

# Loving Hearts & Working Hands



Lesson 12

## Solomon Becomes the King

**Theme:** Faith — Loving and worshiping God

### Memory Verses

“David said to Solomon, ‘Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. And keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways ... according to what is written in the law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn.’”

1 Kings 2:2-3

### Daily Bible Readings

- 1      1 Chronicles 28:1-10; 29:1-2, 7-9
- 2      1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 3:3-28
- 3      1 Kings 4:20-23, 29-34; 6:1, 37-38; 7:1, 51
- 4      1 Kings 8: 1-4, 9-11, 17-19, 22-24, 27-29
- 5      1 Kings 8:38-40, 56-61

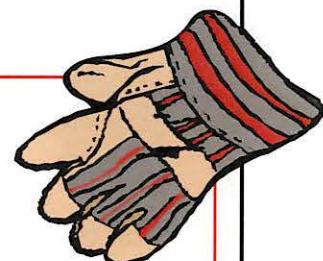
**A**t one time, David decided to build a house for God that would be better than a tent. God explained that David had shed so much blood in war it was not good for him to build a house for a holy God. God said David's son should build the temple.

During his last years as king, David made plans for his son Solomon to

### 1 Chronicles 28:1-10; 29:1-2, 7-9

Why did God *not* allow David to build the temple?

- He was too old
- He had shed too much blood as a man of war
- He didn't have all the materials to build it



Were the people generous or selfish when they gave to build the temple?

build the temple. David collected materials for the building, and the people of Israel gave generously to the project. David praised and thanked God, knowing that all things came from God to begin with.

Most importantly, David encouraged Solomon to follow the Lord. David learned from his own sins how important it is to follow God.

### 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 3:3-28

What did David encourage his son Solomon to do?

*Circle all correct answers.*

- Be strong
- Walk in God's ways
- Get married and have children
- Follow God with your heart

Solomon walked in the way of his father David except in what way?



### Solomon's Wisdom

David died and Solomon became king. Solomon loved the Lord and followed after his father, except Solomon worshiped on the high places. The high places were elevated places that had been used by Canaanites as places of worship. The people of Israel worshiped God at the high places, but over time they were strongly tempted to worship other gods at these locations.



### 1 Kings 4:20-23, 29-34; 6:1, 37-38; 7:1, 51

Describe what kind of lives the people of Judah and Israel had while Solomon was king.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and gave Solomon the opportunity to ask for anything he wanted. Solomon knew how difficult it would be to serve as king in Israel and asked God for an understanding heart to be able to tell the difference between good and evil.

*Circle all correct answers.* Solomon was wiser than:

- all Egypt
- all men
- sons of the east

God was pleased that Solomon did not ask for a long life or riches or victory over enemies. God said He would give Solomon a wise and

understanding heart. Also, God said He would give Solomon riches and, if he walked in God's way, a long life. Solomon honored God, and God made Solomon wise.

### 1 Kings 8:1-4, 9-11, 17-19, 22-24, 27-29

#### Matching:

The ark

filled the house of the Lord

A thick cloud

were in the ark

The tablets of stone

was brought into the temple



## Solomon and the Temple

Solomon took the plans and materials David provided and built the temple. Solomon was rich, so he was able to build a beautiful temple. The Israelite people also gave generously. But God made it clear that He was not as interested in a beautiful temple as He was in the hearts of His people. The real place of worship and service is never a building. It is in people's hearts, minds, and lives. A building can be useful, but it will never take the place of people giving their hearts to the Lord.



### 1 Kings 8:38-40, 56-61

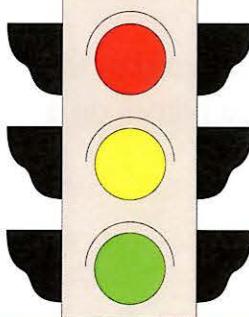
What did Solomon ask God to do as people prayed in time to come?

*Cross out the wrong one.*

- hear them
- forgive them
- answer them

Solomon had the ark of the covenant brought into the temple. As king, Solomon addressed the nation and led a prayer to God about the temple. Solomon knew that God is not in a house or building. He is Lord of heaven and earth! We must never forget this.

Wisdom is knowing the consequences of a decision before you make the decision.  
I try to make wise decisions ...

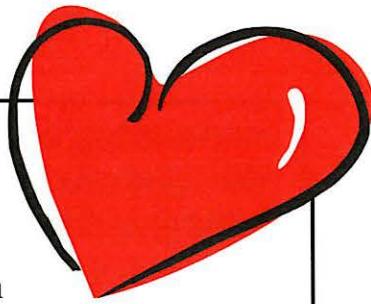


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red — never**

**Yellow — sometimes**

**Green — always**



## Think About It ...

The people in Solomon's time could see and feel the presence of God in the temple because of the cloud. Is God present when we come together to worship Him?

Is our building the only place where God is present? Explain your answer.



## Working Hard on Bible Facts

Which book of the Old Testament is about rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem?

Right here, right now, write from memory Galatians 5:22-23.

On a map, locate where Israel wandered in the Wilderness, plus find Mount Nebo and Jericho. Be ready to find these places on a map in class.