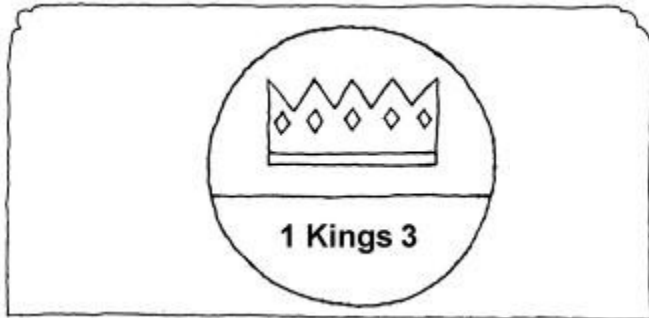


# KING Solomon is very wise

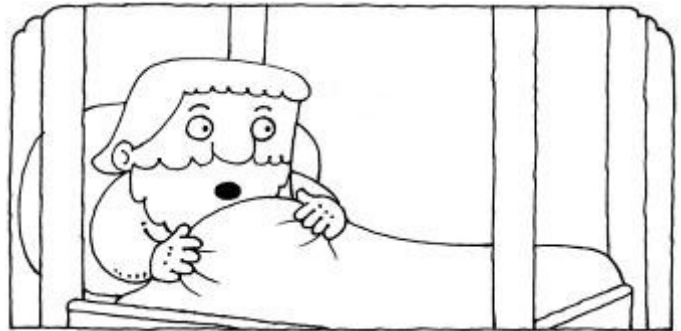
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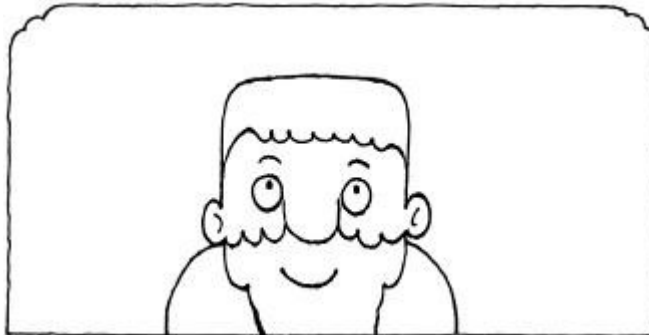
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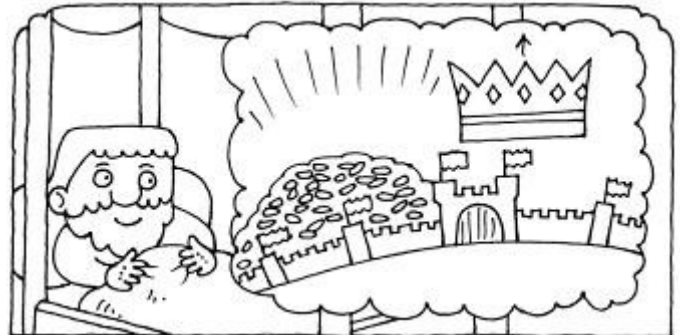
Many people in Israel had problems and arguments with others. They would ask King Solomon to decide who was right. God had made him the wisest king who ever lived.



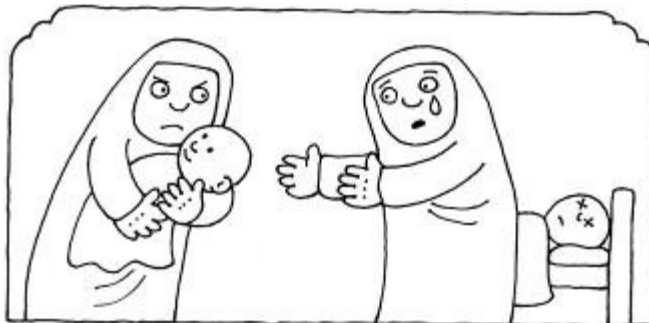
One night King Solomon heard God speak to him saying, "Ask me for anything at all and I will give it to you." When he woke up it was a dream.



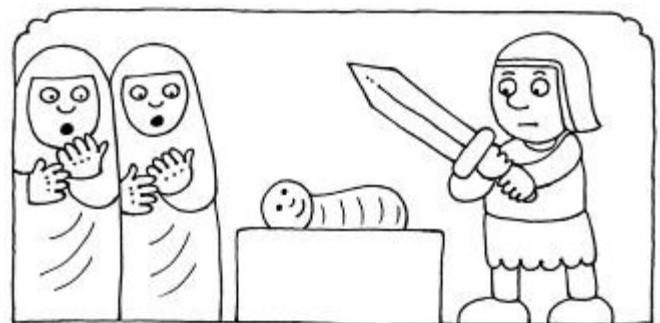
Solomon prayed to God and said, "I don't know how to be a good king. Show me how to know what is right and what is wrong when people need my help."



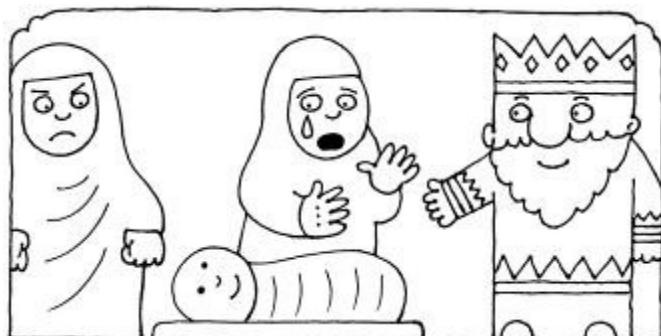
"Because you did not ask for something for yourself," God said, "I will make you wise like no other king ever and will also make you rich and famous."



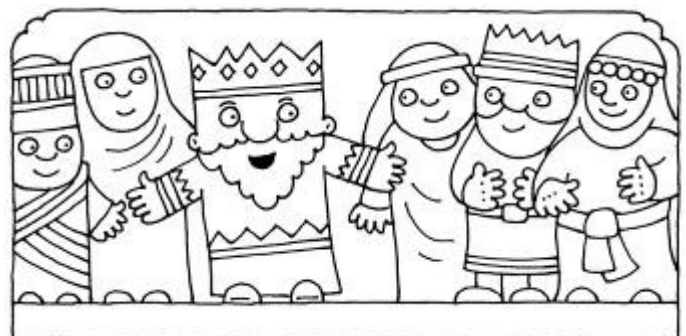
Two mothers lived together, each with their new born baby. When one baby died its mother swapped it for the live baby, pretending it was hers and wouldn't give it back.



The mothers kept arguing, so they went to see King Solomon. The king had a clever idea. "Give the mothers half the baby each," he said. He knew the real mother would save her own child.



One mother wanted them to have half a baby each, but the real mother cried, "Don't hurt my baby, she can have him." Then the King knew who was the real mother.



People heard how wise and fair King Solomon was and that he knew what was right and what was wrong. They came to hear the wise words God gave him.