

King Solomon's Riches and Honor

1 Kings 3:1-28, 4:20-34

When a young person is learning to do what is right adults sometimes offer them rewards such as gifts, food or special privileges. Write down rewards you have been offered for doing things like cleaning your room, doing your homework, caring for a younger brother or sister,*etc.*

Solomon did not ask for any rewards. However, the Lord told him he would receive riches and honor as well as an understanding heart. What sort of riches did Solomon receive?

Compare Solomon's riches to the type of riches people have today. Note how some are the same and some are different.

The Lord also gave Solomon honor. What happened to illustrate how Solomon was honored?

In what ways are people honored today?

As people age they begin to understand that riches and honor are not the most important rewards they can receive for the good things they do. Instead, the Lord gifts people with special feelings, a delight in other people's happiness and the knowledge that they have chosen well. Tell about a time you did something that gave you joy in someone else's happiness and/or the knowledge that you had made a good decision.

The Lord's final reward to people is living in heaven to eternity doing the good things they most love to do. What might some of those things be for you?