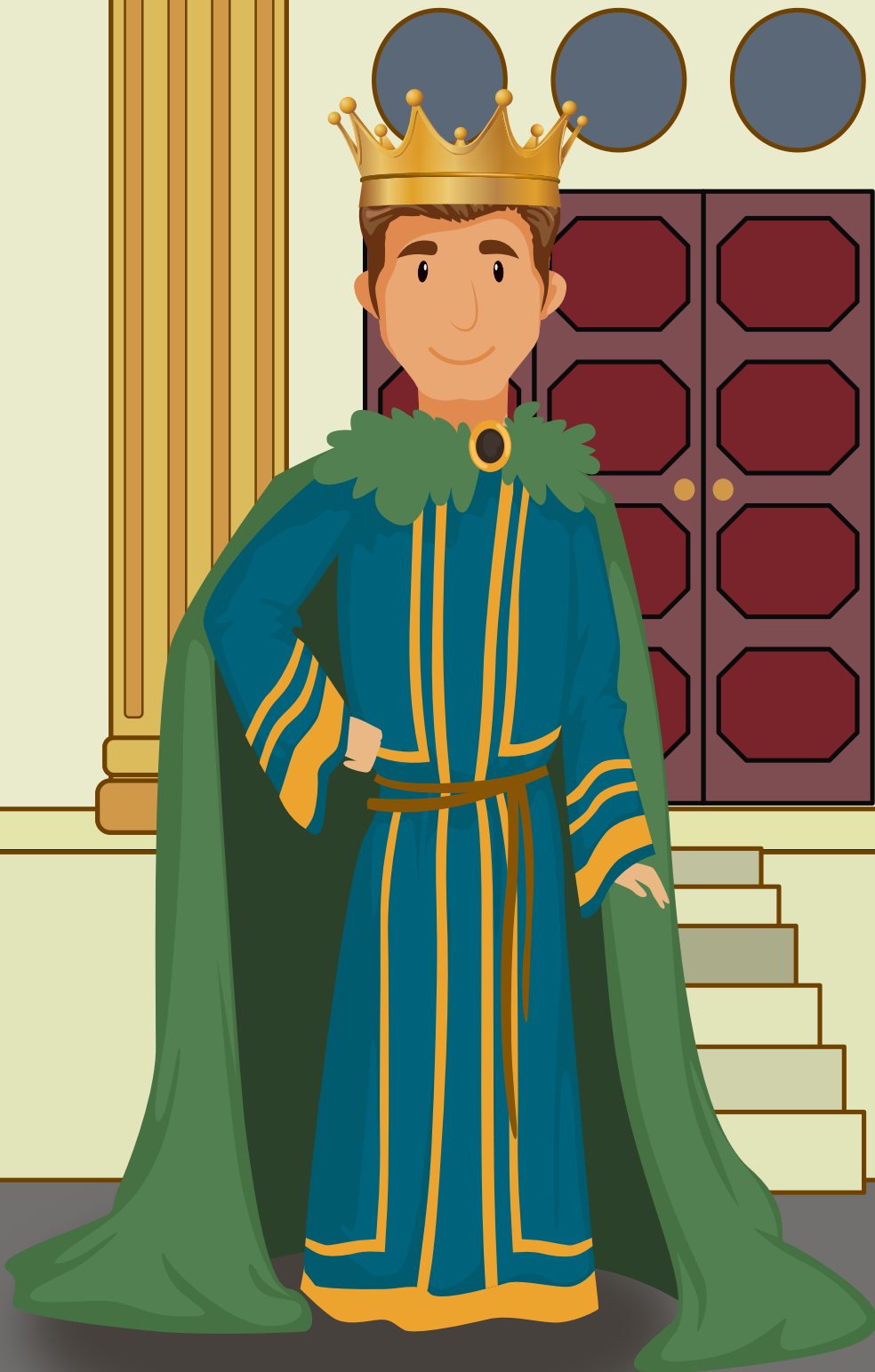


Solomon



Introduction

In this week's lesson we will learn about Solomon. Our main Bible passages will focus on 1 Kings 3-8. Some of the main points we will learn are:

- Solomon asked for wisdom
- David prepared Solomon to build the temple
- Solomon gave his best to God
- God is bigger than any building.

Video playlist



Lesson Guide

Ask your child about what they might like for their birthday, Christmas or another special event? Think together about what might be the best gift in the whole world. Ask them, if they could ask for anything, what would they ask for?

Explain the Solomon was David's son and took over as King. Read 1 Kings 3:5-14, with your child and example how God told Solomon, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Remind them that Solomon didn't ask for money, health, fame but for wisdom. Solomon did not ask for selfish things, but instead, he asked for wisdom so he could be a good king for the people. God granted his request and blessed him in many other ways.

Learn and repeat Matthew 6:33 from your family Bible. 'The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you. (ICB).

Try and explain the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Give examples of how we can know something but still do the wrong thing,

Remind your child about the Tabernacle. (You can use the lesson on our site). Check to see what they remember about it. Remind them it was a tent God told Moses to make so that He close to His People as they wandered in the wilderness.

Share how David wanted to build a temple for God, but God told him 'No' but that his son, Solomon, would build it. Explain how David helped Solomon and gave him plans for the temple (1 Chronicles 28). Give some examples of how parents try to help their children be ready for the future.

Look at some photos of different churches. Compare them to your church, do they look the same? What is different about them?

Give some details of the splendour of the temple Solomon built. There are models and pictures online you could use. Explain how David stored up treasure that Solomon could use and that they both gave their best to God. Give examples of how we should give our best to God.

Collect some different size containers and try to fit objects into them. Pick some really big objects and some that fit comfortably. Speak about how big God is and how He is bigger than any building. Think about Solomon's words in 1 Kings 8:27, "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!"

Share how God blessed Solomon and the people by making His presence special in the temple. Remind your child that God doesn't live in brick temples, but wants to live in our hearts. Read 1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Pray and ask God to live in and through you.