

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: 1 Kings 3:1-15

Characters: Solomon, God

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DAVID WAS A great king. When he died, his son Solomon became the new king. Solomon loved God, just like his father.

One night, God spoke to Solomon in a dream. 'Ask Me for anything you want. I'll give it to you!'

Wow! Anything? Solomon could have asked for piles of gold, or a huge army, or to live forever. But he didn't.

'Lord,' Solomon prayed, 'You were so kind to my father David. Now I'm king, but I feel like a little kid! I don't know how to be a good king. Your people are SO many—I can't even count them all!'

'Please give me wisdom. Help me know the difference between right and wrong so I can lead Your people well.'

God was SO happy with Solomon's answer!

'You could have asked for money. You could have asked for your enemies to die. You could have asked for a long life. But you asked for wisdom to help others.

'I WILL give you wisdom—more than anyone has ever had! And because you asked so humbly, I'll ALSO give you what you didn't ask for: riches and honor. You'll be the greatest king ever!'

Solomon woke up. It was a dream! But it was a true dream from God.

Solomon became the wisest person in the whole world. People traveled from far away just to hear him speak. He wrote thousands of wise sayings.

Once, two women brought a baby to Solomon, both claiming to be the mother. Solomon figured out who the REAL mother was using his wisdom!

When we need to make hard choices, we can ask God for wisdom too. The Bible says He loves to give it!