

The Glory of Solomon

1 Kings 3: 5-15

Teacher Preparation

- Read background materials from the Dole *Bible Study Notes*: <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/dbsn-3-15-the-glory-of-solomon.pdf>

Introduction

Welcome the kids and ask them how they're doing. Then ask: if a fairy godmother suddenly appeared and said you could have one wish granted, what would you want? Ask each child for an answer. Then tell them that in today's story somebody got to have a wish granted.

Read and Discuss

1. Ask the kids if they remember who King Solomon was, and what he was most famous for. (for being very wise and very rich, and also the fact that he was King David's son)
2. Read 1 Kings 3: 5-15. Tell the kids that the Lord offered Solomon one wish. What did he ask for? (wisdom) The Lord was so happy with Solomon's answer that He told him that He would give him some *bonus* prizes. Did you hear what the extra rewards were? (wealth, fame and peace in the land) That was a very good thing for Solomon to ask for, wasn't it—much more important to want to be wise than to have lots of good stuff.
3. Solomon asked for an "understanding heart" and to be able to "discern" between good and evil. Discern means to be able to really tell the difference, even when it's not obvious.
4. The Lord was happy that Solomon asked for such a good thing, so He told him that He would give him extra things—and he did! Solomon was famous for being wise, but he was *most* famous for being one of the richest people in history. What was one of the very first things he did with his wealth? He built a beautiful temple that was covered in gold to worship the Lord.
5. Read 1 Kings 10:1-10 and 23-27. In this part of our story, you heard that King Solomon was smart and rich. Why did the Lord bless him in this way? (he was good and obeyed the Lord)
6. Now that you've heard the story, do you think you would want to change your one wish? (if any of the kids wished for stuff...) We know what we should all ask the Lord to make us wise. We will probably not be as wise as Solomon, and we probably won't be as rich as King Solomon, but if we do the right thing and love the Lord and do our best to follow Him and do good, then here on earth we will have a sense of peace, and when we get to Heaven we will be blessed with innumerable blessings.

Supplies You Will Need

- Copy of the Word
- Print out (or be able to show the pictures on a device) a selection of pictures illustrating the story from:
<https://thelonghaulwithisaiah.wordpress.com/tag/david/>
<https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/389420699005165502/>
- Markers and pencils

Choose a Project or Activity and Gather Supplies

Project/activity ideas:

<https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/coloring-page-solomons-dream-1-kings03.pdf>

<https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/ss-project-1kings09-glory-of-solomon-3-5.pdf>

<https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/ss-project-1kings09-glory-of-solomon-6-8.pdf>

<https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/ss-project-1kings09-glory-of-solomon-9-11.pdf>

3 worksheets for older kids:

<http://hannapublications.com/samples/WS110L3.pdf>

Print an assortment of pictures to color:

<https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/coloring-page-solomons-dream-1-kings03.pdf>

<http://www.supercoloring.com/pages/the-arrival-of-the-queen-of-sheba>