

Lesson 2: Wisdom

Today's Bible Story

King Solomon loved God. Just as his father, King David, had taught him, Solomon tried to walk in the ways of the Lord. One day, the king went to a place called Gibeon to offer sacrifices to God. While he was there, Solomon had a dream. God said, "Ask for whatever you'd like me to give you."

Solomon said, "Lord, you showed great love and kindness to my father David, because he walked with you in faithfulness, righteousness, and uprightness of heart. You even gave him a son to sit on the throne this very day.

"Now, O Lord, you have made me the king in place of my father. But I am very young. I want to be your servant, but I don't know how to carry out my duties! Please help me. I ask that you would give me an understanding mind to govern your people, so I can tell the difference between good and evil."

The Lord was pleased with Solomon's request. So God said to him, "Because you have asked for understanding to do what is right, rather than for long life or riches for yourself, I will do as you ask. I will give you a wise and discerning mind, greater than any other king."

The Lord added, "Since you did not ask for your own selfish gain, I will also give you things that you haven't asked for: riches and honor, more than any other king has ever had. If you will walk in my ways and keep my commandments, I will lengthen your days, as well."

After Solomon woke up from his dream, he went to Jerusalem. In thanks to God, he offered burnt offerings and made a feast for all his servants to celebrate what God had promised.



From 1 Kings 3:3-15

Bible Rhyme

When Solomon became the king,
God told him, "Ask for anything."
And so the king gave it some thought
before he asked for what he ought:

"O Lord," he said, "Please make me wise
So I can govern and advise.
I want to do what's good and right,
so I'll be faithful in your sight."

Pleased with what he heard that day,
God said, "I'll do what you say!
"And since you asked not for yourself,
I'll give you honor, too, and wealth!"

In a dream, God told Solomon to do something. Help him remember what it was.

Circle every letter in the puzzle below that is not a "Z".

Then, write those letters on the lines in the box at the foot of Solomon's bed.

Z Z Z W Z Z Z A Z Z L Z
 Z Z Z Z K Z Z Z Z I Z Z N Z Z Z
 Z Z Z G Z Z O Z Z Z Z Z D Z
 Z Z Z Z S Z Z W Z Z Z A Z Z
 Z Z Y Z Z Z Z Z S Z Z Z !



Solomon knew that being a faithful and obedient servant of God meant he needed to

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What do you think it would mean for you to do this in your life? Give some examples:

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| 5) _____ | 10) _____ |