

Year 2

Week 82

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

Scriptures: 1 Kings 3

Key Verse: 1 Kings 3:9 “Therefore, give your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil....”

Key Points:

1. Solomon makes an agreement with the Pharaoh of Egypt-he marries his daughter to gain an alliance with Egypt. He loved the Lord and followed his statues except, he sacrificed at the idolatrous high places. This was a bad influence from his Egyptian wife.

2. The Lord appears to Solomon in a dream, asking him what he could give him. Solomon chose wisdom. This pleased the Lord and he gave him the wisdom he asked for and also gave him riches and honor.

3. After this dream, Solomon was sacrificing and two women came to him to settle a dispute. Both women had babies but one baby had died in the night. They both claimed the living baby was theirs. Solomon asked for a sword and ordered the baby to be cut in two and give each woman one half of the baby. One mother cried out in protest and said to give it to the other mother, the other mother said to go ahead and split the child. Solomon said the mother wanting to save the child and give to the other was the true mother, she did not want harm to come to the baby. He gave her the baby, showing the wisdom God had given him.

4. All Israel heard of his judgment and wisdom. They revered and feared the king, knowing he had the wisdom of God to give justice.

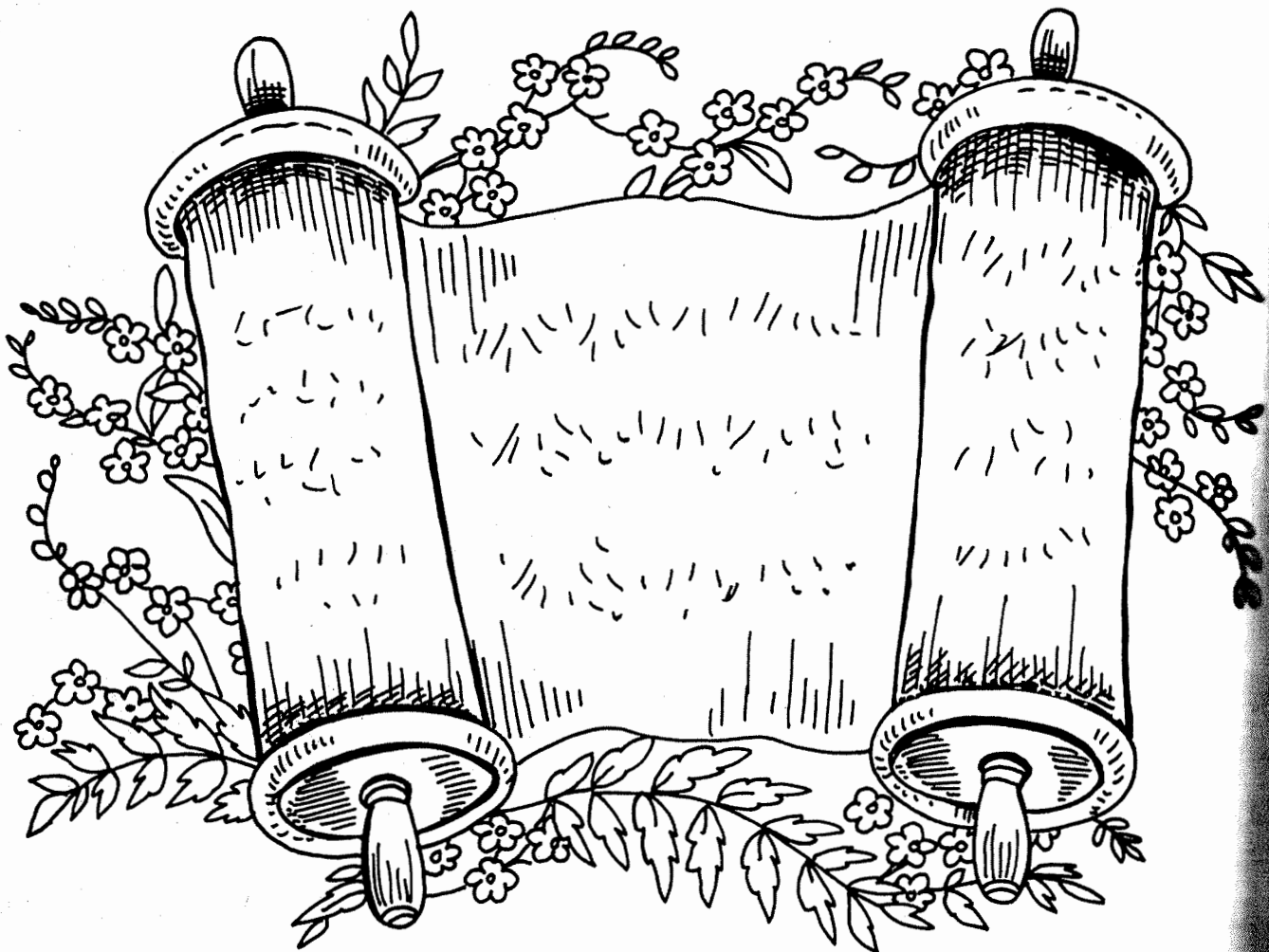
KING SOLOMON

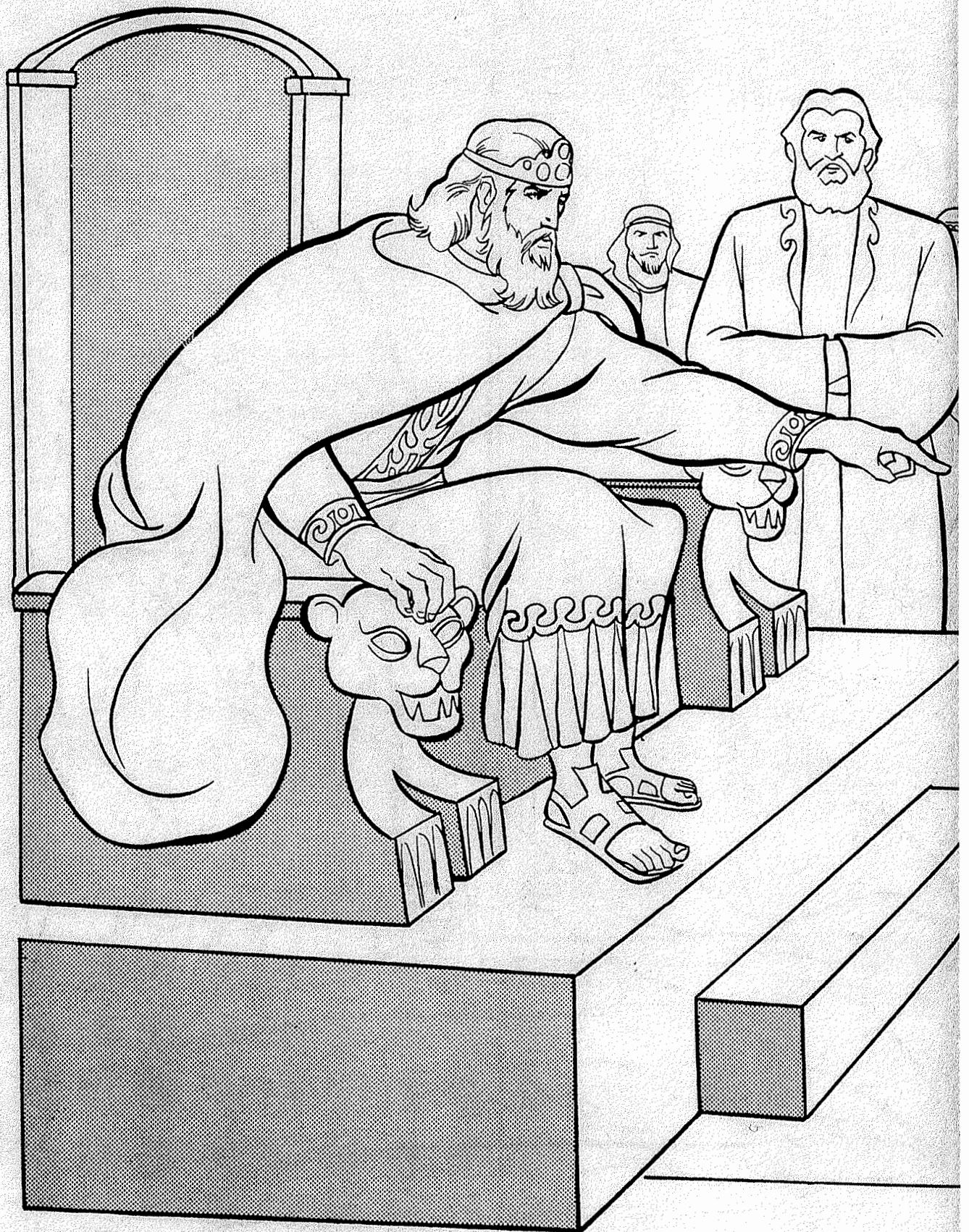
David ruled wisely and well for many years. When he died, his son Solomon became king. God asked Solomon what gifts he wished for. He asked for wisdom, that he might rule well. God was very pleased with this answer.

Solomon grew to be the wisest man in the world. It was given to him to build the holy temple in Jerusalem where all the Israelites could come to worship God. Now Jerusalem was the capitol of all Israel and the tablets of God's commandments given to Moses were brought there.

The finest materials from all over the world and the best workmen came to Jerusalem to build the temple, as Solomon commanded.

Solomon was also a great writer. His father David had written the Book of Psalms. Solomon wrote the Book of Proverbs. Both of these Books are very important parts of the Holy Bible.





When two mothers claimed one child, the wise King Solomon decreed, "Cut the living child in half, and give one-half . . .



Because she could not see her child harmed, King Solomon knew the true mother, and the child was given to her.

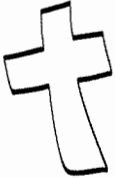
* Find Wisdom *



Memory Verse

I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

~ 1 Kings 3:12



Bible Truth

God wants me to try to make good choices.



Bible Story

Solomon chooses wisdom from God. (1 Kings 3:1-14)



What You Need

* page 36

* pencils



Before class



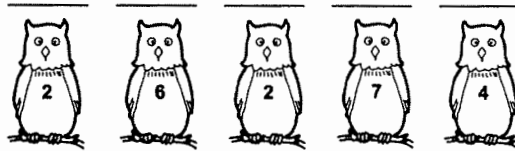
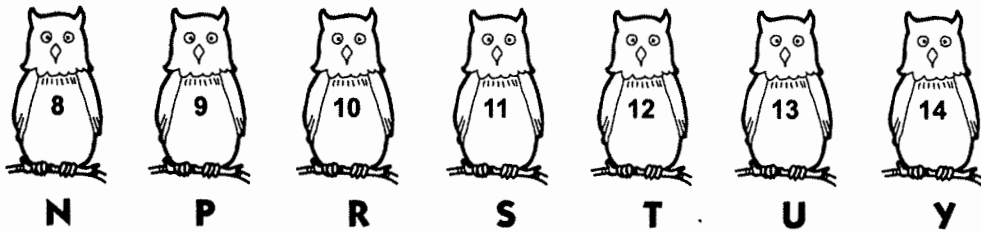
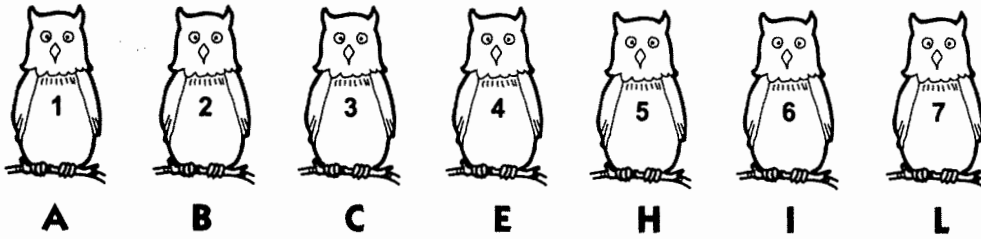
Duplicate a pattern page for each child. Do the puzzle so you will be prepared in case some students need help with theirs.

What to Do



1. Give each child a pattern page.
2. Tell the story of Solomon's choice from 1 Kings 3:1-14.
3. Say, Solomon could have anything he wanted. But he knew the best choice was to have wisdom. Solomon showed God that he cared about Him and His people. God rewarded Solomon for his choice. God rewards us when we make good choices, too.
4. Have the students fill in the blanks using the code. Say, Find some ways to get wisdom by choosing the matching letter to put in each blank. We will find some ways we can gain wisdom. (Answers: 1. Bible; 2. prayer; 3. church; 4. parents)
5. After the puzzles are finished, have someone read each word out loud. Ask the students for other ways they can gain wisdom to do God's work.



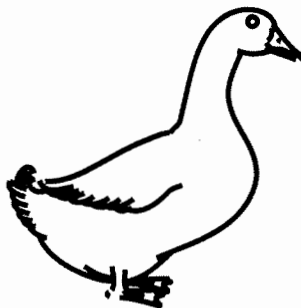
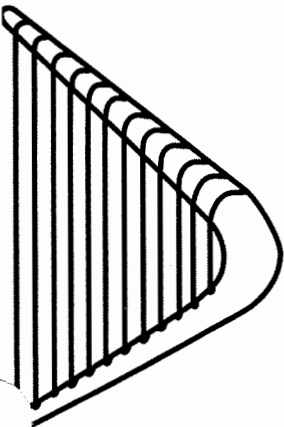
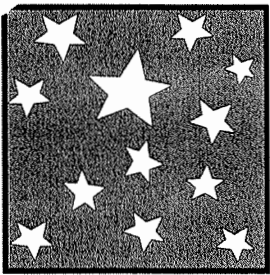
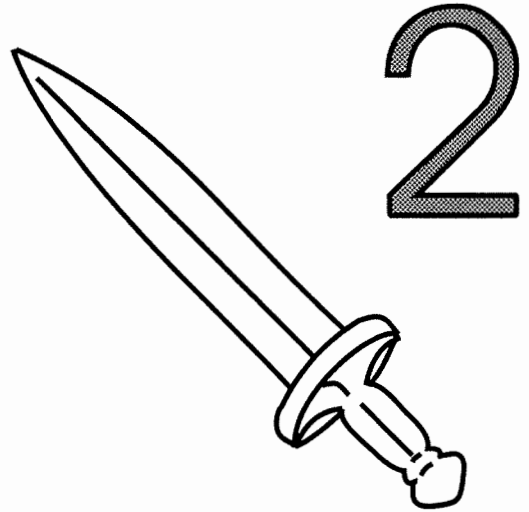
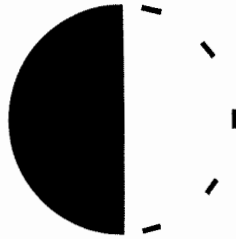
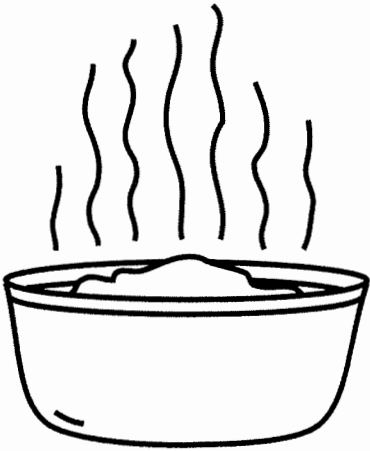


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What Doesn't Belong?

Read the story "A Sword and a Baby." Look at the pictures below. Which pictures do not belong to the story? Put an X on them. Color the pictures that do belong.



A Sword and a Baby



king

2

two



mother



house



baby



night



die



sword




half



Solomon was a good . He was a wise



. He did what was right. Here is a story

about  Solomon. Once there were 2 s.

The s lived in the same . Each  had a .

One  one  d. Both s wanted the living






. They went to see  Solomon. One  said,

"She rolled on her  and it d. The living  is

mine." "No! The living  is mine," the other  said.

 Solomon got a . "Cut the  in ,

he said. "Give each   a .

The real  did not want her  to . "Give the  to her," she

said. Then  Solomon knew who the real 

was. He gave the  to the real .

WISE KING SOLOMON

God made King Solomon wiser than anyone who ever lived. He ruled God's people for 40 years and wrote down hundreds of wise sayings, or proverbs.

Match the letters with the numbers to find one of the proverbs written by King Solomon in Proverbs 17:22.

1 3 8 5 5 18 6 21 12 8 5 1 18 20 9 19 7 15 15 4

13 5 4 9 3 9 14 5 2 21 20 1 3 18 21 19 8 5 4

19 16 9 18 9 20 4 18 9 5 19 21 16 20 8 5 2 15 14 5 19

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Solomon's Wisdom

Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

HATRE

LOEV

HIESRC
6 8

MDREA
4

HOONR
3

GINK
1 5

TYPGE

DOG

DOMSIW
2 7

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



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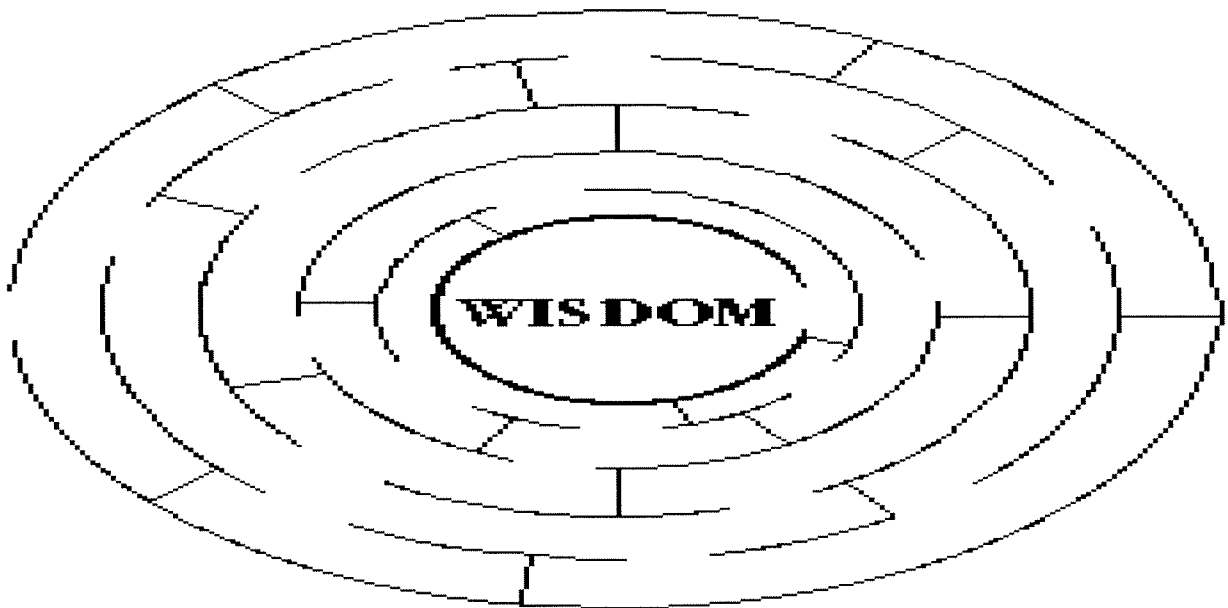
(1 KINGS 3:16-28; 4:21-34)

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 W P L R H J U Y H W I Z J K Y O M G V X
 Q F M U E Z W D M C L E C S T W Y J E F

BIRTH
 COMPASSION
 DIED
 DIVIDE
 LIVING

MOTHER
 PROVERBS
 SOLOMON
 SONGS

SON
 SWORD
 WISDOM
 WOMEN



Name: _____

Date: _____

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

Before _____ died, he chose _____, his son, to be the next king. Not long after Solomon became king, God appeared to him in a _____, inviting him to ask for whatever he wanted. Solomon was still young and knew that he would need God's help to rule over the nation of _____. He could have asked for wealth, long life, power, or victory over his enemies, but instead he asked for _____ so he could _____ between good and _____ and judge God's people wisely.

God was _____ with Solomon's unselfish request so he gave him great wisdom. But he also gave him _____ and _____. He said to him, Behold, I have given you a wise and understanding heart; so that there has been no one like you before you, and after you none will arise like you. I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you for all your days. If you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my _____, as your father David walked, then I will _____ your days.

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|-----------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. commandments | 4. dream | 7. Israel | 10. Solomon |
| 2. David | 5. evil | 8. lengthen | 11. wealth |
| 3. discern | 6. fame | 9. pleased | 12. wisdom |

Name: _____

Date: _____

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King Solomon's Prayer

Study the passage in I Kings 3: 5-15 about King Solomon's dream and God's response. Then fill in the blanks of God's response to King Solomon below.

And God said unto him, Because thou hast not asked for this thing, and hast not asked for thyself _____; neither hast asked _____ for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine _____; but hast asked for thyself _____ to discern judgment;

Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a _____ and understanding _____; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee.

And I have also given thee that which thou hast _____ asked, both _____, and _____: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all the days.

And if thou wilt _____ in my ways, to keep my

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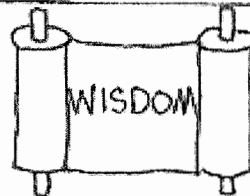
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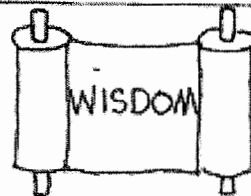
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