

**THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY**  
**CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)**

**Lesson #42**

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT:** Solomon - The Wisest Man

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Kings 3

**AIM:** To show the children that real wisdom comes from God

**MEMORY VERSE:** Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom: out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding."

**SONGS:** 10, 48, 65, 69

**Review:**

Who was the young boy who killed the giant? (David) What happened to him after that? (He became king of Israel) Remember how David fought God's enemies and brought the ark back?

**Content:**

David was a good king and he loved God. The Bible says David was "a man after God's heart." David had a few sons. One of his sons was Solomon. Solomon became the next king of God's people. Soon after Solomon became king he had a dream. The Lord talked to him in his dream. (Before we had the whole Bible God often talked to people that way) He said: "Ask what I shall give you." Solomon loved the Lord. He knew he had a hard job ahead of him. What do you think he asked of God? Did he ask to be rich? No! Solomon knew that he needed the Lord to do a good job of being king over God's people. So he told the Lord "I am but a little child" (even though he was a grown man) He was to be king of lots and lots of people so he asked God: "Give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern (figure out) between good and bad."

God was very happy with what Solomon asked. So He gave him a lot of wisdom. (a special kind of smartness from God) God gave him so much wisdom that there was never a man as wise as Solomon before Solomon or after him. No one ever lived on the earth that was as wise as Solomon! And because Solomon didn't ask to be rich or live long or get his enemies, God gave him riches also. There was even peace in the land. God told Solomon that if he would keep loving God and obeying Him like David his father – He would give him a long life also.

Soon after the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, two women came to him with a big problem. Both women had a baby boy around the same time. One woman's baby died during the night so she secretly switched babies. She took the live baby and gave the other woman her dead baby. In the morning the other woman saw that the dead baby was not her son and that the other woman had her son so they came to Solomon. The woman who had the dead baby told her story and said the live baby was hers. The other woman whose baby died and who stole the live baby said – No, the living baby was hers.

Solomon didn't know who the real mother of the living baby was. But remember? God gave him wisdom. He asked someone to bring him a sword. Then he said "Divide the living child in two and give half to the one and half to the other." Then the real mother said to give the baby to the other woman. She didn't want him to be killed because she loved him. The other woman wanted the baby to be divided. Then Solomon knew who the real mother was and told the servants to give her the baby. The real mother would rather give up the baby than have him killed. All God's people heard of this and Solomon became very famous. The people "saw that the wisdom of God was in him."

God also made him very rich and there was peace in the land while Solomon was king. God gave Solomon so much wisdom that people in other countries even heard how wise and how rich he was. A queen even came to see him once. In the Bible we have many wise sayings (proverbs) and poems written by Solomon.

**Application:**

Solomon asked for wisdom. That's a lot better than just being smart. If Solomon was only smart he would have let the baby be divided. That would be the fair thing to do. But Solomon was wise and knew the real mother would never want her baby to be killed.

If you had a wish like Solomon, what would you ask for?

The Lord is happy when we ask wisely – for the right and important things. Sometimes he even gives us things we wish for but didn't ask for.