



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of October 30, 2022: 1 Kings 3:4-28

Memory Verse

1 Kings 3:12: *"I give you a wise and discerning mind."*

A Family Prayer

Gracious God, you care for us with a love that is stronger than that of our mother or father. You have no favourites, you shower us all with the same devotion and time.

You give to us many gifts and ask for little in return, only that we would love and share all those gifts with others.

We are sorry for the times when we forget to be generous, for the times we choose to be greedy with the gifts we have. We are sorry too for the times when our greed prevents others from enjoying your gifts.

Forgive us, we pray, and help us to be wise in our future decisions and just in all that we do. So be it. Amen.

The Story: Solomon's Wisdom Two Rabbits

There were two brothers, both had a pet rabbit. Most people would not be able to tell the difference between their rabbits, but the brothers knew. They loved their rabbits very much.



Sadly, one morning, one of the brothers came down and found that his rabbit had died.

He saw his brother's rabbit, alive in the hutch next door, looked around, and then switched the rabbits, stealing his brother's rabbit.

When their father found out, he asked them to bring the live rabbit to him.

He said, "Okay, let's divide the rabbit in two and you can each have a bit."

The brother who held the rabbit said, "Okay."

But the other brother said, "No! Don't cut the rabbit in half! Give it to my brother, but keep it alive."

Activities:**Baby Care ~ age 3-5**

You will need: dolls or teddy bears and clothes for dressing them. Alternatively, use cut-out shapes of people and paper clothes.

As the children are dressing the dolls or figures, discuss what babies do, how parents or other family members take care of children, how they get them to sleep or to eat. Discuss what other things babies need.

Wisdom ~ age 6-12

You will need: pictures of people you feel are wise, either famous or acquaintances, and representing a variety of genders and ethnicities. The definition of wisdom, printed on a card or piece of paper for your child to keep (Wisdom: the ability to think and act using knowledge, experience, understanding, common sense, and insight)

Discuss the wise people you have selected and why you think they are wise.

Ask: Who do you know today that you feel has wisdom? Why do you think that? Do you feel you have some wisdom?

Then their father knew whose rabbit it was. Can you tell?

The father said, "The one who wanted the rabbit to live, even if he had to give it away, is the one who the rabbit belongs to."

Family Discussion: There is a difference between being smart and being wise. Wisdom is not just knowledge. It is knowing how to make good choices based on learning and experiences. How do you make hard decisions? Do you write down choices? Do you ask someone you trust? Do you pray and ask for God's wisdom?



Prayer: *Grant us wisdom so that we can know the right thing to do. We pray that You will always help us to listen to You as our God. Amen.*

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