

Reader Script/SOLOMON, BIBLE AS LITERATURE

- 1/NARRATOR:** King David was an old man and knew he would soon die. He called his son Solomon to him.
- 2/DAVID:** Solomon, I'm counting on you to be strong. Obey the commandments given to Moses. Follow God's way. You will be the next king of Israel.
- 3/SERVANT:** King David, may God bless you through Solomon!
- 2/DAVID:** Blessed be the Lord God who had allowed me to see my son as king.
- 1/NARRATOR:** Solomon loved the Lord and he followed the laws of God, but he did have many concerns. One night God spoke to him in a dream.
- 4/GOD:**
(From offstage) Solomon, ask for anything you want and I'll give it to you.
- 5/SOLOMON:** Oh God, since my father King David died, I'm like a young child. I don't know how to carry out my duties. There are so many people in my kingdom.
- 4/GOD:** What is your wish?
- 5/SOLOMON:** Give me an understanding heart to judge your people and the ability to know right from wrong so I can govern your people.
- 1/NARRATOR:** Solomon's request pleased God.

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- 4/GOD:** I will give you what you have asked for. I will give you a wiser mind than anyone has ever had or ever will have.
- 1/NARRATOR:** What a blessing!! Solomon was to be the wisest man in the world, but that was not all!
- 4/GOD:** Because you asked for wisdom, I'll also give you riches, fame and a long life.
- 1/NARRATOR:** Solomon returned to Jerusalem. His wisdom was tested when two women came to see the king and ask for a decision.
- 6/WOMAN 1:**
(factually) This woman and I live in the same house.
- 7/WOMAN 2:**
(accusingly) That is true, the only part of her story which is true.
- 5/SOLOMON:**
(calmly) Let me hear from each of you.
- 6/WOMAN 1:** I had a baby boy while she was living with me. Then, three days after my baby was born she had a baby boy.
- 7/WOMAN 2:** *A beautiful baby - that is my baby!*
- 6/WOMAN 1:** We were alone in the house and her baby died in the night because she rolled over and lay on the baby when she was sleeping.