

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Value God's wisdom.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

1 Kings 3

1 King 9-11

2 Chronicles 8-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

The most significant word in 1 King 3:3 is the word:
"except"

What does this tell us about the difference between David and Solomon?

Where are you making "exceptions" in your relationship with God?

Where will these exceptions lead?

Compare Deuteronomy 17:14-20 with 1 Kings 10:26-11:3.

What do you see?

Why do you think Solomon and the people ignored this clear instruction from God?

Why don't we take God seriously when He provides us with a clear warning?

What critical weakness does David seem to have passed on to Solomon?

What weaknesses do you see in your own life?

What can you do to prevent passing those weaknesses on to your children?

Read Proverbs 10:17.

Does Solomon listen to his own advice?

How do you respond to correction?

What have you learned that makes correction easier to accept?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His clear direction.

Agree with God about the exceptions you've been making in your life.

Thank God for His correction.

Ask God to show you how to break any cycle of weakness that exists in your family.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20

Make a list of the things the King should and shouldn't do.

Make a crown.

Pass the crown around with music playing.

When the music stops, whoever has it on their head gets to tell about something they remember.

READ 1 KINGS 10:14-28

Was Solomon paying attention to the list God gave?

What was the nicest gift you ever received?

Where is it now?

How are you using it?

READ 1 KINGS 11:1-8

What did Solomon value more than God?

Hide some of the following for a treasure hunt:

money, paper hearts, candy.

Which did you try to find first? Why?

READ 1 KINGS 11:9-13

What would happen

because Solomon didn't follow God?

Talk about a time when something that you wanted to keep was taken away from you.

READ PROVERBS 11:5-7

Solomon seems to have forgotten

his own words of wisdom.

What do you think happened to Solomon?

How can you prevent that happening to you?

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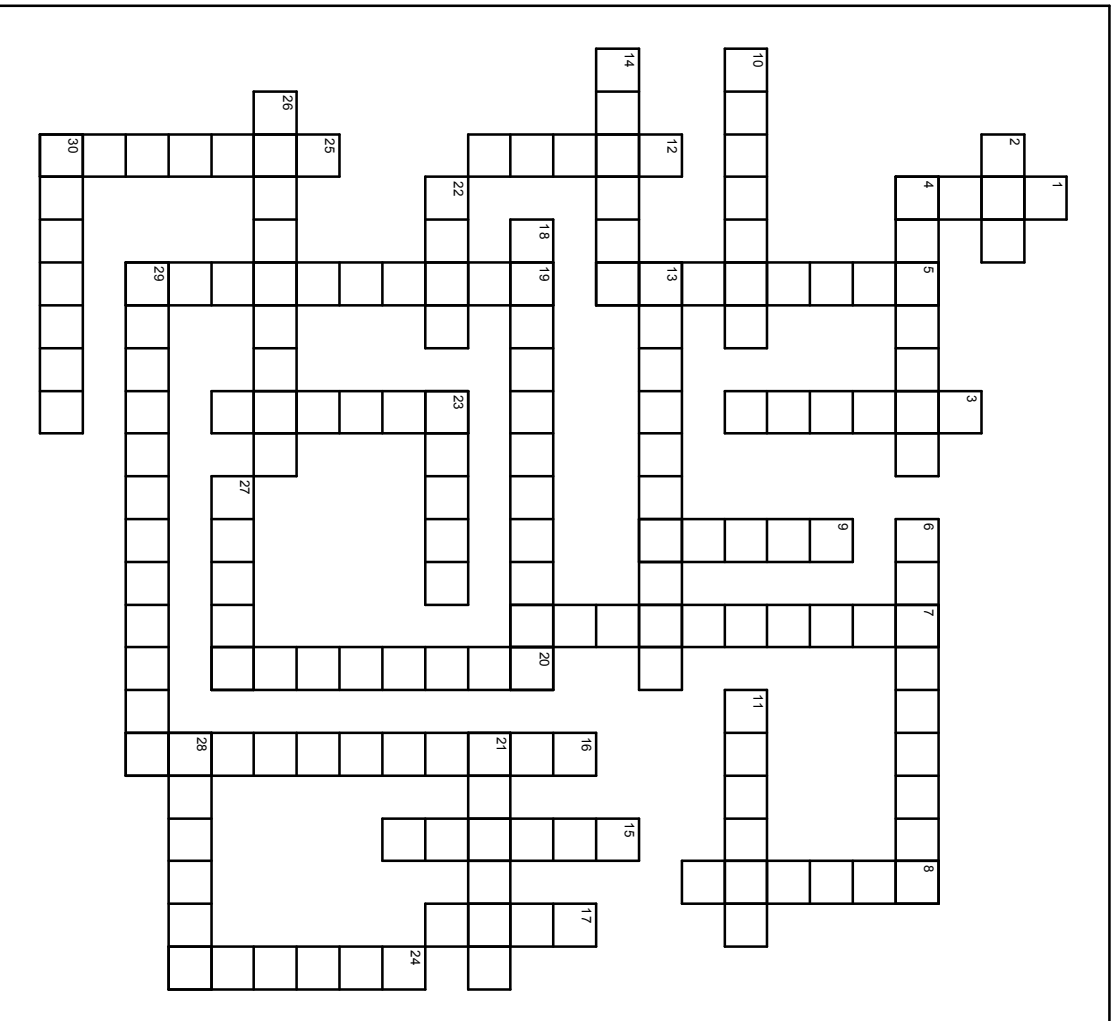
The _____ is the _____,
but _____ and _____.

Proverbs 1:7

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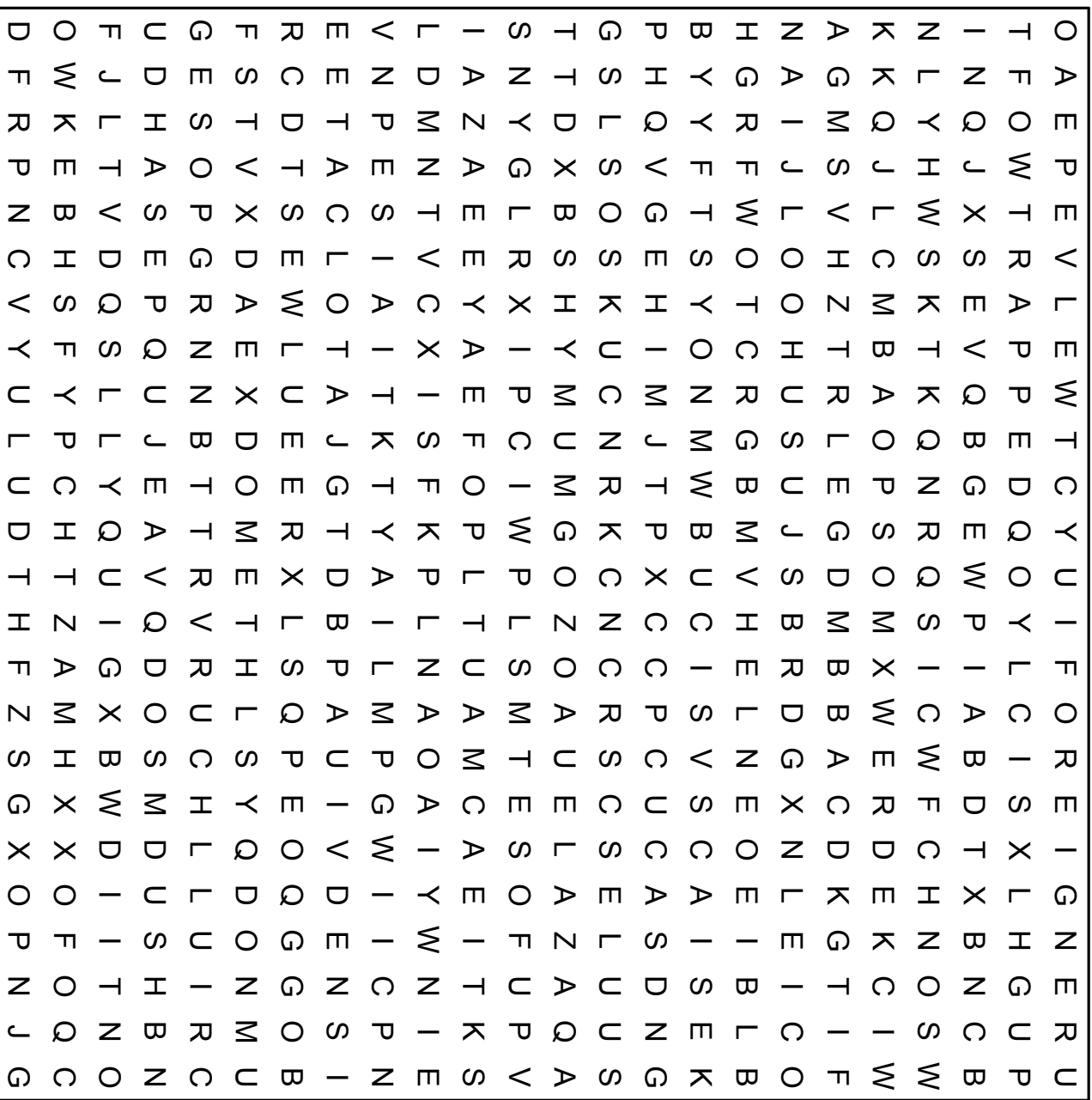
Across

2. # of steps (1 Kings 10:19)
4. caught (Proverbs 11:6)
6. those obedient to God (Proverbs 11:5)
10. selects (Deuteronomy 17:15)
11. a king shouldn't have too many (Deuteronomy 17:16)
13. with a whole heart (1 Kings 11:6)
14. # of lions (1 Kings 10:20)
18. gathered for himself (1 Kings 10:26)
21. a book that can be rolled (Deuteronomy 17:18)
22. ruler (Deuteronomy 17:14)
23. a king shouldn't have too many (Deuteronomy 17:17)
26. alien (Deuteronomy 17:15)
27. Solomon had a fleet of these (1 Kings 10:22)
28. where a king sits (Deuteronomy 17:18)
29. people who serve (1 Kings 11:11)
30. cups for drinking (1 Kings 10:21)

Down

1. everyone brought one to Solomon (1 Kings 10:25)
3. honor and obey (Deuteronomy 17:19)
5. an opportunity to meet and talk with (1 Kings 10:24)
7. keep for himself (Deuteronomy 17:17)
8. Solomon didn't make much from this (1 Kings 10:21)
9. where Solomon got his horses (1 Kings 10:28)
12. a special wood (1 Kings 10:27)
15. away from God (1 Kings 11:3)
16. children (Deuteronomy 17:20)
17. Solomon had a lot of this (1 Kings 10:14)
19. slaves that were treated as wives (1 Kings 11:3)
20. frees (Proverbs 11:6)
23. disobedient to God (Proverbs 11:5)
24. where the king lived (1 Kings 10:17)
25. what the wicked are left with (Proverbs 11:7)

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| king | chooses | foreigner | horses | wives |
| accumulate | throne | scroll | revere | descendants |
| gold | palace | six | twelve | goblets |
| silver | ships | audience | gift | accumulated |
| cedar | Egypt | astray | concubines | completely |
| subordinates | wicked | blameless | delivers | trapped |
| nothing | | | | |

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| 2. GITF | ----- | 18. DACRE | ----- |
| 3. CELYOLEPMT | ----- | 19. LOGEBTS | ----- |
| 4. EIWVS | ----- | 20. RVEERE | ----- |
| 5. LCUCEUAAMT | ----- | 21. ARTASY | ----- |
| 6. EETVWL | ----- | 22. DEUENACI | ----- |
| 7. NEOHRT | ----- | 23. CAALPE | ----- |
| 8. EHRSOS | ----- | 24. LVRESI | ----- |
| 9. DGOL | ----- | 25. CCUBSNEION | ----- |
| 10. NTINOHG | ----- | 26. OCSSHOE | ----- |
| 11. ORCSLL | ----- | 27. IXS | ----- |
| 12. YGPTE | ----- | 28. EBELSAML S | ----- |
| 13. URIDSSNTEBOA | ----- | 29. SISPH | ----- |
| 14. IKNG | ----- | 30. EWKDIC | ----- |
| 15. CAUEMDLTCUA | ----- | 31. ESENDNTCDA | ----- |
| 16. GOERFENIR | ----- | | |