



Solomon the Wise

1 Kings 3

► Fill-in-the-Blank Proverbs

Read the following proverbs and fill in the missing words. Look up the passages in your Bible to discover which words belong to each passage. (NIV)

wise	answer
heart	Maker
understanding	LORD
anger	wisdom

1. Trust in the LORD with all your _____ and lean not on your own _____. (Proverbs 3:5)

2. Do not be _____ in your own eyes; fear the _____ and shun evil. (Proverbs 3:7)

3. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of _____ . (Proverbs 9:10)

4. A gentle _____ turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up _____. (Proverbs 15:1)

5. Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the _____ of them all. (Proverbs 22:2)





Write Your Own Proverb

Write your own proverb or wise saying in the space below. Draw a picture to explain your proverb.

My proverb: _____

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My proverb as a picture:



This week, read one of Solomon's wise sayings each day. Try to rewrite the proverbs in your own words. Think about what they mean for you and the way you live.



MON

Read
Proverbs 1:8-9



TUES

Read
Proverbs 22:9-30

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WED

Read
Proverbs 6:6



THURS

Read
Proverbs 10:4



FRI

Read
Proverbs 12:20



SAT

Read
Proverbs 25:21-22

PROVERBS

CHALLENGE

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Playing Solomon

Read the following situation. How would you suggest the people in the scenario resolve their problem? What advice do you think Solomon would give them? Write your answers below.

Caleb and Anthony are best friends. During recess the two boys play soccer with some other kids. Some of the children playing the game start to pick on Anthony because he can't kick the ball as well as Caleb and the others on his team.

Rejected and hurt, Anthony walks off the field. Caleb runs to catch up with his friend, but the kids on his team want him to keep playing.

What wisdom would you share with Anthony and Caleb? _____

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Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 7:7-8

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Solomon, Temple Builder

1 Kings 6:1, 11-13; 1 Kings 11

When Solomon built the temple, he was putting God first. But as the years passed, other things in his life got in the way of his relationship with God. Name some of them.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Five Ways to Remember God

Think of five ways you can remember God this week.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Solomon and

1. Solomon decided to _____
a magnificent temple in honor of the Lord.
(1 Kings 6:1)

2. God spoke to Solomon and said, "If you keep
my _____, I will fulfill the promise
I gave to David your father." (1 Kings 6:12)

3. Solomon _____ the
gods of his many _____.

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Wives! Wives! And More Wives!

Solomon disobeyed God by marrying many beautiful women who were not part of God's people. He had over 700 wives, and no two were alike. Or were they? Can you find the two

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wives in this picture who are identical?
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King Jeroboam

SCRAMBLE

Fill in the missing words in every sentence.

phsoerpwid
doncmasm
wise agrny

4. The Lord became _____ at Solomon's unwise _____.

5. The prophet _____ met Jeroboam to tell him that he would become king after Solomon. (1 Kings 11:29-31)

6. Solomon tried to _____ Jeroboam. (1 Kings 11:40)



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Shema Wristbands

Read Deuteronomy 6:5, below. This Scripture verse became so important to the people of Israel that they recited it every day. It became known as the *Shema*, which means, “Listen, you people.”



Make a Shema wristband by cutting a piece of ribbon or construction paper into a thick strip. Write Deuteronomy 6:5 on the strip and decorate it with markers. Ask someone to help you tie or tape the band to your wrist. Now you can take God’s Word with you everywhere you go!

D R E V I E W



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Matthew 7:7-8

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The Divided Kingdom

1 Kings 12



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▶ Do You Remember?

What was so amazing about the temple Solomon built?

- It was as big as a football stadium and had bleacher seating.
- It was covered with gold and took almost 200,000 workers to build.
- It looked like a circus tent and could be folded up at night.
- It was built high up on a mountain.

What unwise decisions did Solomon make?

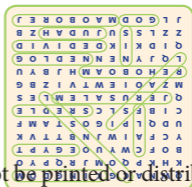
- He married 700 wives.
- He worshipped his wives' gods.
- He forgot about putting God in first place.

Who was Jeroboam?

- Solomon's son.
- Solomon's nephew.
- An official in Solomon's court.
- Rehoboam's best friend.

What did the prophet Ahijah tell Jeroboam?

- You will learn how to fly.
- You will be king of Israel.
- You will have 700 wives too.
- You can have the whole kingdom.



Story Word Search



Can you find these words?

CALF

COUNSEL

DIVIDED

EGYPT

ELDERS

ISRAEL

JEROBOAM

JERUSALEM

JUDAH

KINGDOM

GOD

GOLDEN

REHOBAM

SIN

ANSWERS:
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The Right Advice

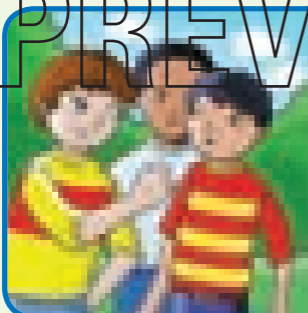
Rehoboam listened to the unwise advice of his friends instead of the better advice of his father's counselors. Sometimes kids feel pressured to do things that are unwise. What advice would you give to kids in the following situations? Write your responses below.

1. Jessica just moved and is attending a new school. She really wants to make friends with the popular kids but some of them use bad language and skip class. What should she do?



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2. Jeremy walks home from school one day and sees a group of kids steal his neighbor's bike. The kids threaten to beat him up if Jeremy tells anyone. What should he do?



3. Tyrese and Candace are excited to go to Alex's birthday party. Their grandmother just called to ask if they would help clean her attic. They want to help their grandma, but they also want to go to the party. What should they do?



Give Thanks

Write or draw a picture describing a time when God was patient with you. Give thanks for God's never-ending love and mercy!

*Thank you, God,
for patience when . . .*

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Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 7:7-8

God's Big Story Card:



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Elijah and the Widow

1 Kings 17

► Trust in God!

List three things you sometimes worry about.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

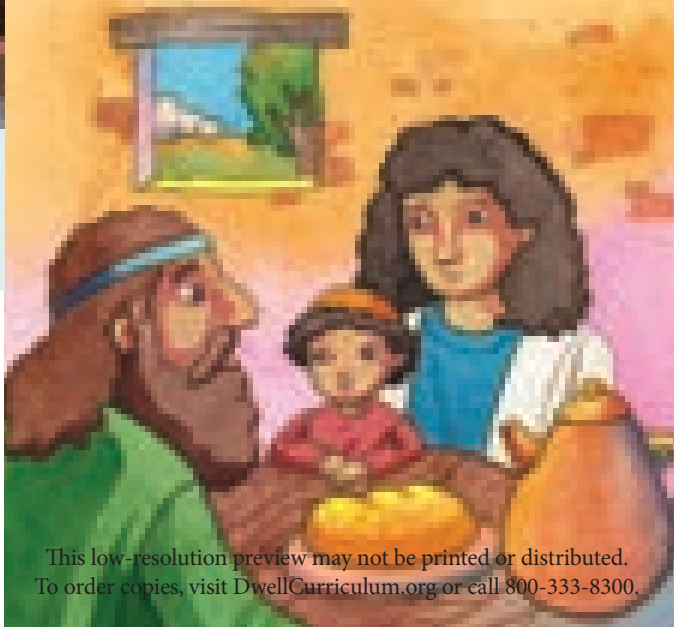
Read Matthew 6:25-33. What three things does Jesus tell us not to worry about?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

On another sheet of paper, draw a picture of what this verse means to you.



Prophets

Who is a prophet? What do prophets do? Decode the words below to learn who prophets are and what God's prophets have always done—and are still doing today!



P _____
     




who speak God's word to others




R _____
    

to others what God tells them to say




O _____
   people's hearts to God





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P _____ to learn what God wants them to say and do
  










H _____ what God tells them
  

E _____ people to obey God
       

T _____ what will happen in the future
  

S _____ in the name of the Lord
   

CODE

								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
								
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R

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My Story

Draw a comic strip of a time in your life when you trusted God to help you through a tough situation.

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Flour Cakes

Try the following recipe at home to make flour cakes using the same ingredients the widow used to make a meal for herself, her son, and Elijah. Invite some friends over and eat the flour cakes together, giving thanks to God for providing food for the widow and for you!

Recipe:

2 cups flour

1/2 tsp salt

1 Tbsp baking powder

2/3 cup milk

1/3 cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 C). Mix together flour, salt, and baking powder. Add milk and oil and stir until mixture forms a wet dough. On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough 7-12 times. Pat the dough until flattened (1/2 inch thickness). Use cookie cutters or a small glass to cut dough into circle shapes. Put bread onto an ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 12-15 minutes. Let cool.

Eat your flour cakes with honey or jam and enjoy!

PREVIEW



ANSWERS to "Prophets": PERSONS; REPEAT; OPEN; PRAY; HEAR; ENCOURAGE; TELL; SPEAK

Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 7:7-8

God's Big Story Card:



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Elijah at Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18



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Elijah Word Search

AHAB

ALTAR

BULLS

CARMEL

DITCH

ELIJAH

FIRE

JEZEBEL

PROPHETS

SACRIFICE

STONES

GODS

WATER

S	T	A	G	E	R	I	F	S	O	C	S	N
T	U	J	E	Z	E	B	E	L	N	I	B	J
E	T	X	R	E	X	B	I	U	A	V	Z	A
H	F	A	S	Y	R	S	D	O	G	H	T	H
P	N	H	L	E	T	Y	I	K	S	R	Y	A
O	H	Q	G	E	N	J	Z	A	R	Y	G	B
R	T	L	A	S	M	O	C	E	R	I	L	V
P	Q	X	L	D	S	R	T	R	Z	P	S	L
U	I	L	B	E	I	A	A	Q	A	J	W	C
R	U	R	N	F	W	J	X	C	D	T	V	W
B	I	O	I	X	E	Z	H	A	R	S	L	Q
A	T	C	Y	A	G	H	A	J	I	L	E	A
S	E	T	H	H	C	T	I	D	B	Q	U	T

ANSWER: page 4

Elijah at Mount Carmel

Fill in the speech bubbles with what you think the people on Mount Carmel might have said.



**Prophets
of Baal**



























Elijah

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**People of
Israel**

Secret Message

Crack the following code to discover the hidden message.

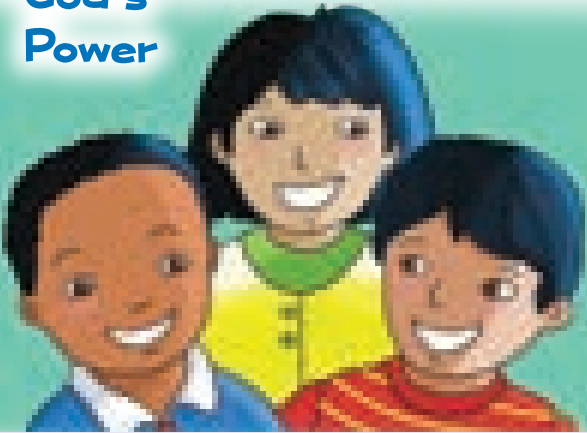
								
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Your Own Message

Write your own secret message describing God's power for a friend or family member to crack!

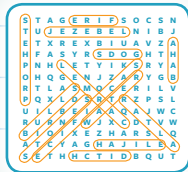
God's Power



Write three examples of God's power in your life.
Then thank the Lord for being the one true God!

1. **P**REVIEW
2. _____
3. _____

Dear God, _____



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Challenge:

Matthew 7:7-8

God's Big Story Card:



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God Strengthens Elijah

1 Kings 19

► A Gentle Whisper

God spoke to Elijah in a gentle whisper. Sometimes we can be so busy that we don't remain still long enough to hear God speak to us.

PREVIEW

Circle the situations in which you may best hear God speaking to you.

- During a church service
- In your room
- In the cafeteria at school
- At a basketball game
- At an amusement park
- In your backyard

Find a quiet place in your house to spend time alone with God before you go to bed. Read the following verse:

“Be still and know that I am God.” (*Psalm 46:10a*)

How can you be still before God to hear him speak to you?

Who Am I?

Here are the names of some of the people whose stories we've explored in the past twelve weeks. See how many you remember! Write their names above the sentence that describes them:

Absalom

Elisha

Rehoboam

Ahab

Jeroboam

Saul

Bathsheba

Jonathan

Solomon

David

Mephibosheth

Widow

Elijah

1. I was the first king of Israel.

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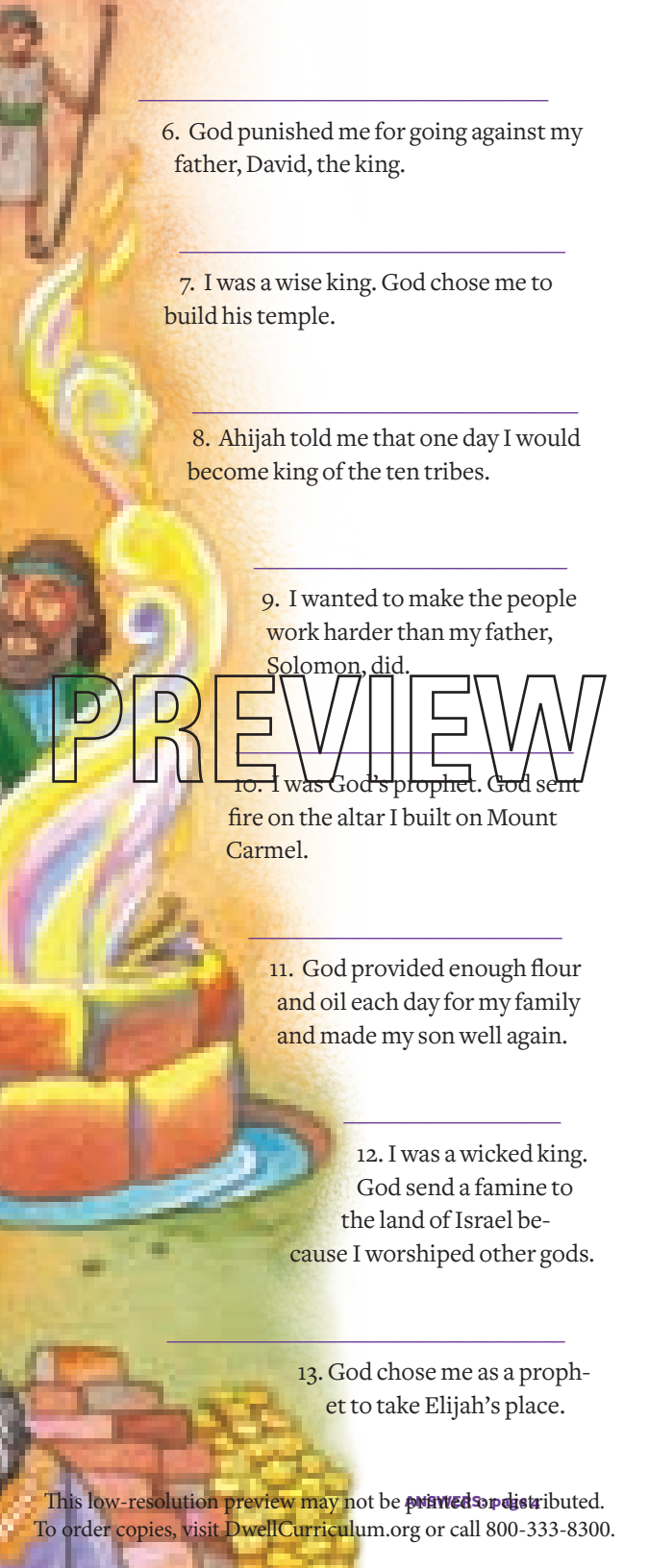
2. Before I became king, I killed a giant.

3. David and I were best friends.

4. David was kind to me because I was Jonathan's son.

5. I was very beautiful. David married me after he had my husband killed in battle.





6. God punished me for going against my father, David, the king.

7. I was a wise king. God chose me to build his temple.

8. Ahijah told me that one day I would become king of the ten tribes.

9. I wanted to make the people work harder than my father, Solomon, did.

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10. I was God's prophet. God sent fire on the altar I built on Mount Carmel.

11. God provided enough flour and oil each day for my family and made my son well again.

12. I was a wicked king. God send a famine to the land of Israel because I worshiped other gods.

13. God chose me as a prophet to take Elijah's place.

Crossword Puzzle

Fill in the missing words to solve the crossword puzzle.

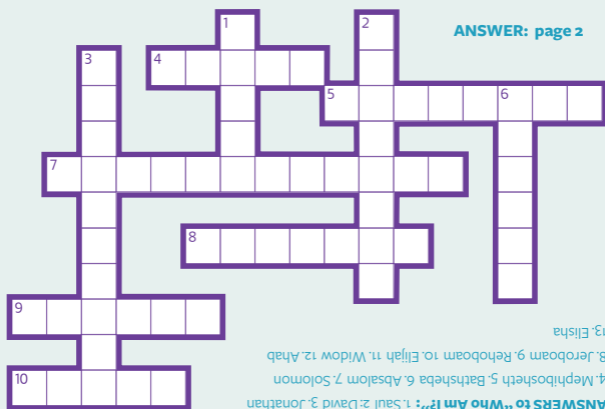
ACROSS

- Elijah fell asleep under a _____ bush.
- Elijah traveled forty days and nights to the _____ of God.
- God _____ Elijah in the desert.
- God spoke to Elijah in a gentle _____.
- Elijah threw his cloak on _____ and appointed him the next prophet of Israel.
- An _____ of the Lord told Elisha to get up and eat.

DOWN

- God asked Elijah, "What are you _____ here?"
- Elijah _____ Hazael king over Aram and Jehu king over Israel.
- Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah for _____ the prophets of Baal.
- Elijah was _____ and ran into the desert.

PREVIEW



ANSWER: page 2

ANSWERS to "Who Am I?": 1. Saul 2. David 3. Jonathan 4. Mephibosheth 5. Bathsheba 6. Absalom 7. Solomon 8. Jeroboam 9. Rehoboam 10. Elijah 11. Widow 12. Ahab 13. Elisha

Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 7:7-8

God's Big Story Card:



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