



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 86

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 1:32–35, 2:1–4, 3:9–15, 4:29–33

Use the code under each blank to find the right letters in the grid. The first two are done for you.

Name _____

1. King David asked Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet to

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Solomon king over Israel.

B-4, D-2, D-4, A-1, D-2, D-3,

2. David told Solomon to keep the charge of the Lord, to

A-5, B-4, C-6, C-4

in God's ways, and to keep his commandments.

3. God came to Solomon in a _____ and said, "Ask what I shall give you."

D-5, C-5, B-5, B-4, E-4

4. Solomon asked God to give him an understanding _____ to govern the people.

E-4, A-1, A-6, D-5

5. God was _____ with Solomon's request.

D-1, C-6, B-5, B-4, E-3, B-5, D-5

6. God gave Solomon _____, riches, and honor.

A-5, A-1, E-3, D-5, D-4, E-4

7. Solomon called for a _____ to test which of two women was a baby's

E-3, A-5, D-4, C-5, D-5

real mother.

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

1 2 3 4 5 6



Some of the vowels (A, E, I, O, U) are missing in the verse! Can you figure out which ones and fill them in?

IF _____NY OF YO_____ LACKS W_____SDOM, LET H_____M ASK G_____D, WHO GIVES

G_____N_____R_____USLY TO ALL W_____TH_____UT R_____PRO_____CH, AND _____T WILL B_____

G_____V_____N HIM. J_____MES 1:5

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God promised to bless Solomon as the king of Israel if he would walk in his ways and keep his commandments.
- God was pleased with Solomon's request for wisdom. God made Solomon wiser than all men and blessed him with riches and honor.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friends are talking about wisdom, and they say that they want to be wise. They believe wisdom comes from your IQ and education. **What could you tell them?**

There is a difference between being smart and being wise. Some people are smart because they have a natural ability to remember facts or learn quickly. Others know a lot because of how much they study in school. But wisdom is more than knowing facts. Real wisdom comes from God and his Word, the Bible. Wise people make good decisions and do what is right. It is good to want to be wise, but true wisdom can only come from God. That's why we should ask him for it!



HomeWord *For Parents*

After Solomon became king, God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Ask what shall I give you" (1 Kings 3:5). Solomon's reply reflected his humility and dependence on God. As a young king, Solomon requested an understanding mind from the Lord (1 Kings 3:7-9). He knew that to judge the people according to God's will, he must be able to discern between good and evil. Only godly wisdom could accomplish that. God was pleased to give Solomon a wise and understanding heart, making him the wisest man who ever lived (1 Kings 3:12).

In addition to wisdom, God promised to give Solomon riches and honor and long life. But long life came with a condition—Solomon was to walk in God's ways, keeping his commands and statutes as David his father had (1 Kings 3:13-14). God demanded obedience from Solomon, and God demands obedience from us. We have the perfect example in Jesus, who stands as the model of humble obedience to God's will—obedient to the point of death on a cross (Philippians 2:3-8).

How would we answer God if asked, "What shall I give you?" How would we respond? Is there a financial burden or disease that we would like to have relieved? Would our request be set first on accomplishing God's will for our lives? Or would we seek our own comfort and relief? Be encouraged. As the Lord renews our mind through his Word, our desires will be transformed. His Word, through the working of the Holy Spirit, will mature us to desire the things of God and trust his perfect plan for us regardless of the circumstances.