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God Gave Solomon Wisdom (2:38) by Gospel Project
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Lesson 11: WISE KING SOLOMON

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The Bible says that King David reigned for 40 years. Before he died, he appointed his son Solomon to be the new king over God's people. He told Solomon to always pray to God for help and to obey him. David reminded Solomon that God would keep His promise that every king of Israel would come through their family.

Solomon knew he needed God's help. So, he gave God gifts and worshiped and prayed to Him.



One night, while Solomon was asleep, God talked to Solomon in a dream. God said, "Solomon, tell me what you want to have as a gift, and I will give it to you. You can ask for anything you want."

Wow, anything he wanted!? What do you think you would ask for if you could have any gift you wanted?

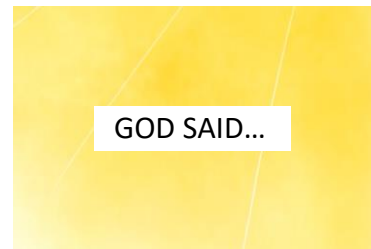
Solomon could have asked for riches, or for God to take away his enemies. He could have asked for many years to live with no sickness. Those would all be nice gifts. But what would be the best gift to ask for?





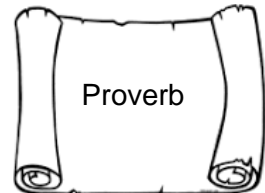
Solomon said, “God, You were very kind to my father, David. He loved You and did what You wanted. God, You are the one who made me king. I want to serve You too, but I’m very young. I don’t know how to lead Your people. Please give me a mind that understands, and a heart that listens to You. Please give me wisdom so I can take good care of Your people.”

When Solomon asked for that gift, God was very happy. He said, “Yes, Solomon! I’m so glad you asked for that. I will give you a wise heart and mind — more wisdom than anyone else has ever had! And because you didn’t ask for riches or a long life, or for Me to take away your enemies, I am also going to give you those things.”

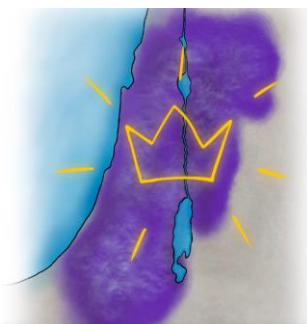


Then Solomon woke up from his dream. Of course, everything God said would happen... did happen. God gave Solomon wisdom. God allowed Solomon to solve difficult problems and judge the people wisely and justly.

God also taught Solomon about all kinds of wonders and workings of the world. He also knew about wise living. He wrote wise sayings in our Bible book called “Proverbs.”



People from all over the world came to listen to Solomon’s wisdom. Solomon was known in far-away lands for the splendor and wisdom of his rule. Even the Queen of Sheba came to see how wise King Solomon was. During his rule, Solomon’s wisdom was as endless as the sand on the seashore, and God’s Family was as numerous as the sand on the seashore.



The people of God’s Nation were happy. God caused them to live in safety, and everyone lived under their own vine and their own fig tree. God gave them peace, comfort and joy... at last.

Solomon wasn’t perfect but God had a plan to send a greater and wiser king – His son Jesus!

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

Color the picture of **KING SOLOMON**



Write the king's name:

What did Solomon ask God to give him?

W I S D O M

UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY



Draw a line to the Picture that you think represents the list of Solomon's great works.



Wrote 1005 songs.



Welcomed rulers from far-away countries that wanted to hear his wisdom (The Queen of Sheba)

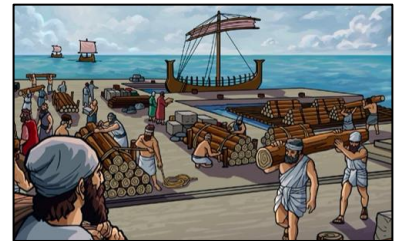


Traded with merchants from many different lands



Understood how plants grew

and animals behaved.



Composed 3,000 proverbs

Built great building projects

DID YOU KNOW?

The most famous story of Solomon's wisdom is found in 1st Kings 3:16-28. Read it in your Bible.



- How did you feel when you read what Solomon's decision was in this difficult case?

- Why do you think he said to cut the baby in half? Ask your mom.
