

Samson and Delilah (Judges 16:4 - 30)

2 Chronicles shows God's continuing faithfulness to the house of David. It is also God's editorial on why the nation fell and why he preserved the Southern Kingdom of Judah for so long. It begins with Solomon's reign, followed by many different kings--a period of rebellion and judgment. Through everything we see God's faithfulness to Judah and the covenant He made with that tribe.

Say it! Play it! Pray it!

Objectives:	Play out the Role of King Solomon and his request for wisdom in ruling the people of God. Gain insight into our own faith and God's provision. Have fun with your family.
Number of Players:	4 or more (narrator, Solomon, God, captains, judges, and leaders in Israel).
Length:	15 - 30 minutes
Set up:	You can get as elaborate as you like (feel free to dress up as your characters); You could even set up a place where God can speak but not be seen. As the Narrator is reading, the separate characters should act out what is being said and dramatize how these events make them feel.

Narrator: Now Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him and exalted him exceedingly. And Solomon spoke to all Israel to the captains of thousands, to the judges, and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses. Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for the tabernacle of meeting with God was there, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness. But David had brought up the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim to the place David had prepared for it for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. Now the bronze altar before the Lord, which was at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him,

God: Ask! What shall I give you?

Solomon: You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place. No, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before the this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?

God: Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies nor have you asked long life--but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king--wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.

Narrator: So Solomon came to Jerusalem from the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of meeting, and reigned over Israel.



FAMILY STUDY

Discussion: Have each person share how it felt to them to play the role they did and what insights they gained about the people they played. Questions to consider: Why do you think Solomon asked God for wisdom rather than riches? What was Solomon's driving passion in ruling the people of Israel? Examine your heart: What would you answer if God asked you, "What shall I give you?"

Prayer: Close in prayer thanking God for His provision and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family.