

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 89: SOLOMON ASKS GOD FOR WISDOM
1 KINGS 3:3-14

And Solomon, in his love for the Lord, kept the laws of David his father; but he made burnt offerings and burned incense at the high places, or shrines, that the people used for making offerings because at that time there was no temple. And the king went to Gibeon to make an offering there, because that was the most important high place: it was Solomon's way to make a thousand burned offerings on that altar. In Gibeon, Solomon had a vision of the Lord in a dream at night; and God said to him, Tell me what I am to give you. And Solomon said, Great was your mercy to David my father, as his life before you was true and upright and his heart was true to you; and you have kept for him this greatest mercy, a son to take his place this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in the place of David my father; and I am only a young boy, with no knowledge of how to go out or come in. And your servant has all around him the people you have chosen, a people so great that they can't be counted, and no account of them may be given. Give your servant, then, a wise heart full of wisdom for judging your people, able to see what is good and what is evil; for who is able to be the judge of this great people? Now these words and Solomon's request were pleasing to the Lord. And God said to him, Because your request is for this thing, and not for long life for yourself or for wealth or for the destruction of your enemies, but for wisdom to be a judge of causes; I have done as you said: I have given you a wise and far-seeing heart, so that there has never been anyone like you in the past, and never will there be any like you in the future. And with this I have given you what you did not ask for: wealth and honor, so that no king was ever your equal. And if you go on in my ways, keeping my laws and my orders as your father David did, I will give you a long life also.

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In Gibeon, Solomon had a vision of the Lord in a dream at night; and God said to him, Say what I am to give you. **1 KINGS 3:5**

Give your servant, then, a wise heart for judging your people, able to see what is good and what evil; for who is able to be the judge of this great people? **1 KINGS 3:9**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the laws of his father David." 1 KINGS 3:3

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the laws of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places (shrines).
TRUE or FALSE
2. The LORD appeared in a vision to Solomon at night and told him that He was not going to bless him. TRUE or FALSE
3. Solomon asked the LORD to make him very rich and to live a long time.
TRUE or FALSE
4. Solomon asked the LORD for wisdom to be able to judge between good and evil. TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD was pleased with what Solomon asked for. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Did the LORD make Solomon wise like he asked?
2. What else did the LORD give to Solomon also? Was it wealth and honor?
3. What did the LORD promise Solomon if he obeyed His laws? Was it a long life?
4. Did the LORD make Solomon a king like no other king was ever before? Yes! Because he was the wisest and richest king that ever lived!

Lesson 89 Question/answer time

King Solomon's request pleased the LORD because he asked him for something that would make him a better person. He needed wisdom! He could have asked him for a lot of things that he wanted, but he didn't - he wanted to be a good king for God's people.

Below are some things that you might NEED, and some things that you might WANT. Circle all the things that you NEED, and cross out all the things that you just WANT, but don't NEED.

CANDY

FOOD

OBEDIENCE

A LOT OF MONEY

SILLY RUBBER BANDS

A NEW VIDEO GAME

WISDOM

A GIVING HEART

HONESTY

NEW NIKE SHOES

A PET RABBIT

A HORSE

JESUS

FAIRNESS

A LOT OF FRIENDS

BICYCLE

Can you think of anything else that you could ask God for that are NEEDS? How about anything that are just WANTS?

Solomon has a vision
about the LORD in his
dreams at Gibeon



PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer to ask the Lord for wisdom and for the “right” priorities. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.