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BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSE: When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice. (1 Kings 3:28)



Justice Is Done!

Lesson Scripture: 1 Kings 3:16-28

God's Word

16 Now two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. **17** One of them said, "Pardon me, my lord. This woman and I live in the same house, and I had a baby while she was there with me. **18** The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there was no one in the house but the two of us. **19** During the night this woman's son died because she lay on him. **20** So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I your servant was asleep. She put him by her breast and put her dead son by my breast. **21** The next morning, I got up to nurse my son—and he was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn't the son I had borne." **22** The other woman said, "No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours." But the first one insisted, "No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine." And so they argued before the king. **23** The king said, "This one says, 'My son is alive and your son is dead,' while that one says, 'No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.'" **24** Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword for the king. **25** He then gave an order: "Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other." **26** The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don't kill him!" But the other said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!" **27** Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother." **28** When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

Bible Story

Justice Is Done!

1 Kings 3:16-28

In today's Scripture passage, two women went to King Solomon with a problem. The women lived in the same house and each had a baby boy. During the night, one of the women rolled over on her baby while she slept, and the baby died. While the other woman was asleep, the woman with the dead son took the living son and replaced him with her dead son. When the other woman woke up to feed her baby, upon looking closely at the dead baby, she knew that he was not her son. The other woman would not give her son back; she said the baby was *her* son.

The women wanted the king to decide who would get the living baby. Solomon said, "Bring me a sword." When he was given the sword, he gave the order to cut the living child in two and give half to one woman and half to the other. The baby's mother loved her son so much that she begged King Solomon not to kill him. But the other woman agreed with the ruling, saying, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!" Solomon knew that the mother who wanted to spare her son's life was the true mother and commanded that the child be returned to her.

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It's Mine!

(Part 1)

"Mom, Jamal has my iPad again!" Kendra yelled.

"No, I don't. This is mine. I have stickers on mine, and she doesn't!" Jamal exclaimed.

"You are not the only one who has stickers on their iPad. I have stickers on mine too! Give me my iPad!" Kendra screamed.

"It seems like you two enjoy fighting. Can you two think of a way to resolve this issue?" Mom inquired.

"I think Jamal should stay out of my room and leave my things alone," Kendra commented.

"And I think you should stop trying to act like my iPad is yours!" Jamal retorted.

"It's my iPad!" Kendra exclaimed.

"Prove it!" Jamal demanded.

Kendra grabbed the iPad from her brother.



Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello! Nicholas and Cornelius here. Have you ever been challenged to do something, with an offer of a reward upon being successful? How did you feel when you completed the challenge successfully? How would you feel if you were unsuccessful? How would you react if you completed the challenge, but someone on your team was not successful? People who play on sports teams face this dilemma every time they step out onto the field.

It's Mine! (Part 2)

Kendra began to enter her password on the iPad. As soon as she typed some characters, the screen changed and the words "Welcome back, Kendra!" popped up.

"I told you so," Kendra said, gloating.

"I think you two could have handled this a different way. I don't like that you two fight and argue all the time. Next time, I want you to talk things out," Mom commented.

"I'm sorry, Kendra—I really thought it was my iPad. I guess I should have tried to put in my password like you just did," Jamal responded.

"That's okay. Mom is right. We can work things out without fighting. Now let's see if we can find your iPad," Kendra suggested.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Solomon didn't ask God for a longer life or for more riches. He asked God for wisdom because he thought that would help him to be the best king he could be. Solomon asked to have wisdom to decide fairness for his people.

God was happy with Solomon's choice.

He gave Solomon what he asked for, but He also gave him things he didn't ask for—like wealth and the respect of others—for asking for wisdom to be fair to others.



Searching for Completed Words

Refer to today's Scripture text to fill in the letters of the incomplete words below. Then find the words in the word search.

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