

### Chapter 13 – The King Who Had It All Day One – A Really Smart Guy

**Today's reading:** Page 175 through middle of page 183

**This reading covers:** 1 Kings 3; various Proverbs

**Summary:** King Solomon asks God to help him be wise.

**Do together:** Go around the table and take turns making a Wish List. Put on this list anything that you would like to have; a new bike, a vacation, a new car. Have fun! Be creative!

**Think about:** God told King Solomon he would give him anything he asked for. But Solomon didn't ask for a lot of money or to live a long time. Instead, Solomon asked God for wisdom so he could make good decisions. Wouldn't wisdom be good to have? Wouldn't it be great to make good decisions? How would you be different if you had wisdom and made good decisions?

**Also read:** Proverbs 3:13-14; James 1:5

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for giving me so many good things. But even more than these things, please give me wisdom so I can make good decisions. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Chapter 13 – The King Who Had It All Day Two – God’s House

**Today’s reading:** Page 186 through break on page 189

**This reading covers:** 2 Chronicles 6-7

**Summary:** Solomon builds a house for God

**Do together:** Use building blocks, Legos, or other materials to build a house.

**Think about:** Since God is everywhere, we know that God is too big to fit into a building. But God let King Solomon build a special place called a Temple where God could be worshipped. This was a beautiful building made of the best materials in the world. But get this – the Bible says that you are the temple of God! You were made with the best material in the world. You are a special place for God to live.

**Also read:** 2 Chronicles 3; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

**Prayer:** Dear God, how wonderfully you have made me. How special I must be. Help me to live to show the world that this temple is yours. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

### Chapter 13 – The King Who Had It All Day Three – Falling Hard

**Today's reading:** Break on page 189 through end of chapter

**This reading covers:** 1 Kings 10-11

**Summary:** Even a king can make bad choices.

**Do together:** Play the game called Concentration. Using a deck of playing cards, select two of each card (2-twos, 2-threes, 2-fours, etc.). You will end up with 26 cards. Start with just the twos through sevens. Shuffle those 12 cards (2 of each). Place the cards face down in three rows with four in each row. Take turns turning over only two cards. Look carefully at the cards. If they match, remove the cards. If not, turn them back over and let the next person take a turn. Do this until all cards are matched. For a more challenging game, start with more cards.

**Think about:** In the game you just played, you had to choose which cards to turn over. But these were not just random choices. By paying attention to the game, you could think about what cards to turn over and make a good choice. Life is all about choices. But we have to pay attention and be sure to make good choices. If we are not careful, we will make bad choices. What are some decisions you have to make every day? What would making a good choice look like? What would making a bad choice look like?

**Also read:** Joshua 24:15

**Prayer:** Dear God, help me to pay attention to what I'm doing so I can make good choices. Thank you for your wisdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.