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SOLOMON

REPENT

IDOLS

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PROPHET

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GOD

SAD

SIN

HEARTS

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*Lesson 10:*

*King Solomon and The Prophet*

## Today's Story:

Last week we learned how King Solomon built a beautiful temple for God. However, Solomon had many wives from foreign lands who worshipped **other** gods. They turned Solomon's heart away from God and **he** began worshipping these other gods too. Solomon even built statues of the false gods for his wives and worshipped at them. And to make it worse, the people of Israel followed Solomon and started worshipping false gods and idols as well. It was a very sad day. Because of this, God sent a man named Elijah to warn the people to stop worshipping false gods.

Elijah was God's prophet, a messenger to speak God's words. Through Elijah, God told his people to repent and turn back to Him, the one true God who loved them. He did not want his people to worship false gods and idols. Elijah the prophet knew and trusted God.

One day Elijah called the men of the false gods to a contest to prove if their god was real. The God of Israel won the contest by sending fire down from heaven. But, even though the people saw God's power, they did not turn back to Him. Soon, kings from other lands came and destroyed the temple that Solomon had built and captured the Israelite people. The people were taken into captivity, far away into a place called Babylon.

This story is a picture of what sin does to us. It separates us from God and his kingdom. One day Jesus, the Forever King, would come and deal with our sin once and for all so we could always be home with God. Just like Solomon, we have a choice to follow God or to turn away from him.

### **Bible Memory Verse:**

*"Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory."*

Romans 3:23 NIRV

## My Art Response:

