

## Story 73: Solomon, a Son of King David

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Read about King Solomon in the Bible in I Kings 2:10-11; I Kings 3:1-15; I Kings 11:1-13

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### Questions

1. Who was Solomon?
2. What happened after King David died?
3. What did Solomon ask God to give him?
4. What good things did Solomon do for his country?
5. What mistake did Solomon make?
6. How did Solomon's wives influence him?
7. What did God have to do to Solomon?
8. How did God punish Solomon?

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