



If any of you lacks wisdom,
you should ask God,
James 1:5 (NIV)

The Wisest King

I Kings 3 & 11

“Who is the mother of this baby?” asked the people.

Solomon, the son of David, was the new king of Israel. It was his job to judge between the people and today there was an especially hard case: Two women were fighting over one baby. Both said the baby was hers. Which one was telling the truth? Solomon had asked God for wisdom and he needed it right then.

“Use your sword,” said Solomon. “Cut the baby in two and give half to each woman.”

Everyone was surprised when the king said this.

“NO, DON’T KILL HIM!” screamed one of the women. “Give her the whole baby, but don’t kill him!”

“Yes!” the other woman said. “Not for her or me. We both get a part.”

When Solomon heard that, he knew the truth. “Give the baby to the one who wants to save him,” Solomon said. “She’s the real mother.”

The people were impressed. Solomon had God’s wisdom.

Solomon did many things including building the temple in Jerusalem, but even though he was wise and knew God, Solomon slowly changed because of the influence of his idol-worshipping wives. Sadly, he stopped being faithful to God.

We can learn from Solomon’s wisdom and his example and be careful who we let have an influence in our lives.

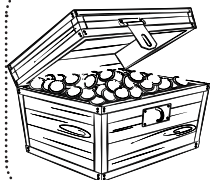


What did we discover?

- 1) Solomon was the son of _____.
 DAVID MOSES ABRAHAM
- 2) Solomon asked _____ for wisdom to lead the people.
 SOLDIERS DAVID GOD
- 3) To figure out who was the baby’s true mother, Solomon said, _____.
 PAINT IT BLUE CUT IT IN TWO WASH IT
- 4) Solomon stopped serving God because of the _____ influences in his life.
 GOOD BAD KIND



In what situations in my life do I need to ask God for wisdom today?



My wisdom comes from God.

Wisdom from God has to be put into practice.



Father God, please give me wisdom.