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King Solomon loved God very much. One night, God talked to Solomon in a dream. God told Solomon he could have anything he wanted. Solomon asked God for wisdom, so he would know right and wrong. Solomon wanted to be a good king. God promised that Solomon would be one of the wisest men on Earth.

Solomon soon had a chance to see if God had answered his prayer for wisdom. Two women came to see King Solomon. One woman said, "This woman and I live together in the same house. We both had brand-new baby boys. Then this other woman's baby died. While I was asleep, she took my son to her bed and put her dead baby by me. In the morning, I could see that my baby was gone!"

But the other woman said, "No! This baby is mine!" Solomon didn't argue with the women.

Instead, he told his servant to bring a sword. When the servant returned, King Solomon said, "Cut this baby in half. Give half to each mother!"

The woman who was not the baby's mother said, "Fine. If I can't have him, she can't either!" But the woman that was really the mother said, "Oh, no. Please don't hurt the baby. Give him to the other woman!" Right away, Solomon announced that he had made his decision. "Give the baby to the woman who said 'Don't hurt the baby.' She is the real mother. She would rather let someone else have her son than have him be hurt."

The real mother was thankful to get her baby back! And everyone knew that God had made King Solomon very wise!