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Q&A

Who talked to Solomon in a dream?

What did Solomon ask God for?

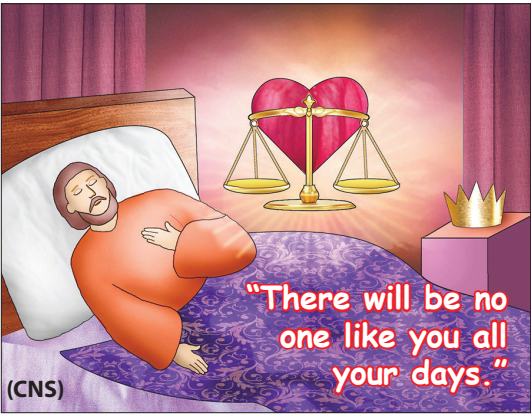
Read more about it in 1 Kings 3

An Old Testament Tale

God Gives Solomon Wisdom

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Not long before he died, King David fulfilled a promise that he had made to his wife Bathsheba. Even though their son, Solomon, was one of David’s younger children, David made Solomon his successor as king of Israel. David advised Solomon to keep God’s statutes, commands, ordinances and decrees as written in the law of Moses so that Solomon would succeed in whatever he did. After David died and Solomon established his kingship, the new king went to Gibeon to sacrifice on the high place there. At that time, the people sacrificed on the high places because a temple had not yet been built for God. While Solomon was in Gibeon, God appeared to him in a dream. “Ask something of me and I will give it to you,” God said. “O Lord, my God, you have made



Bible Trivia

How long did King David, Solomon’s father, reign over Israel? (Hint: 1 Kings 2:11)

Answer: 40 years.

me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. ... Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong,” Solomon replied. God was very pleased with Solo-

mon’s answer. “Because you have asked for this — not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right — I do as you requested,” God said. “I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.” God didn’t stop there, however. “In addition,” God said, “I give you what you have not asked for: I give you such riches and glory that among kings there will be no one like you all your days. And if you walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and commandments, as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” When Solomon awoke, he went to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, sacrificed burnt offerings and communion offerings, and gave a feast for all his servants.



(Photo provided/Carol Norman)

St. Mary School Grows Community at Elgin Farmers Market

ELGIN—St. Mary School recently became an Elgin Farmers Market community partner, and students, family members and staff came out to the market on June 23 and July 21 to volunteer and promote the school. The volunteers, including principal Carol Norman (left), school parent Theresa McFadden and her second-grade son Nicholas McFadden, handed out promotional materials at the school’s booth and chatted with prospective families.

Search for the Treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field or a hidden, priceless pearl.

When the people in His stories find the treasure and pearl, they sell everything they have to buy them.

Jesus' parables mean that the Kingdom of Heaven is more precious than everything we have on Earth.

See if you can find the treasure hidden in the field below!

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