

## **March 21**

### 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12

In these verses David, who is near death, gives instructions to his son Solomon, who will succeed him as king. In the concluding verses, we are told of David's death.

*Question to Consider:*

David gave Solomon specific instructions for success. Think of a time when someone gave you specific instructions in order to succeed at something. Did you follow them? Did they work?

*Prayer:*

Loving God, your inspired word, Scripture, is filled with instructions for living and I know that if I follow your word and do your will, my life will be blessed. Please help me to study your word more and then do your will. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **March 22**

### 1 Kings 3:1-15

In this passage, God tells Solomon to ask for anything he wants and Solomon asks for wisdom.

*Question to Consider:*

If God were to tell you to ask for anything you want, what would you ask for??

*Prayer:*

Gracious God, I ask for the same thing that Solomon requested. I pray for wisdom. Guide me to make good choices for myself and for the people around me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **March 23**

### 1 Kings 3:16-28

God gave Solomon wisdom and in these verses we read that he used it to settle a dispute between two people.

*Question to Consider:*

Think about this passage. How did Solomon know that the first woman was the child's mother??

*Prayer:*

Almighty God, the time will come when I am faced with a difficult decision, a difficult choice. When that time comes, please give me wisdom to make the right choice. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **March 24**

### 1 Kings 8:14-24, 54-61

In these verses we read words that were spoken by Solomon to the Israelites when the Temple was completed. Note: you may choose to read the entire section (8:14-66) if you prefer.

*Question to Consider:*

Have you ever attended a ceremony when something new was dedicated? What was it?

*Prayer:*

Loving God, there was much excitement when the Temple was dedicated to you, but it is hard to maintain the excitement. There are moments when I feel especially close to you. Those are exciting, wonderful moments. Through your Spirit, help me to *remain* close to you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **March 25**

### 1 Kings 12:1-20

In this passage, we learn that after Solomon's death, Israel became a divided nation – Israel in the north, and Judah in the south.

*Question to Consider:*

Have you ever asked for advice? If so, did you follow it? What was the outcome?

*Prayer:*

All-knowing God, I do not have all the answers. Sometimes I will need to ask others for advice. When I do, please give me ears to listen, wisdom to discern the value of what was shared, and then courage to follow good advice. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.