



## Benjas (0-5 years)

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**Lesson:** SOLOMON'S WISDOM

**Reference:** 1Kings 3:1-28

**Point:** God's people need a wise king to rule over them.



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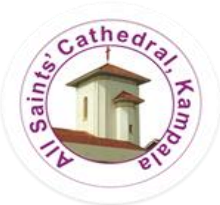
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**Read the full story from 1Kings 3:1-28**

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Solomon could have asked for anything he wanted, but he understood how important it was to rule God's people well. He needed God's help to know what was right and good, and what was wrong and foolish. Solomon wanted to rule God's people in a godly way.

An example of Solomon's wisdom is given in the case he helped settle, about the women who were arguing about a baby. Solomon was able to rule his people fairly as king because God gave him the wisdom that he had asked for.

Wisdom is not simply being clever, but living in God's world God's way. The wisdom God gave Solomon would help him live and rule in a way that pleased God.

Living in a way that pleases God is the best way to live because God made us and we live in His world. This makes it important to be ruled by someone who lives God's way – a wise way. God's people need a wise king to rule over them.

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wisest human king who ever lived. However, he still made mistakes.

While Solomon was a great and wise king, Jesus is wiser and far greater than Solomon because he is the Son of God and knows the best way for us to live as God's people. Jesus is much more amazing than Solomon; he is the perfectly wise king. We should be happy to have him as our king, to follow him and to live under his rule. We need to live with Jesus as our king now and can look forward to living as his people in heaven too.

**Think:** *Is Jesus your king? How should you live as his child?*



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Why did Solomon ask God for this? (3:9) Tick the correct answer.

- So that God would be pleased with him
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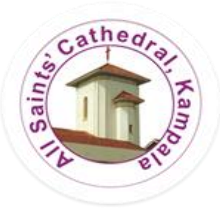
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