



King David was very old and frail. He had ruled over Israel for forty years. Now it was time for him to choose a new king.

One day, Adonijah, who was a son of David, decided to make himself king. This made Bathsheba, one of David's wives very worried. 'Didn't you say that our son, Solomon, would be the next king?' she said to David. 'Now Adonijah has made himself king and Solomon and I will be treated very badly by him.'

King David listened thoughtfully. 'I made you a promise and I will keep it,' he said. He called Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet to him and said, 'Take my son, Solomon, to the place called Gihon. He is to travel on my mule. When you get there, take a horn of oil and anoint him king.'

So the two men did as David had commanded and Solomon was made king. Trumpets sounded and the people played flutes to celebrate. 'Long live King Solomon!' they shouted.

When David heard that his son was king he was very pleased. But Adonijah was frightened. Perhaps Solomon - the real king - would kill him?

Solomon, however, was kind and wise. 'If he is a worthy man he will not be harmed.' he declared. 'But if he is evil, he will die.'

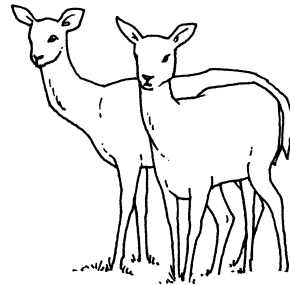
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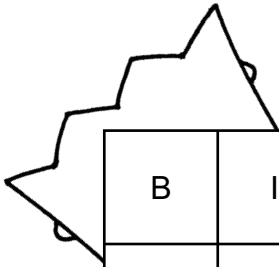


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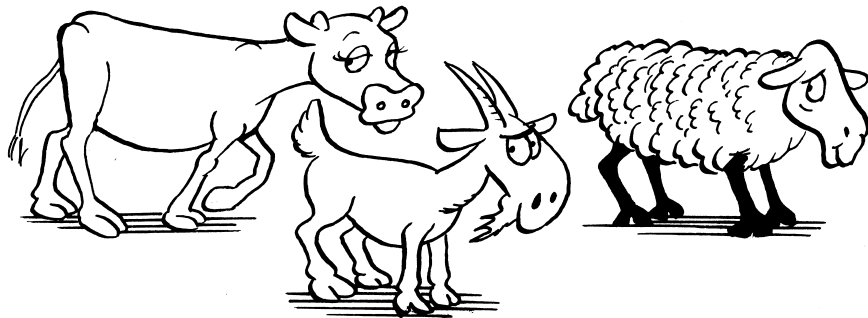
**Answer the following questions.
Then use your answers to complete
the wordsearch opposite.**

1. Which famous king was the father of Solomon?
2. Who was Solomon's mother?
3. Which priest anointed Solomon king?
4. Which prophet was also there?
5. Which instruments were played when Solomon was made king?
6. Who tried to become king?
7. Where was Solomon made king?
8. On which animal did Solomon ride?

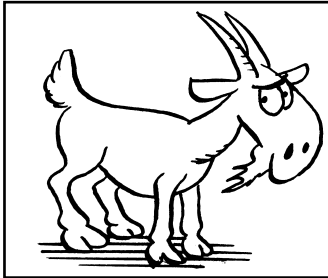




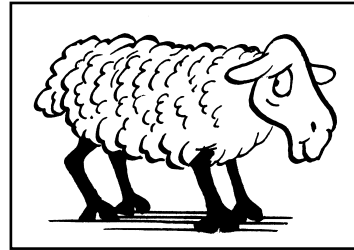
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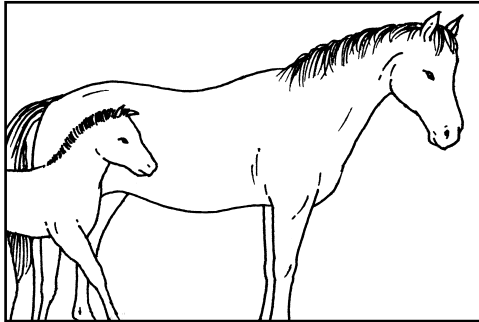
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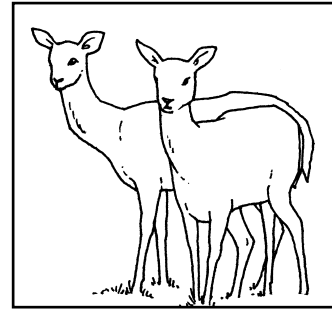
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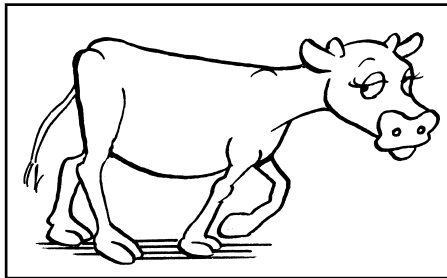
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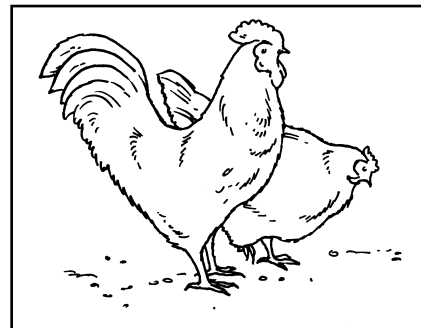
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