

Q7

BIBLE STORYLINE

Wise King Solomon

PursueGODkids.org**Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're learning about Solomon. Solomon was David's son, and when David was old and about to die, he made Solomon king. Solomon wanted to be a good king and he asked God for help. Now, most kings might've asked for a bigger army or more money to build a bigger palace. But, that's not what Solomon wanted. Solomon wanted God's wisdom. Wisdom is just a fancy word for wanting to know what's right and wrong and the ability to make the right decisions. That was a great request, right? Solomon wanted to honor God as king! So, God gave Solomon wisdom and Solomon is known as the wisest man to ever live! There is a story that became famous about Solomon and his wisdom. Two women came before him to settle a dispute. Both claimed to be the mom of a baby. Solomon said, "Just cut the baby in half so you can both have part of the baby." One woman thought that was a good idea. The other said, "No way! I don't want to hurt the baby. She can have the baby." Solomon's suggestion wasn't real. He knew that the real mom wouldn't hurt the baby. Solomon's wisdom revealed the truth. Do you know that we can have God's wisdom, too? Just like Solomon, we can ask God for wisdom to make right decisions and he'll give it to us!

Big Idea*Don't forget to pray for wisdom.***Key Question***What book is full of God's wisdom?***Memory Verse***James 1:5 "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you."*

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: If God told you he would answer three of your prayers, what would you ask for and why?** (Tip: Maybe you would ask for a new scooter, a long vacation, or to end world hunger. Solomon had a request.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **The Bible is full of God's wisdom.** (The Bible is our instruction manual for life. God gave it to us so we can know what's right and wrong and how to live to honor him. That's why it's important that we read it and obey it!))
 - **Bonus Questions:** What book is full of God's wisdom? Why is it important for us to read the Bible? **4-5th** Why is it important to obey what the Bible says?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read James 3:13. What are the two parts of wisdom? What are some examples of things that honor God?** (Answer: Wisdom is seeking the right information and then choosing to do what it says. It's not good enough to just read the Bible. You need to obey it. God is honored when we are kind, loving, forgiving, obedient, tell the truth and serve others.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: WISE VS. UNWISE GAME

Instructions:

- Read each scenario to the class and have the kids decide if it's wise or unwise. If wise, have the kids stand up with two thumbs up. If unwise, have kids give two thumbs down. Then, read the Bible verse for each scenario that proves whether it's wise or not.

Scenarios:

1. You broke your mom's picture frame and you lied and said it was your sibling. (Unwise- Proverbs 12:22)
2. You see a kid sitting alone at lunch and you go sit with them. (Wise- Matthew 7:12)
3. Your parents told you to clean your room but you kept playing your video game. (Unwise- Ephesians 6:1)
4. Your friends are gossiping about someone and you tell them to knock it off. (Wise- Proverbs 16:28)
5. Your friend won an award you wish you had won but you tell them how proud you are of them. (Wise - Ephesians 4:29)

Supplies needed: Bibles

OPTION 2: WISDOM IS BETTER THAN GOLD CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Pot of Gold template (page 5). Have them color their pot and gold pieces. Then, have them glue the Big Idea and Memory verse onto their pots.
- As they work, remind the kids that just like Solomon, we can ask for wisdom. God will give it to us and he has also given it to us through the Bible. The Bible is our instruction manual for life because it tells us what's right and wrong. God's wisdom is worth more than a pot of gold!

Supplies needed: Pot of Gold template (pg. 5, precut, 1 set per kid), Crayons, Glue



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King Solomon asked God for something really important, and God gave it to him!

Key Points:

- After David died, his son _____ became king of Israel.
- Solomon's one request from God was for _____.
- Solomon showed his wisdom with two _____ and a _____.
- Don't forget to pray for _____.

Memory Verse:

James 1:5a If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *If God told you he would answer three of your prayers, what would you ask for and why?*
3. *Who was Solomon's dad? What did Solomon ask God to give him?*
4. *What is wisdom? In what story did Solomon demonstrate great wisdom?*
5. *Read James 3:13. What are the two parts of wisdom? What are some examples of things that honor God?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

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