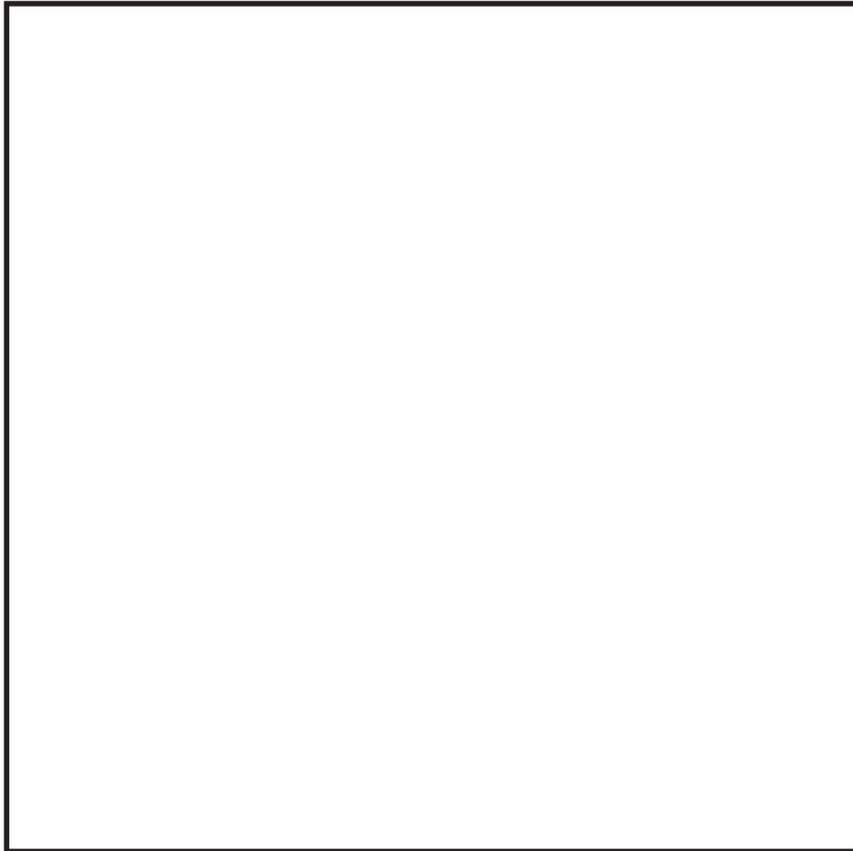


Solomon

(I Kings)



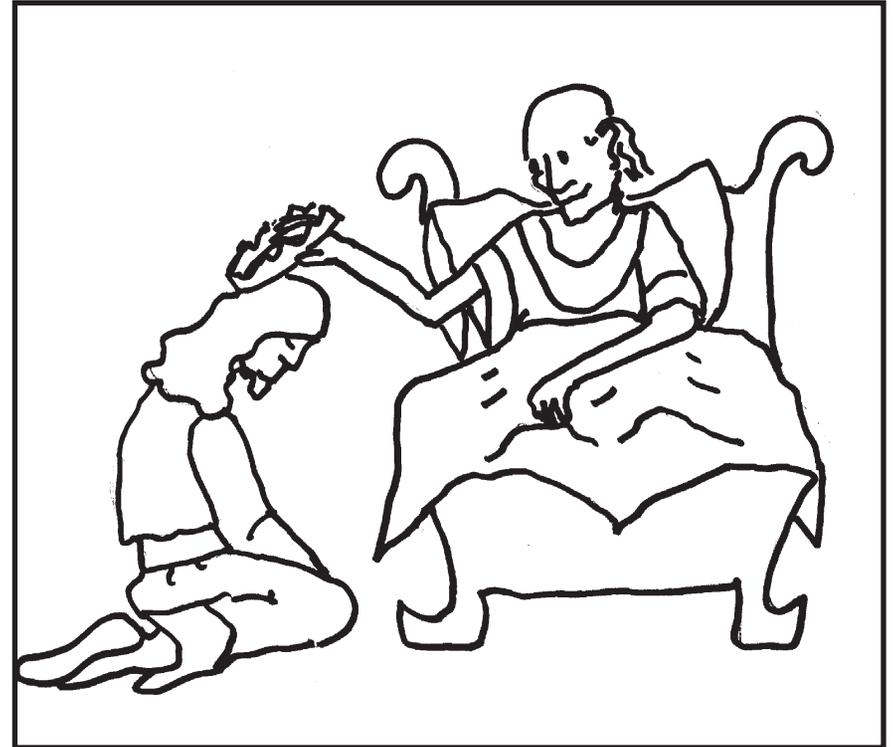
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When King _____
(hint: he killed Goliath) was very old he
made Solomon, his son, king instead.



Like his father, Solomon tried to listen
to God and do good things. Sometimes
he did not listen and did bad things.

Solomon called for a

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“Cut it in half and give one half to each woman.”

What do you think happened next?
The woman who was not the mother said, “Yes, let us do that. It will be fair.”

The real mother did not want anyone to hurt her baby so she said, “Let the other woman have the baby. Do not cut it in half. Do not hurt it.”

That is how Solomon decided who was really the baby’s mother. He gave the baby to the woman who did not want to hurt it.

Solomon lived a long time. He made peace deals with other kings. He built the temple. He had lots of fancy things. One kind of fancy things he had lots of was wives. He had $2+2+3=$ ___00! Sometimes he listened to them instead of God. When he did that he got into trouble! But mostly he was wise.

When he became King, God asked him what he wanted. What would you say?



God liked his answer. God was glad that he had not asked for riches and honor. God decided that he could have them as well as wisdom.

Soon Solomon had a big test of his wisdom. There were two women who lived together. They both had babies. One baby died. They both said that the living baby was theirs! Which one was really the baby's mother? Solomon had to decide.

