The story of King Solomon

After David's death, his son Solomon, became king. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and told him to ask for anything he wanted. Solomon didn't ask for selfish things, but instead he asked for wisdom so he could be a good king for the people.

God granted Solomon his wisdom and also wealth. In fact, "King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of The Earth". People came from everywhere to talk to wise King Solomon. They would tell Solomon their problems and he would give them wise advice to help them.

Once, there were two women who lived in the same house. Each woman had a baby of her own and at night the babies would sleep in the same bed with their mothers. One night while the women were sleeping the first woman accidently rolled over on top of her baby. Sadly, her baby died.

The woman wanted a baby so much that she decided to take someone else's baby. He quietly snuck into the second woman's room and switched babies. When the second mother woke up, she found the dead baby beside her in the bed.

At first, she thought it was her baby that was dead, but then she realized that she had been tricked. She wanted her baby back! The two women went to king Solomon, The second woman told him what had happened.

She said "It is my baby, I want it back!"

The other mother said, "No! It is **MY** baby. You can't have it!"

Everyone looked at Solomon. How could he ever know which woman the baby belonged to? But remember, God gave Solomon special wisdom.

Because Solomon was wise, he had an idea for finding out the truth. He ordered one of his servants to bring him a sword. Then Solomon said "I ordered that the baby be cut in half with his sword."

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The first woman said, "Okay, that's fair. The baby should be cut in half. That way neither of us will more than the other."

But the other woman looked very sad. "No, do not cut the baby in half! I love the baby too much to see it hurt. I would rather the other woman have my baby I do not want my baby to die."

Solomon had done a very wise thing. Now he knew which one of these was the real mother and which was not. A mother loves her baby very much and would never want it hurt. Solomon gave the baby to its true mother.

Everyone saw that Solomon really was wise. Everyone knew that Good had given him special wisdom.

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King Solomon

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Which son of David became king after David died?

a. Isaiah

b. Solomon

c. John

2. Who came to Solomon in a dream?

a. David

b. The Lord

c. The holy Spirit

3. What did Solomon ask the Lord to give him?

a. Wealth

b. Long life

c. Wisdom

4. When two women were fighting over a baby, why did Solomon say the baby should be cut in half?

a. He agreed with the second woman

b. He wanted to find the truth

c. He was not a kind king

5. What did the people think of Solomon's ruling?

a. They thought that Solomon was really wise

b. They didn't agree with his decision

c. They weren't sure what to think of his ruling

6. What is Excellence?

a. High quality and great virtue

b. being able to be trusted

c. being powerful

Write 1, 2, 3, or 4 on the line in order to put the events in order as read in the passage.

7. _____ The first woman thought that her baby was dead.

8. _____ People would give Solomon their problems and he would give them advice.

9. _____ Solomon ordered one of his servants to bring him a sword.

10. _____ The first woman accidently rolled over on top of her baby.

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