

# Solomon Asks for Wisdom

Solomon had just become the king over many people. He was a young man with many choices to make about his country.

## 1 Kings 3:3-15, 28

Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the statutes of his father David, . . .

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.


"Now, O LORD my God, you have made [me] king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. [I am] here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give [me] a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

*(Read the rest of the story on page 38)*

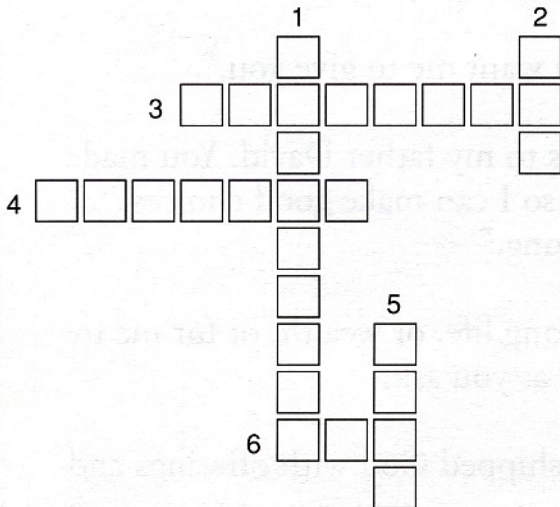
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WALKED ON  
STATUTES?



NO, STATUTES!  
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DAVID, DID.

 **God was kind to Solomon and to David, Solomon's father. Can you find the words in the word bank that describe them and complete the puzzle?**

son    upright    old    faithful    righteous    king



### ACROSS

- David was \_\_\_\_\_ (loyal and devoted) to God.
- David was \_\_\_\_\_ in heart (honest).
- God gave David a \_\_\_\_\_ (Solomon).

### DOWN

- David was \_\_\_\_\_ (doing what was right).
- Solomon said to God, "I am just a child," . . . but he was probably 20 to 25 years \_\_\_\_\_. Solomon must have felt like he was too young to make all the choices he had to make.
- Solomon became \_\_\_\_\_ and served the Lord like David did.