways, keeping my laws and commandments. If you do this, I will lengthen your days, as well.

Narrator 4: After Solomon woke up from his dream, he traveled to Jerusalem. While there, he stood before the Ark of the Covenant — the box which held the Ten Commandments — and he gave offerings of thanks to the Lord. Then, he hosted a feast for all his servants.

Solomon: Give thanks to the Lord our God! His steadfast love endures forever!

Narrator 5: Just as God had promised, King Solomon became known far and wide as one of the wisest, and richest, kings in Israel's history. Solomon wasn't perfect, but he did do many good things in his life. He even built a beautiful temple to God in Jerusalem, known as "Solomon's Temple."