

Game: Choices or choices

Read out the list of choices A or B, if you would choose choice A run to left side of the room. If you would choose choice B then run to the right side of the room. Remember you must run to the first answer that comes into your head. Choices:

Yellow OR Green // Liverpool OR Everton FC // Chinese OR Italian food // Trains OR buses
Cats OR dogs // Bath OR shower // Chocolate OR sweets // Cinema OR bowling
Boys OR girls // Summer OR winter // Coca-cola OR lemonade // Singing OR dancing

Test your family and see what choices they would make, are they the same or different? We all make choices every day, some big and some small. Today we hear about a man called Solomon who wants to make the best and most wise choices he asks God for help to do this because he knows he can't do it on his own.

Watch: The story of Solomon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmDTuYEGmW0>

Story: 1 Samuel 17:32-40

In today's Bible story King David was dead. He had been King for forty years, a great King who had followed God and ruled well. David had chosen his son Solomon to rule after him. Solomon was worried about being King. He wanted to be a good King, but he didn't know if he was clever enoughSolomon loved God with all his heart. He often went to sacrifice animals to God, to show his love for him. One night Solomon went to the altar which was at Gibeon and sacrificed a lot of animals, one after another. When he had finished worshipping God he fell asleep still at the holy place. As he slept, Solomon had a dream. God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask anything you want and I will give it to you!" Solomon thought. What would be a good thing to ask for? He thought about asking God to make him rich or powerful; but then he thought of the best thing of all. And he said to God, "you were always good to my father, David, and because he followed you he was a good King. And now I am king. But I am not worthy. I am like a child. Please give me the wisdom that I need to be able to rule your people wisely and well." And God said to Solomon, "I will give you wisdom: no one will be as wise as you. But because you have asked for such a gift I will also give you things you didn't ask for - I will make you rich - the richest King in the world. And you will live a long life. Just make sure that you follow me and me only, and obey my laws all your life." Solomon woke up. He realised that God had spoken to him in his dream. He went home and sacrificed more animals in Jerusalem, and gave a party for all his officials. And God's words came true. There was never anyone like Solomon! He was the wisest and richest King ever known.

- Why do you think God was pleased with Solomon's choice?
- Why do they think Solomon wanted to be wise?
- What does this story tell us about God?

God wants His rulers to be just and to rule well - because He is just and rules well. He wants His people to be like Him. When a ruler is just the people are happy and well treated and that pleases God.

Craft: Treasure chest-Wisdom is more precious than gold, silver and rubies.

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyMPL7K62qY> to make your very own treasure chest

Response & Prayer:

Solomon was a king and that he asked God for wisdom to help him lead his people. Think about something in your life that you are confused or unsure about. We are able to turn to God and ask for wisdom in the same way that Solomon did. Grab a piece of paper and a pens/pencil. Play some worship music in the background whilst you write or draw something you would like to ask God to help you with. When you have finished writing or drawing spend time with your family praying for the things on your piece of paper.