



THE GOLDEN KING 1 KINGS 1-11, ECCLESIASTES



HEAD QUESTIONS

- What was God's promise in 2 Samuel 7 to David? How was Solomon a fulfillment of that promise? Was it fulfilled completely? Why or why not?
- What do we learn about Solomon in his request for wisdom? (1 Kings 3) What do we learn about God?
- What are some of the features of the temple Solomon built (1 Kings 5-7)?
- Look at Solomon's dedication and prayer over the temple at its opening. (1 King 8) What do we learn about Solomon's understanding of God?



HEART QUESTIONS

- Solomon says that the 'beginning of wisdom is the fear of God.' (Prov 1) What does that mean? How does Solomon demonstrate that in his life?
- What was Solomon's downfall? Why do you think he fell in this way?
- Do you think it is easier to follow God in the hard times or the easy times? Tell us why?
- Flip through the book of Ecclesiastes. What are some of the things that Solomon pursued that you are tempted to see as valuable? Are they? Why or why not?



HAND QUESTIONS

- How would you describe 'the meaning of life' to someone? (See if you can avoid sounding 'churchy')
- What is something that you live for? Does that line up with what you described as the 'meaning of life'? Why or why not?
- If you were going to live out Solomon's conclusion to life in Ecc 12:13-14, what would that look like for you?