

## God gives Solomon wisdom

## 1 Kings 3

When Solomon became king, He went to the most important High Place at Gibeon to offer a sacrifice to God.

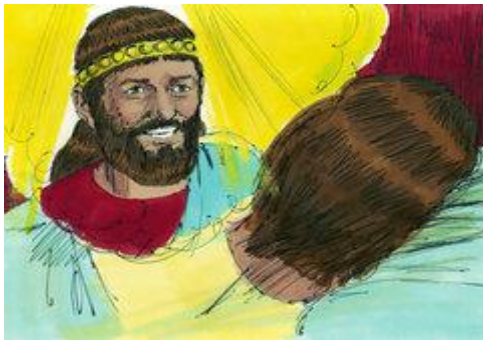
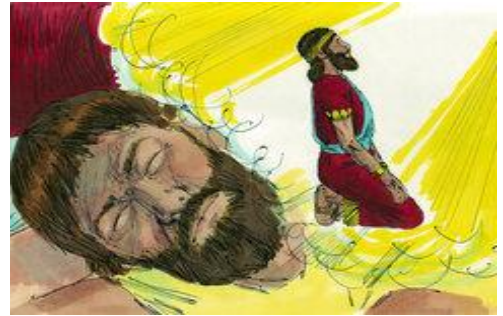


Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings at the altar. That night, in a dream, God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.'



Solomon replied, 'You have made me servant king in place of my father David, but I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties to the people you have chosen. So give your servant wisdom to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?'

God told Solomon, 'Since you have asked for wisdom in making good decisions and not for long life or wealth, and you have not asked for the death of your enemies, I will do what you have asked.'

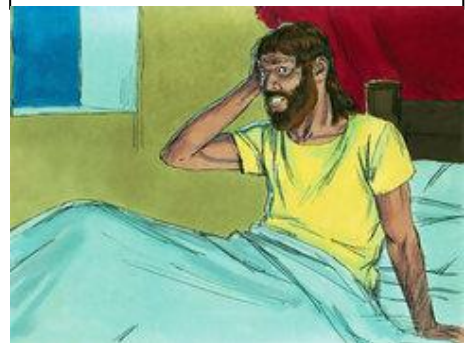


'I will give you a wise and discerning heart, more than anyone else before you or anyone else to come.'

God continued, 'And as you did not ask for riches and honour, I will give these to you also - more than any other king in your lifetime. And if you obey me you will have a long life.'



Solomon awoke from the dream and returned to Jerusalem. He stood before the Ark of the Lord and offered sacrifices.



## God gives King Solomon wisdom

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After David's death, his son, Solomon, became king. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and told him to ask for anything he wanted. Solomon did not ask for selfish things but instead, he asked for wisdom so he could be a good king for the people. God granted Solomon his request. He judged many cases such as the time two women claimed that they were the mother of a baby. When Solomon said he would cut the baby in two so each woman would have an equal share. To save the baby, the real mother said that the other woman could have the baby. By this Solomon knew who the real mother was. These types of judgment and the great Proverbs that Solomon wrote made him famous for his wisdom.



God asked King Solomon  
"What can I give you?"



## Have a go.....

Make your own King Solomon Crown.  
Add words of Wisdom, like the gifts which God gave King Solomon.

### Wisdom Crown Craft

- print the crown and write words of wisdom on the crown...these are gifts God gave to King Solomon.
- Colour in the crown.
- Cut out and tape/glue together to fit your head.

Examples of words you can put on your decorated crown...

Wisdom, Kindness, Gentleness  
Peace, Joy, Knowledge.....How many can you think of?

### Wondering Questions

1. I wonder Which son of David's became king after David died?
2. I wonder Who came to Solomon in a dream?
3. I wonder What did Solomon ask the Lord to give him?
4. I wonder when two women were fighting over a baby, Why did Solomon say the baby should be cut in half?

### Answers

1. Solomon
2. The Lord
3. Wisdom so he could be a good king
4. So that he could find out who the real mother was



What would you have asked for?  
Solomon asked for  
wisdom to be  
a good  
king.  
The  
young  
king's  
request  
pleased  
God.



## 5 Finger Prayer

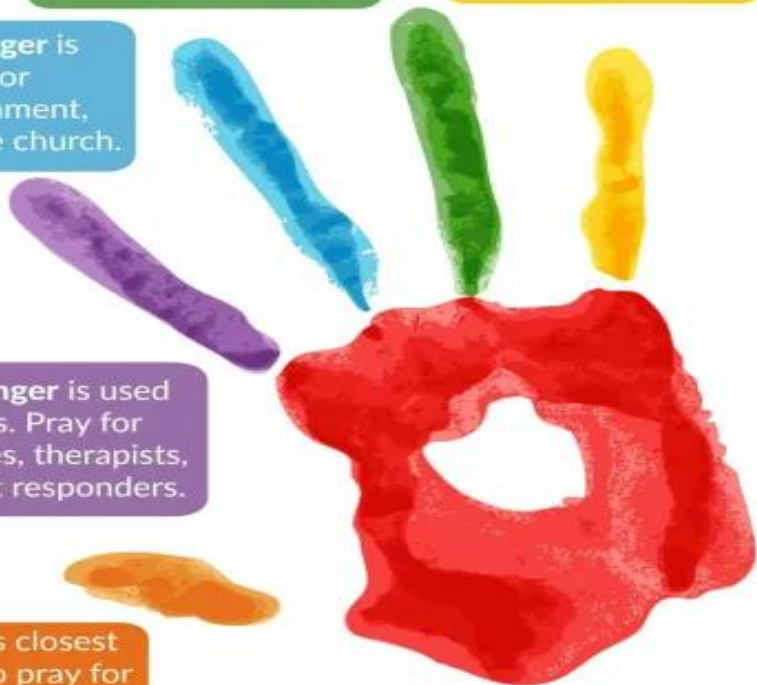
4) The **ring finger** is the weakest. Pray for the sick, poor, and those most in need.

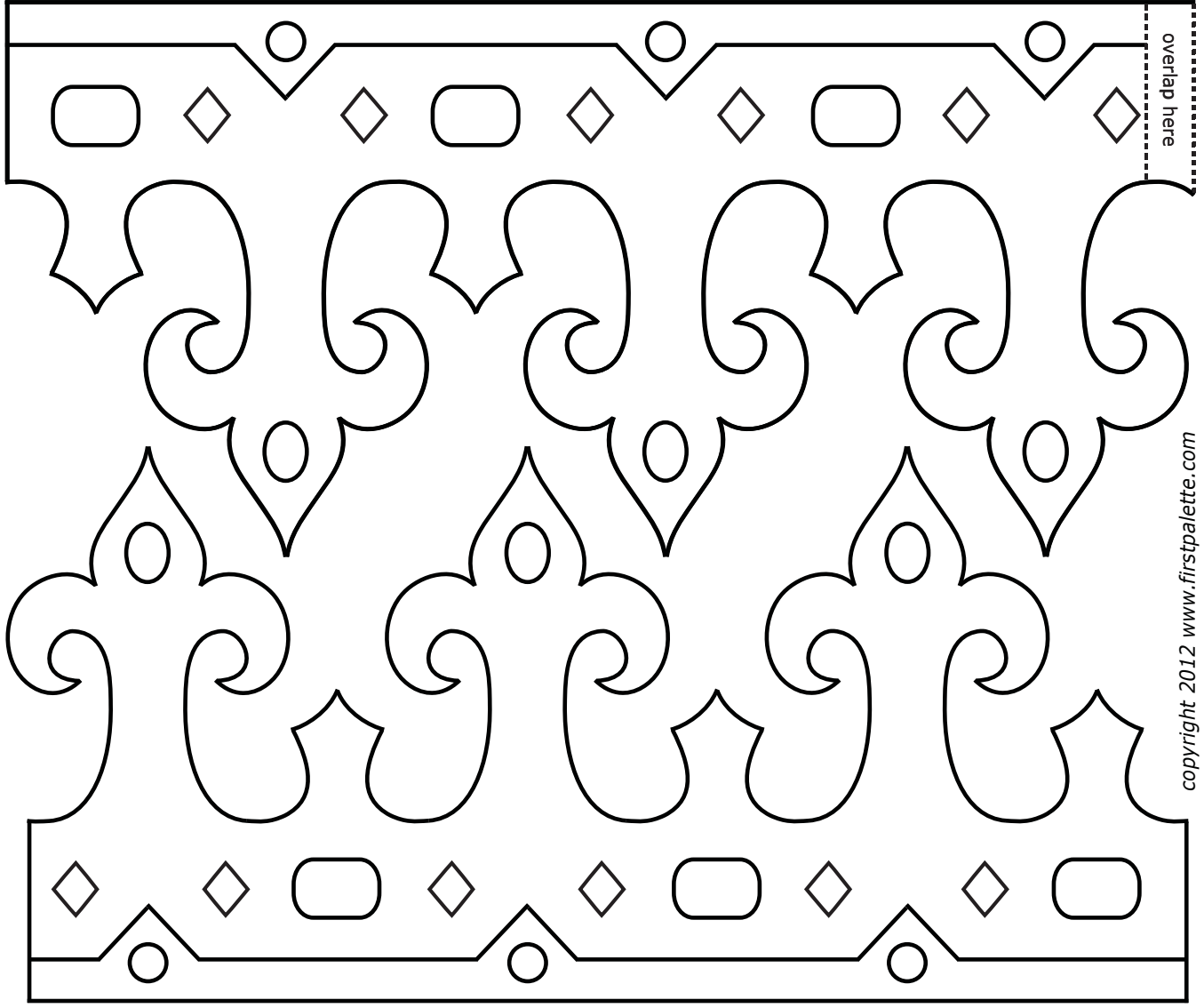
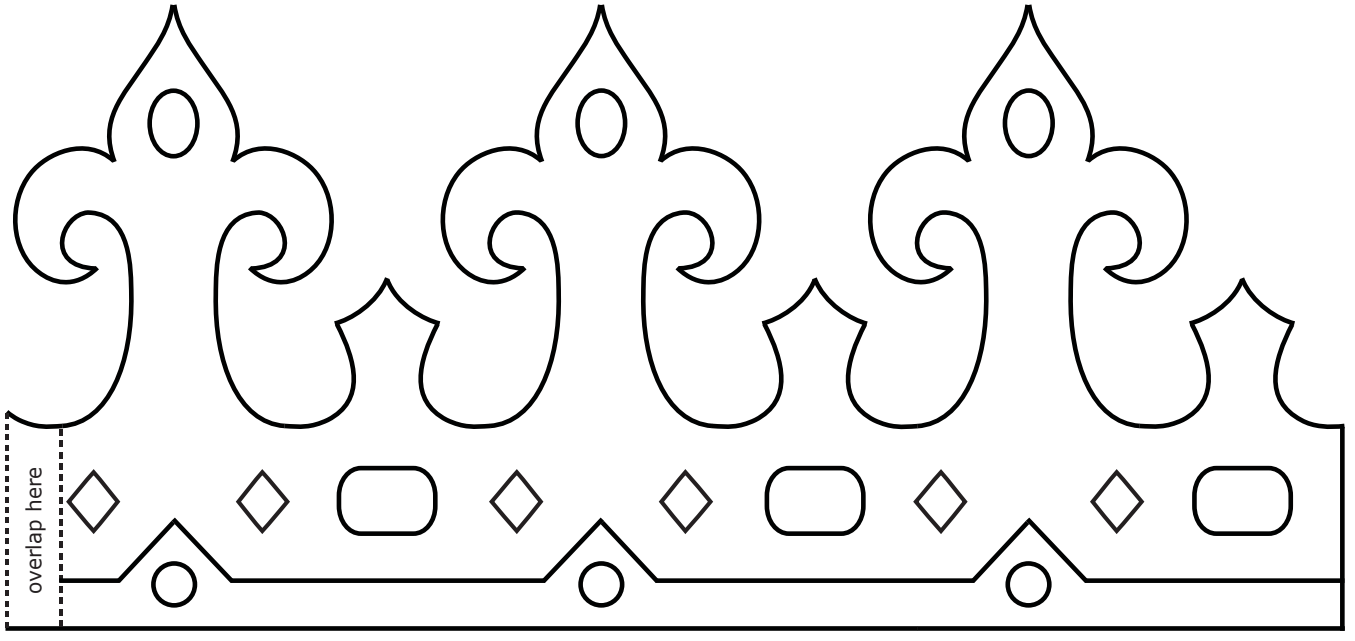
5) The **pinkie finger** is the smallest. Pray for **yourself** and your own needs.

3) The **middle finger** is the tallest. Pray for **leaders** in government, business, and the church.

2) The **pointer finger** is used to give directions. Pray for **teachers**, coaches, therapists, doctors, and first responders.

1) Your **thumb** is closest to your heart, so pray for those closest to you - your **family and friends**.





# The Wisdom of Solomon

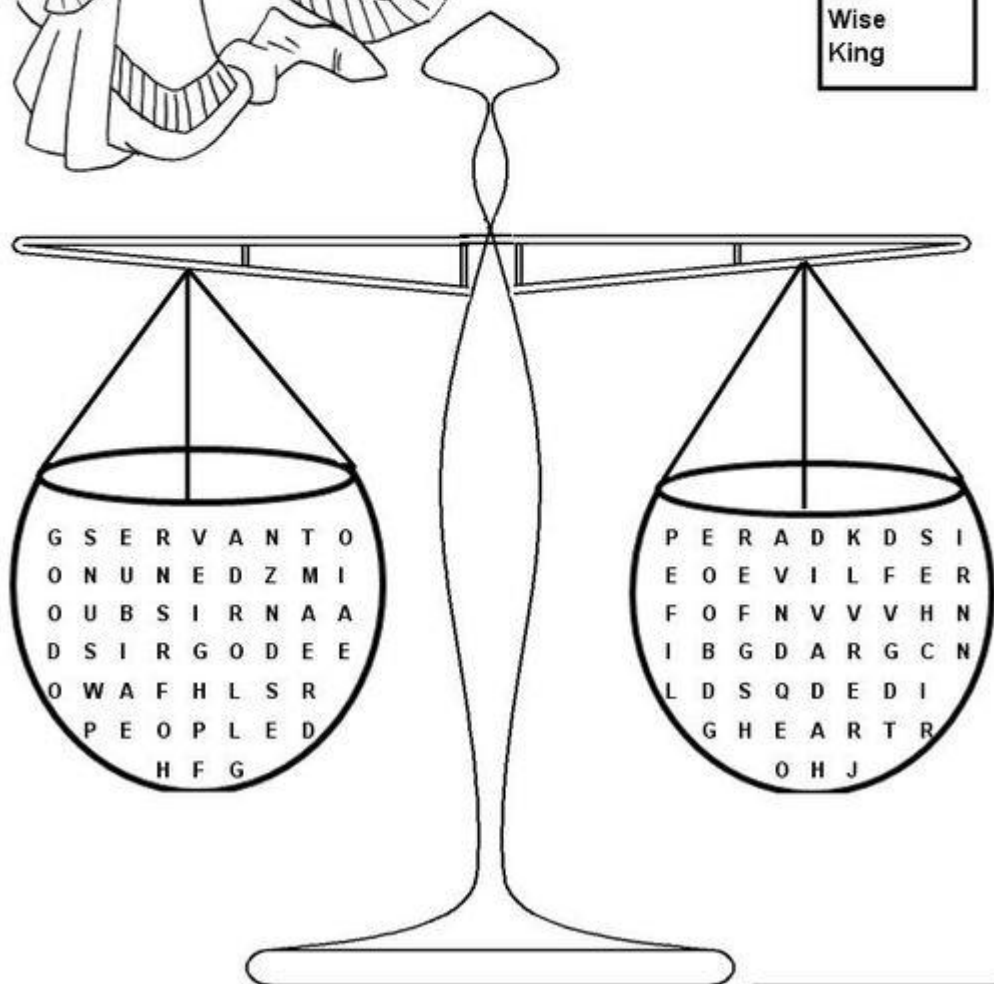
(1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)



Find the  
hidden  
words



Lord  
Dream  
Servant  
David  
People  
Heart  
Good  
Evil  
Riches  
Life  
Wise  
King



## Solomon's Wisdom

1. Who talked to Solomon in a dream?



Jonah

2. What did Solomon ask for?



3. Who came to Solomon with a problem?

1 woman + 1 baby



2 women + 2 babies

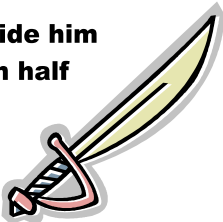


2 women + 1 baby



4. What did Solomon say to do to the baby?

divide him  
in half



kill him



give him to  
someone else



5. Was King Solomon wise?

