



Lesson
23

2s & 3s

KING SOLOMON

January 31 & February 1

**GOD IS
WISDOM**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Solomon became the king of Israel after David. Solomon loved God and God made him very powerful. One night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask for anything you want me to give you." Solomon asked for wisdom so he could lead the people well and know what to do. God gave Solomon the wisdom he desired but he also gave him riches and wealth too. Solomon continued to serve God faithfully and he ruled God's people with wisdom.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God wants us to ask him for wisdom, just like the way Solomon did. He wants us to know what's true and right and do it.

2 Chronicles 1:7-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Home Discipleship Parenting Class
January 26, February 2 & 9 @ WH

Worship Night
February 11 @ 6:30 PM



KEY VERSE:

"The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

SALT

This month, we are learning how to serve and love teachers. Teachers help us learn, grow, and feel cared for every day. We can say "thank you" with kind words and happy hearts!

Our friends will decorate pretend cookie, muffin, and donut cutouts to help celebrate teachers at a special teachers' conference. These will be shared with teachers to remind them they are loved and appreciated.



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in time is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome by creating a welcoming environment.



WELCOME FAMILIES

As kids arrive to check-in, greet them and help them feel safe, seen and secure.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

(Insert parent name), do you have a diaper bag or any other specific instructions for today? *(Respond accordingly)* Enjoy service!

DO:

Help kids feel **SAFE** (physically & emotionally), **SEEN** (known & understood) and **SOOTHED** (calmed & supported) so they can become **SECURE** in your classroom.



FREE PLAY

The goal of free play is to create space for toddlers to get adapted to the classroom so they can connect with the Ministry Partners and other kids.

DO:

As kids play with the classroom toys and games, take time to connect on their level. Initiate conversation by relating to something the child is doing, something you notice about him/her or an overview of what they can expect during class. The goal is to help them feel safe and connected.

Examples:

- That's a nice red shirt you're wearing! Is red your favorite color?
- I see you're holding a yellow lego. What are you building?
- I see that you're sad. Your grown ups went to church but they'll be back soon.
- We're going to learn about Jesus here. When we clean up our toys, we're going to do a craft.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



MAKE: God is Wisdom Hat

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: paper brain hat set, crayons/markers



DO:

Pass out one brain hat per child. Have them color their hat. Use two white strips of paper to turn the paper brain into a hat.



SAY:

God is wisdom! Wisdom means experience and knowledge. God can give us wisdom too! Let's make a hat to remind us of this truth.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by discussing the Big 3 questions.



SAY:

Answer THE BIG 3 questions to help kids prepare for the lesson

- 1. Who is our story about today?**
God and King Solomon
- 2. What is the problem?**
God told Solomon he could ask for anything he wanted, and Solomon asked for wisdom to rule God's people well.
- 3. What will God do?**
God gave Solomon great wisdom to know what was right and do it as king.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to transition to Large Group by sitting quietly in the designated story area.



SAY:

Let's all work together to clean up so we can hear our Bible story for the day. We can sing a song as we clean!

Sing: "Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere."



Craft Example



6:25-6:40pm
9:25-9:40am
11:25-11:40am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God through Worship, an engaging Bible story and a time of response.



EXPECTATIONS

As you begin Large Group, play the Church Today Expectations video ([Plex > Videos > EC > 2s & 3s](#))

SAY:

We're glad to be at church today.
We will listen, we will pray.
We'll sit quietly in our spot.
We'll tell Jesus we love Him a lot!

DO:

PRAY before transitioning to worship.



WORSHIP

Use the Little Kids music videos on Plex to sing some simple songs with your class. To access these videos, go to [Plex > Videos > EC > 2s/3s](#) folder.

SONG 1: Sounding Joy

SONG 2: My God is Go Big

SONG 3: I Trust in Him



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story (see script on page 4). Use the flipbook provided.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Supplies: thumbs up and down signs (taped to opposite walls in classroom)

God is wisdom! This means God helps us know what is right and do it. Let's practice listening to God to know what is right and do it right now. **Have kids stand up and direct them to pick if a choice is good/wise or bad/wrong. Example choices:** Help my mommy pick up toys, keep the toys all to myself when someone wants to share, give a friend a hug when they are sad, ask Jesus for help to be kind, etc. **Explain after each choice why it's a wise or an unwise choice.** God is wisdom!



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you listen to God's guidance to know what is right and do it! God's wisdom is for you!

BIBLE STORY

Hamilton's Prop: fake money



INTRODUCTION - HAMILTON

Use the Hamilton puppet to introduce the lesson topic and get the kids engaged.



SAY:

Hi Hamilton! **Hamilton holding fake money.** What do you have there, Hamilton? **Hamilton waves money around.** Oh, you got some money from your mommy? That's a lot of money - what are you going to do with it? **Hamilton whispers in your ear.** Oh, you're going to use it to buy your friend something nice? That's very kind! That reminds me of the man in our story today. He could have had anything he wanted, but he didn't want money or riches.... Do you want to join us for our Bible story, Hamilton? **Hamilton nods excitedly.**



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story. Use the story cards in your curriculum folder as you read the story.



SAY:

Solomon was the king of Israel. One night, God talked to Solomon in a dream. **Let's all pretend we're sleeping for a moment.**

God told King Solomon he could ask for anything he wanted. What would you ask for? **Have kids sit up. Let kids respond.**

Well, Solomon asked God for something called wisdom. **Let's all point to our heads.** Wisdom is knowing what is right and doing it. God was very happy that Solomon asked for wisdom. God gave Solomon wisdom to be a good king to all of Israel. God also gave Solomon riches and fame.

Solomon followed God's teaching and was a very wise and good king. Just like Solomon, God wants us to ask Him for wisdom too! God teaches us wisdom through the Bible and when we ask Him for help.

God can help us know what is true and right and do it! God teaches us to be kind to others, to listen to our parents, and many more things. God teaches us through the Bible! God is wisdom.

6:40-6:55pm
9:40-9:55am
11:40-11:55am

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



SAY IT OUT LOUD!

Help the kids remember the God Statement for the day by repeating it aloud and doing the hand motions.

SAY:

Today our God statement is **God is wisdom!**

Let's say it together in a fun way to help us remember it.

Say it loudly, softly and in a fun voice. Then do the hand motions.

DO:

Use simple hand motions to help kids remember the God Statement as you say it together.



ACTIVITY- Good Choices

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the kids can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

Supplies: None

SAY:

Solomon asked God for something very special- not toys or candy or money, but wisdom. Wisdom helps us make good choices. Lets practice making good choices and having wisdom.

DO:

Have the children sit in a circle with you. Play a simple "What should we do?" game. Give them easy situations, like "Your friend drops their toy—what should you do?" or "It's time to clean up—what should you do?" After each, say together, "God is Wisdom!"

6:55-7:10pm
9:55-10:10am
11:55am-12:10pm

EAT & PLAY

The goal of this time is to provide a snack, introduce kids to structured classroom games, have free play and to encourage interaction and participation with others.



SNACK

Check your classroom roster to ensure none of your kids have allergies, then offer each child a snack and water (provided in your classroom).



GAME IDEAS

While your class can participate in free play for most of the remaining classroom time, please try to lead at least one structured activity with your class.



DO:

- Play “I Spy” focusing on color, shape, and letter recognition
- Freeze Dance
- Duck, Duck, Goose
- Hot Potato
- Charades
- Odd One Out Game
- Hokey, Pokey
- Popcorn Parachute Game
- Read a book or a story out of picture Bible
- Gather paper and crayons and practice drawing

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their Explore craft, utilize the prayer station or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any upcoming events or announcements while handing their parent the announcement card or flyer.