

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- In what situations does your family currently need wisdom?
- What is most important to you—money, power, or wisdom? Why?
- Share about a time you made a wise decision.

Solomon Asked for Wisdom

1 Kings 2–3

STORY POINT: GOD GAVE SOLOMON WISDOM TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE.

When David died, Solomon became the king of Israel.

One night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream. God said, "Solomon, ask for anything you want, and I will give it to you."

Solomon prayed, "God, I am young, and I do not know very much about being a king. Please make me wise and obedient to You. Help me know the difference between right and wrong. Help me lead Your people well."

God was happy with Solomon's request. God said, "I will give you wisdom. In fact, I will make you more wise and understanding than anyone who has ever lived. No one in the future will ever be as wise as Solomon."

God also said, "Because you asked for wisdom, I will also give you what you did not ask for: long life, riches, and honor. You will be greater than any other king during your lifetime."

Then Solomon woke up. He praised God and offered sacrifices to worship Him.

Christ Connection: Solomon was a wise king who wanted to do God's plan. Solomon wasn't perfect, but God had a plan to give His people a greater and wiser king—His Son, Jesus. Jesus completely trusted God. Jesus surrendered His own life to die on the cross for our sin.



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Ask for Anything

Rank the requests in order from 1 (most desired) to 8 (least desired). Write the numbers on the flames. Then compare your answers with a friend.



King Solomon's Clues

Decide if each statement is true or false. Find and read the Scripture references in your Bible to check your answers.

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| T | F | 1. Solomon became king after his father, David, died.
(1 Kings 2:10-12) |
| T | F | 2. God appeared to Solomon in a burning bush.
(1 Kings 3:5) |
| T | F | 3. Solomon asked God for power, riches, and a long life.
(1 Kings 3:9) |
| T | F | 4. God gave Solomon wisdom, riches, and honor.
(1 Kings 3:12-13) |