



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 12 • Session 1

## GOD GAVE SOLOMON WISDOM

1 Kings 2-3

### WHAT IS MERCY? MERCY IS WHEN GOD DOES NOT GIVE US THE PUNISHMENT THAT WE DESERVE.

David was the king of Israel for many years. His son Solomon was going to be king after Him. Before King David died, he gave Solomon some instructions.

“Be strong and brave, Solomon,” David said. “Obey God, and you will be successful.”

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 did not ask to be rich or to have a long life. Solomon wanted to be a good king, so he asked for something even better.

Solomon prayed, “God, I am young, and I do not know very much about being a king. Please make me wise. Help me lead Your people well.”

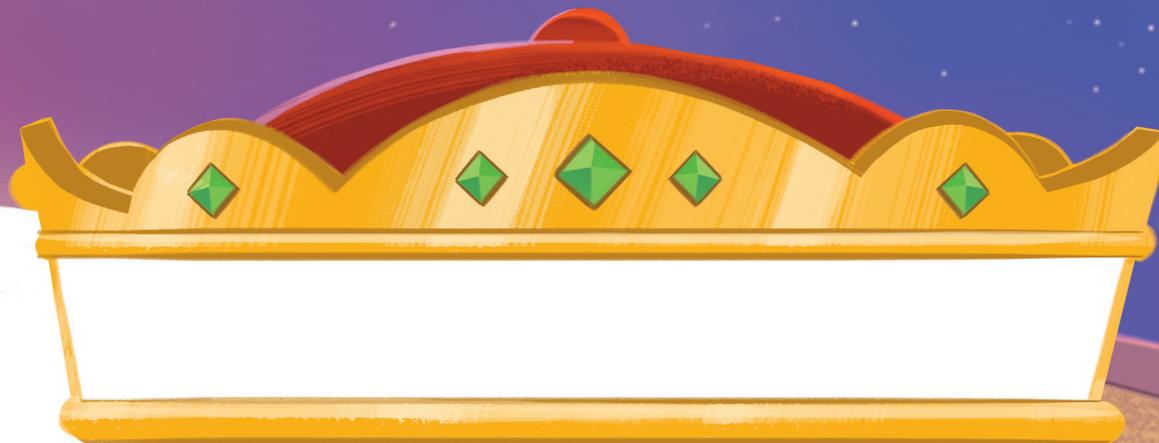
God was happy with Solomon's request. God also said, “Because you asked for wisdom, I will also give you what you did not ask for: long life, riches, and honor. You will be greater than any other king during your lifetime.”

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.

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**Build a King** | Fill the crown with words describing what traits or qualities make a good king.



**In a Dream** | Circle the things that happened when God appeared to Solomon in a dream and cross out things that did not happen.

**A talking donkey appeared to Solomon in a dream.**

**God appeared to Solomon in a dream.**

**God gave Solomon three wishes.**

**God told Solomon to ask for anything he wanted and He would give it to Him.**

**Solomon asked for a long life.**

**Solomon asked for a large palace.**

**Solomon asked to be the most popular king.**

**Solomon was promised to be the greatest king in his lifetime.**

**Solomon asked for three more wishes.**

**Solomon wanted to obey God.**

**God did not approve of Solomon's request.**

**God was happy with Solomon's request.**

**God made Solomon the wisest person ever.**

**God also gave Solomon riches, long life, and honor even though he didn't ask for it.**

**Solomon asked for wisdom.**

**Solomon asked for riches.**

