

# Wisdom in Action Skit

Based on 1 Kings 3:22–28

**Parts:** Narrator (teacher), Solomon, Mother 1 (mother of the living baby), Mother 2 (mother of the dead baby), Guard

**Props:** basket with doll in a blanket, crown for Solomon, toy sword for Guard, optional costumes (robe for Solomon, head coverings for the mothers, helmet/shield for the guard)

**Scene:** Set up a throne room scene and have Solomon sit on a chair up front. Have the Guard standing close to Solomon. The two mothers should stand before the throne with the baby basket between them.

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*Choose volunteers for the parts and give them props/costumes. Set up the scene and explain to the actors that they must listen closely and follow the directions and repeat lines as you direct them.*

The two mothers stood before King Solomon. Each one insisted that the baby was hers.  
*Direct the mothers to bicker over the baby: “He’s mine!” “Your baby is dead! This is my baby!”*

Solomon raised his hand to stop the women. He said, “Both of you are saying that this baby is yours and the other mother had a baby who died.” *Have Solomon raise his hand and repeat the line.*

The mothers agreed. *Have the mothers nod or say, “That’s right.”*

Solomon said, “Bring me a sword.” *Have Solomon repeat the line and the guard step forward with his sword ready.*

Solomon commanded his guard, “Divide this living child in two and give half to each mother.” *Have Solomon repeat line and the guard step toward the baby with his sword.*

But as the guard came toward the baby, the mother of the living baby was alarmed. She begged the king to give the baby to the other woman. She said, “Please don’t kill him!” *Have Mother 1 fall to her knees by the basket and repeat the line.*

But the mother whose baby had died said, “Neither of us will have the baby. Divide him!” *Have Mother 2 look cold-heartedly at the baby and repeat the line.*

Solomon saw how each woman responded to his command to kill the baby. Now he knew which one was the real mother.

Solomon said to his guard, “Give the living child to the first woman and do not put him to death. She is his mother.” *Have Solomon point to Mother 1. Have the guard give the basket to Mother 1.*

The mother was overjoyed to have her baby back. *Have Mother 1 take the doll out of the basket and hug it. Direct Mother 2 to stomp away in anger.*

All the people of Israel heard about how Solomon judged between these two women and correctly figured out who the real mother was. They were in awe at the wisdom of their king and knew it was from God.

#### **End of Skit**

*Have the class clap for the actors as they return to their seats.*