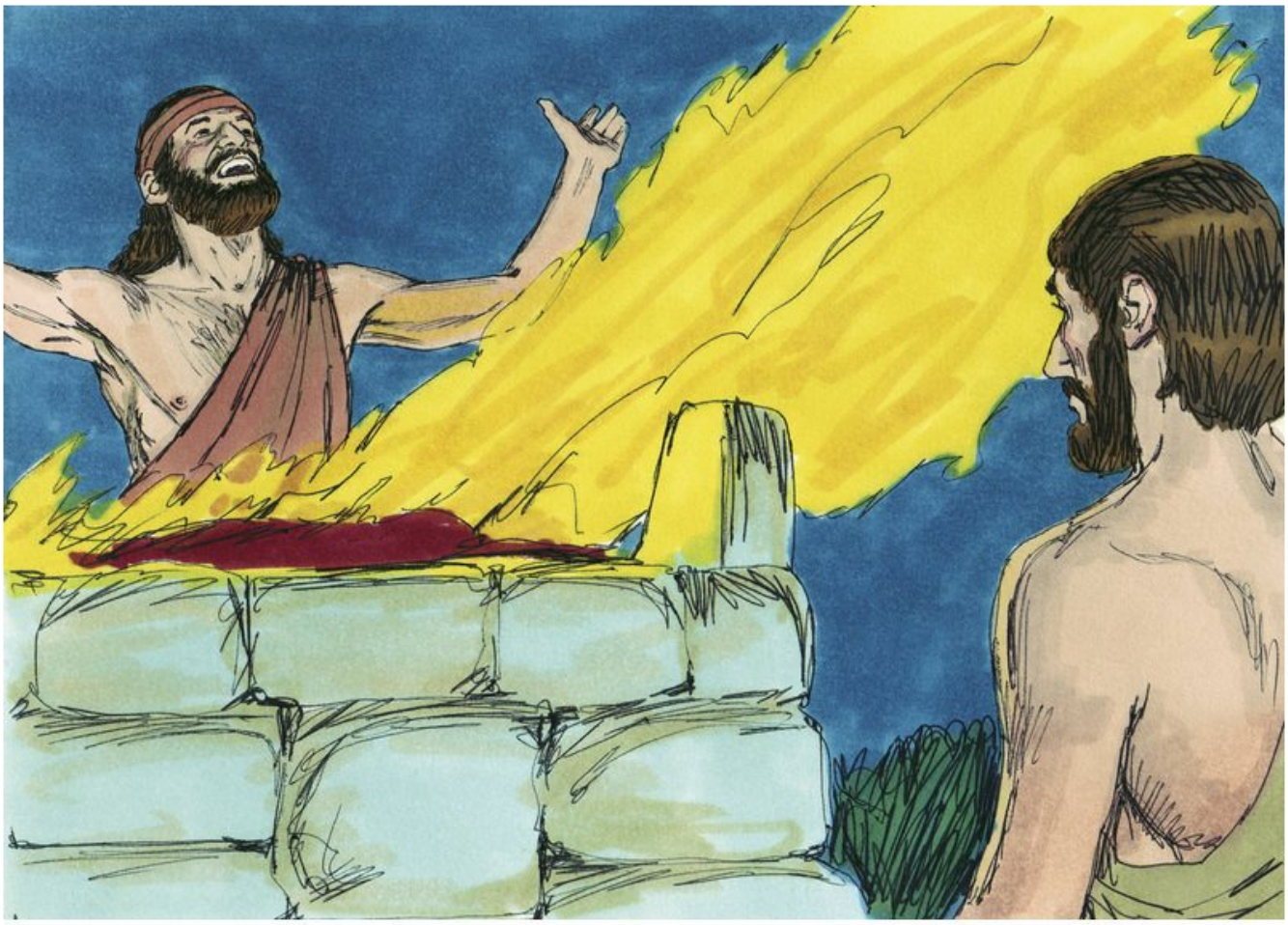
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Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 3:3-15



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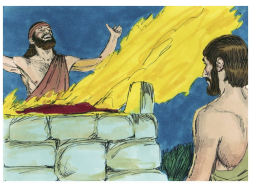
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A King Who Needed Help

1 Kings 3:3-15



Solomon had become king after his father David. He loved God and followed the teaching he had received, though the account also tells us that worship in Israel was not yet as it should be. A crown gave Solomon authority, but it did not answer every hard question. Leading many people meant listening, making decisions, and taking responsibility for the effect those decisions would have.

Solomon traveled to Gibeon to offer sacrifices. There, during the night, God appeared to him in a dream. God invited him to ask for a gift. The invitation placed a question before the new king: what would he most need for the task ahead? The story does not begin with Solomon proving that he already knew everything. It begins with room for him to ask.

Solomon first remembered God's kindness to David. He spoke of his father's faithfulness and thanked God that David's son now sat on the throne. He understood his position as something received within a larger story of God's promises. He had not simply made himself king by being clever or important. Remembering what had been given helped him speak about the responsibility that came with it.

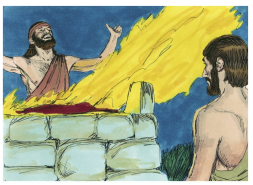
Then Solomon admitted his inexperience. He described himself as being like a little child who did not know how to carry out the work. This was not an exact statement of his age. It expressed how much he still needed to learn. He stood among a great people, and he recognized that leading them well would require more understanding than he could supply on his own. This honest admission prepared the way for the request he would bring to God.

Remember: I can ask God for a heart that understands.

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A Heart That Understands

1 Kings 3:3-15



Solomon asked for a heart that could listen and understand. He wanted to judge the people fairly and tell the difference between good and evil. His request was about the people he would serve. Wisdom, in this story, was more than knowing facts or giving quick answers. It involved understanding what was right when people needed a decision that would affect their lives.

God was pleased with the request. Solomon had not made a long life, personal riches, or the death of his enemies the center of his prayer. Instead, he had asked for understanding so he could give justice. God promised him a wise and discerning heart. The gift matched the responsibility: he needed to hear people's concerns and choose what was fair, rather than using power only for himself.

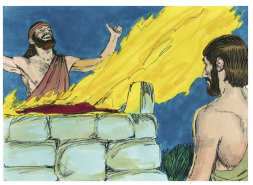
God also promised Solomon riches and honor that he had not requested. These were particular gifts in the account of this king. God then called Solomon to walk in his ways and keep his commands. Receiving wisdom would not remove the need for obedience. The king still had choices to make. A gift could equip him for the work, while a faithful life would require him to use it well.

When Solomon woke, he knew he had been dreaming. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of God's covenant, and offered worship. He also held a feast for his servants. The account ends this scene with thanksgiving rather than another demand. Solomon had begun by naming his need and asking for help. His next steps recognized the God who had answered and the people among whom he would lead.

Pause and think: Where could listening more carefully help you make a fairer choice this week?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Growing in Wisdom



You do not need a throne to face a choice that matters to someone else. When friends disagree, a wise person listens before deciding who is right. When a younger child needs help, wisdom considers what that child understands. Being the loudest or oldest person in a group does not automatically make every answer fair. An understanding heart makes room for another person's experience.

Asking for help is one way to begin learning. You might ask a parent why a rule exists, listen to a teacher's correction, or admit that you misunderstood a friend. These are ordinary ways of seeking wisdom today. They are examples for us, not extra events from Solomon's story. Learning often begins when we can say that we do not yet know enough.

Solomon's promised wealth does not mean that everyone who asks for wisdom will become rich. The heart of his request was service and justice. We can ask God to help us choose well, then practice by hearing others, thinking carefully, and accepting correction. A wise decision may be quiet. Its goodness can be seen in the care it gives to people.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Wisdom helps us understand, choose what is right, and serve others fairly.

Where could listening more carefully help you make a fairer choice this week?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What gift did Solomon ask for?

2. Why did he need this gift?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ In a dream, he asked God for wisdom.
- ☐ God promised wisdom, and Solomon returned to worship.
- ☐ Solomon became king over Israel.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a crown beside a heart, remembering wise and caring leadership.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can ask God for a heart that understands.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: 1 Kings 3:9-12

A thoughtful conversation

Solomon calls himself a little child to express inexperience; do not assign an exact age. His promised wealth is not a general promise that asking for wisdom makes people rich.

Activity answers

1. Wisdom and an understanding heart to judge fairly.
2. He had many people to lead and needed to distinguish right from wrong.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, give us understanding to choose what is fair and kind. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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