

# Bible Reading Together during this Covid-19 Shutdown

## April 4-10: Read 1 Kings 3 & Acts of the Apostles 2

### **1 Kings 3**

We turn to the story of the next king of Israel, boy Solomon. God visits him with a wish and is surprised by Solomon's wisdom.

#### Further Study & Discussion

- We have an incident of God coming to young Solomon with a genie-like wish – “ask what I should give you” (v.5). Think about how you might respond to God. What would you wish for?
- Young Solomon was addressing his fear before God – that was on the top of his mind as he began his reign (vv.6-9). What was his request and why was God so pleased?
- Solomon's wisdom is highlighted with his judgment toward the two women who came with one baby. What was so wise about his decision?

### **Acts of the Apostles 2**

The church is launched with the coming of the Holy Spirit. I came on the day of Pentecost, or 50 days after Passover. What a beginning!

#### Further Study & Discussion

- What is going on with the coming of the Holy Spirit in vv.1-4? How does this represent God and his presence?
- While all this was going on, there were those who sneered (v.13). What does it say about people who observe God's work?
- Peter's first sermon, the Church's first sermon focused on Jesus' resurrection rather than his many miracles. Why is that significant in a city that crucified and buried Jesus?
- The Early Church was exciting. Talk about what's going on at vv.43-47.