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Prophets and Kings**

OLD TESTAMENT 4

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The Wisdom of Solomon

1 Kings 3

The Characters

Solomon

The Setting

Gibeon
Jerusalem

Bible Memory Verse

The LORD gives wisdom.
Proverbs 2:6



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What is Solomon doing in the picture? Where do you do it?

Name: _____

Review

Find the picture that shows what happened first in the Bible story. Put 1 in the box. Then find pictures 2, 3, and 4. Tell the story in your own words. Finish coloring the picture.

Please make me wise.
Teach me
the difference
between right
and wrong.



I'll make you
wiser than anyone
lived or ever
will live.



Ask for anything
you want, and
I will give it
to you.







The LORD gives wisdom. Proverbs 2:6



The True Story

King David had a son named Solomon. God helped Solomon rule after David died.

One day, King Solomon burned a large number of offerings on an altar at Gibeon, a city near Jerusalem. * That night, God spoke to Solomon in a dream. * He said, "Ask Me for whatever you want, and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered, "I'm just a young man, and I don't know how to be the best king for all Your people. Please help me be wise—to know right from wrong. Help me be a good leader, full of wisdom."

God was happy that Solomon had asked Him for wisdom! God saw what was in Solomon's heart.

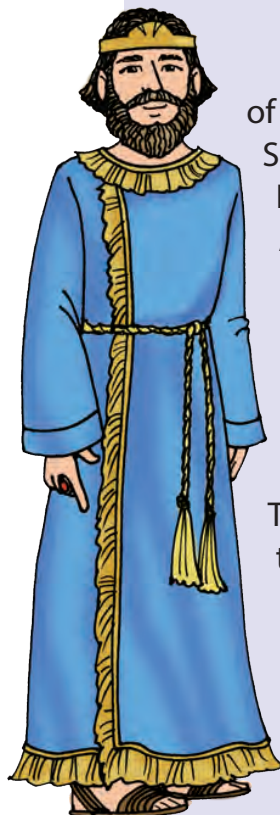
God told Solomon, "You didn't ask for gold or silver, for a big castle or a golden throne, or for a shiny chariot with many horses. Your heart tells Me you will be a good king. I will give you the wisdom you asked for, and I'll also give you the riches too! I'll make you wiser than anyone who has ever lived or ever will live." *

God reminded Solomon, "Obey My commandments. Follow Me. I promise to give you a long life."

Then Solomon woke up! He was glad God had talked to him. He went to stand before the ark of the covenant—the special chest—and burned his offering to God. He lifted his arms in prayer and talked to God.

God made King Solomon the wisest man who ever lived. God makes us wise too. He gives us His Word. From it, we learn about salvation through Jesus.

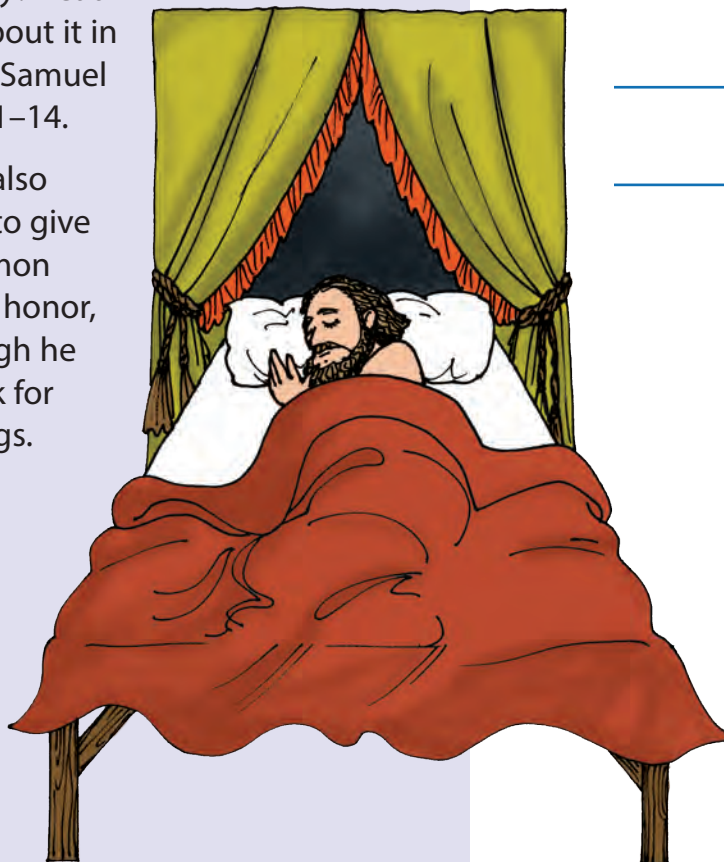
As you read the story on the left, pause when you come to an *. Then look at the pictures below.



* At the beginning and end of this account, we read that Solomon offered sacrifices. First, he did it at Gibeon. After his dream, he offered sacrifices in Jerusalem.

* While Solomon was asleep, he had a dream in which God spoke to him. At other times in the Old Testament, God had spoken through dreams. Do you remember what happened to Samuel when he was a boy? Read about it in 1 Samuel 3:1–14.

* God also promised to give King Solomon riches and honor, even though he did not ask for those things.



Look It Up

1 Kings 3:9

What did King Solomon ask God to give him?

1 Kings 3:10–14

What did God give King Solomon?

Family Time

While Eating

God gives us wisdom through His Word. What things have you learned about Jesus through God's Word?



At the Drawing Table

Draw four gift bags. On the tags, write the name of gifts God has given you. Show your drawing to someone in your family.



I wonder . . . will God give you wisdom if you ask?

Before Bedtime

Pray for God to give you a heart that listens to His Word and the will to obey it.



Lily's Day



Solomon Builds the Temple

1 Kings 5-6

The Characters

King Solomon of Israel
King Hiram of Tyre
Laborers of all kinds

The Setting

Jerusalem

Bible Memory Verse

It is good to be near God.
Psalm 73:28



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Level 1

What are the workers doing? Where are they?

Name: _____



Review

Draw a line to match the people with their jobs as they built the temple together. Tell the story in your own words.

people praising God

painters

those who hammered on gold

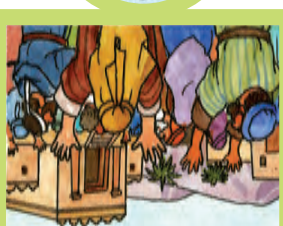
weavers

carvers

woodcutters

stonecutters

King Solomon



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The True Story

For many years, God's people **traveled from place to place**, living in tents. God dwelt with them in a special tent called the tabernacle. Later, during the time of King Solomon, the people lived in houses. So King Solomon said, "Let's build a beautiful temple for God."

Many people worked hard. Some **cut stone blocks** to make the outside walls. * Others **cut cedar and cypress trees** to make the walls and doors. * Some **carved beautiful angels, palm trees, and flowers** into the walls. Some **hammered gold into thin sheets** and put it on the floors and walls. * Others **spun yarn** into fabric.

There were two special rooms—the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place—in the temple. The ark of the covenant was in the Most Holy Place. The ark held special objects that reminded the people that God was with them.

After seven years, the temple was finally finished! Then, King Solomon and the people **brought offerings** to dedicate the temple. They **brought offerings** to praise God. *

King Solomon **knelt** in front of the altar and said, "God, You are so wonderful! You love us and are good to us. Watch over Your temple. Bless the people, hear our prayers, and forgive our sins. Help us love and obey You. Amen."

Solomon and the people **praised and thanked God** as they celebrated for seven days!

Where do you praise God? Where do you bring your offerings for Jesus? Where do you hear God's Word?



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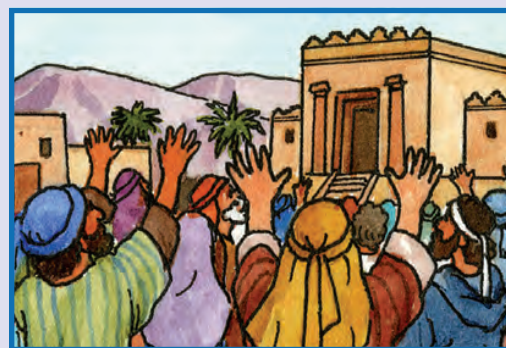
* The Bible tells us that 80,000 stonecutters prepared stone for the temple.

* King Hiram of Tyre supplied cypress and cedar wood for the building of the temple. The logs were made into rafts and arrived floating on water.



* The temple walls and altar were overlaid with gold.

* When the temple was finished, the people brought many offerings to thank God.



Look It Up

1 Kings 5:10–11

King Hiram provided King Solomon with cedar and cypress. What did King Solomon give King Hiram?

1 Kings 6:29

What was carved into the walls of the temple?

Family Time

While Eating

Solomon wanted to build a temple for God. Talk about the look of your church building.



When Using Technology

With permission, look for an image of Solomon's temple on the Web. Now look at your church's website. Is there a picture of your church there?



Before Bedtime

Thank God for your church, where God can dwell with you in His Word and Sacraments.



Lily's Day

