

SOLOMON BECAME KING

1 Kings 2-3



When David had grown old, he called for his son Solomon to give him this message: “Be strong, my son, and keep your promise to the Lord to walk in His ways and obey His commandments.”

Then David died, and Solomon became king over Israel. One night, the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream. God said, “Ask. What should I give you?”

Solomon replied, “You have shown great and faithful love to my father David because he was faithful to you and had a right heart before you. You have continued to show faithful love to him by giving him a son to sit on his throne.

“You have now made me king in my father’s place. But I have no experience in leadership. So, give me a heart to judge the people and tell the difference between good and evil.”

The Lord was pleased with Solomon’s request. He said, “Because you have asked for wisdom to lead well instead of long life or riches, I will give you a wise and understanding heart. You will be wiser than anyone who has ever lived before. In addition, I will give you riches and honor. If you walk in my ways and keep my commands, I will give you a long life.”

Solomon woke up. He went to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant, and presented burnt offerings.

Christ Connection: God gave Solomon wisdom to lead His people. Jesus is wisdom, and He leads those who trust in Him to eternal life. When we follow Jesus, we become wise.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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.

» Unscramble each word to learn today's story point.

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» What does this story teach us about God?

» Besides wisdom, what two other things did God give King Solomon?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

God gave Solomon wisdom to lead His people. We need wisdom to live for God and follow His ways. But wisdom is more than knowing about God. Wisdom is a person: Jesus Christ. When we trust in Jesus, we become wise. Jesus lives in us, through the gift of His Holy Spirit, and helps us obey God.



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

» Why did Solomon ask God for wisdom? Why do we need wisdom?

» Why is wisdom better than riches?

» How can we gain wisdom?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Proverbs 3:7 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking Him that the true source of wisdom comes from following Jesus and trusting Him for salvation.

READ THE WORD

Think about the wisdom God offers us when we trust in Jesus. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Psalm 110:11

☐ Proverbs 3:13-16

☐ James 1:5

☐ Proverbs 2:3-6

☐ 1 Corinthians 3:18-20

☐ Colossians 1:9