



L3L35: Solomon's Special Request

1 Kings 3

Solomon was a young man when he became king of Israel. It was a big job to oversee the whole nation, and Solomon knew he needed help. One night, God spoke to Solomon in a dream and asked him what was his heart's desire. God told him that he could have anything he wanted! He could have asked for fame, riches, or a long life. Solomon's response showed a maturity, humility and concern for his people. God gave him exactly what he needed to fulfill his role as king...and much more!

Discuss:

- Solomon offered sacrifices to God at Gibeon. Ultimately, God led him to build a temple at another location, which would serve as a worship-house for God for generations to come. Where was that temple built?
- What would you ask for if you could have anything want? What would be the wisest thing to request of God?
- Why do you think God was so happy with Solomon's request?
- Why do you think it was important to Solomon to have wisdom?
- We have Solomon's wisdom with us today in the Bible. He wrote Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon, and most of the book of Proverbs. Find a passage in the book of Proverbs that tells us how important it is to find wisdom.



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Memory Challenge:

1 Kings 3:9

“...give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”