

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

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The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.




IF A PERSON IS
"DISCERNING,"
HE OR SHE CAN
TELL THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN GOOD
AND BAD.

"ADMINISTER
JUSTICE"
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HAPPENS IN A
FAIR WAY.



He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court. . . .

All Israel . . . held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

 **Read about SOLOMON and GOD in the Bible story and write the name of which one did or said these things:**

SOLOMON

GOD

1. _____ showed his love for God.
2. _____ said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."
3. _____ said, "You showed kindness to my father David. You made me king. Give me wisdom so I can make good choices about what is right and wrong."
4. _____ said, "You did not ask for long life, or wealth, or for me to kill your enemies. I will do as you ask."
5. _____ went to Jerusalem and worshipped God with offerings and a feast.

