



Unit 12, Session 1

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.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

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

- 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)

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How did Jesus demonstrate wisdom?

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APPLY the Story

- Why do you think Solomon asked for wisdom instead of something else?
- How is Jesus greater than Solomon?
- Why do you think people sometimes refuse to seek wisdom from God?

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APPLY the Story

- Find James 1:5 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking God to fill you with wisdom to live in a way that honors Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecclesiastes 7:19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Job 32:8-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 2:3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 19:20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 28:26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 11:33-36 |