

THE STORY

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CHAPTER 13

Timeless Truth: God's faithful love continues forever.

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 1-8; 10-11; 2 Chronicles 5-7; Proverbs 1-3; 6; 20-21

Key Verse: "Don't be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the Lord." Proverbs 3:7, NIV

Parent Tips: Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table at some point this week, and/or use the questions inside your books. Pick the questions that work best for your family. The Living Faith section (on the back) is a fun activity for you to do.

GET THE POINT

Preschool/Elementary: God made Solomon a wise leader. God can make me wise too.

Middle School: Man's wisdom--even Solomon's--is limited. God's love endures forever.

High School: Solomon was the wisest man alive, but he failed to follow his own godly teaching and that led to his downfall.

TABLE TALK

Preschool/Elementary

- God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered to give him anything he asked for. If God gave you the same offer, what would you ask for? Solomon asked for wisdom, so he could be a good king. Do you think that was a good request?
- God liked Solomon's answer so much that he gave him wisdom, fame, and money.
- What's the best reward you've received for a good answer?
- If you could ask your parents to give you one thing, what would it be?

Middle/High School

- Solomon's wisdom is legendary. Many of his sayings can be found in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. He begins Proverbs by writing, "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7). What does that mean to you?
- Would your teachers and friends agree that the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge"?
- What would modern-day science say about that statement?
 - Is Solomon's wisdom out of date or does it still apply today? Why?



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Living Faith

This activity requires a 20-ounce plastic bottle, warm water, vinegar and baking soda. It's best to complete this activity outside or in a sink. As you watch the baking soda and vinegar react and fizz out of the bottle, think about what it would have been like to watch God's presence come down and fill the temple.

Start by putting about two tablespoons of baking soda in the bottom of the bottle. Quickly add 1/2 cup of vinegar and 1/4 cup of warm water. Step back and watch the bottle fill with foam that bursts out the top.

When Solomon prayed for the temple, God's presence came down. Second Chronicles 7:2 says, "the priests couldn't enter the temple of the Lord. His glory filled it." Can you imagine God's tangible presence filling a building? It was so powerful that people who witnessed it dropped to their knees and worshiped God.

For a bonus activity after discussing God's powerful presence at his temple, get a plastic zipper bag to demonstrate that God's glory can't be contained. Be careful as the bag will explode and may create a mess.

This time put a couple tablespoons of baking soda in a paper towel and fold it up. Pour 1/2 cup of vinegar and 1/4 cup of water into the plastic zipper bag. drop in the paper towel and quickly zip the bag closed. Give a quick shake to start the reaction, then put the plastic bag on the ground and step away. The bag should puff up and pop with a loud bang.