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GOD GIVES SOLOMON WISDOM

1 KINGS 3; PROVERBS 1:1-7;2

Today we are going to learn that **God knows we need his help.** These are the supplies you will need for today:

- Bibles
- Calculator
- Paper
- Pens

I'm going to give you a cool math puzzle to solve. See how much of the math you can do on your own if you are having a hard time then you can use a calculator.

1. Write the year you were born
2. Double that
3. Add 5
4. Multiply by 50
5. Add your age
6. Add 365
7. Subtract 615

Look at your answer. Notice anything? The first four digits should be the year you were born. The last two digits should be your age. Now that's a pretty cool math trick! This math trick would have been hard to solve without the help of a calculator, or friend. Sometimes we need help! It's impossible to know all the answers on our own. Today we're going to learn that **God knows we need His help.** We'll learn about a king who needed God's help and how God helped him.

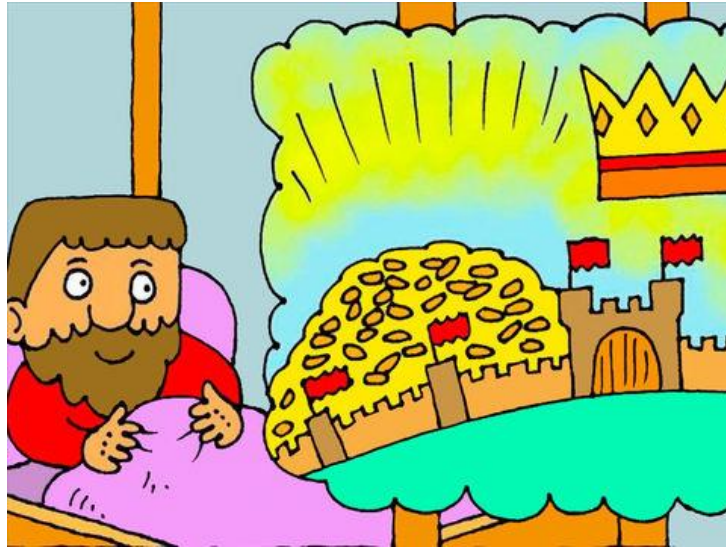
Make A List

Our Bible story is about a king name Solomon. Solomon was the third king of Israel, and he as David's son. Even though his dad had been king, Solomon didn't have all the answers. God knew that Solomon needed help. Think about what you would need help with if you were in charge of a whole country. On the back of your math problem paper, make a list of what you'd need help with. If you could have help with only ONE thing on your list what would you choose? In the Bible, God had an offer like that for Solomon. Read 1 Kings 3:5-9

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⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶Solomon 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 is throne this very day." ⁷"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your

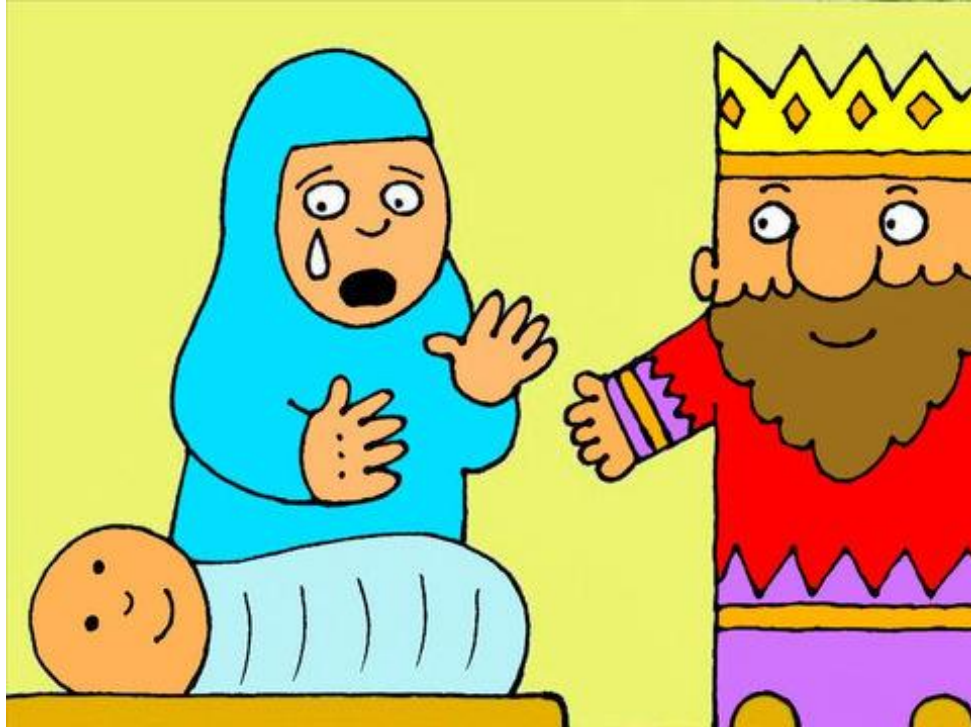
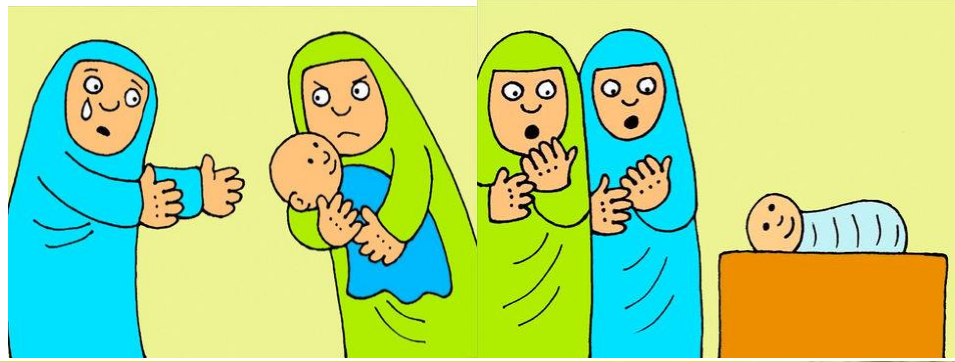
servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"



Solomon said that he was like a little child who didn't know how to be king. He wanted wisdom from God to know the difference between right and wrong choices. Why is that a good thing to ask for? God was so impressed with Solomon's request. He knew Solomon could've asked for anything, like most kings would. Since Solomon had asked for something good, God gave it to him PLUS money and honor! The Bible gives an example of how Solomon used the wisdom God gave him. Think about this story:

I once found a Nintendo Switch on the ground next to a group of my friends and two of my friends, Austin and Cole say that it's theirs. Austin says that it belongs to him and that Cole stole it out of his backpack because he broke his. Cole says that Austin's making that up because AUSTIN is the one who broke his. How could I know which friend was telling the truth? It was too hard to know for sure whose it was, so I had this great idea! I will just saw it in half! That way everyone wins-Austin and Cole can each get half of it. What do you think will this plan work?

This situation is a lot like what King Solomon faced in the Bible. Only in his case it was two women fighting over a baby! Read 1 Kings 3:17-27 for the whole story.



Two mothers who lived together, each with their new baby. When one of the babies died it's mother swapped it for the living baby, pretending it was hers and wouldn't give it back. The mother's kept arguing, so they went to King Solomon. The king had the idea to cut the baby in half to see which mother was telling the truth. When the baby's real mother cried out "Don't hurt my baby, she can him." King Solomon knew who the real mother was.

King Solomon

