



Lesson
23

1st-4th

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

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
The Arrogant King



KEY VERSE:

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

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

SALT

This month's missions focus is SALT — Serving And Loving Teachers. Teachers pour so much into their students, and we want to encourage them just like God encourages us.

As part of our partnership with ACTS, we will create pretend cookie, muffin, and donut cutouts for their March Teacher Conference theme. Kids will write encouraging words on the cutouts and help string them into garlands to decorate teachers' spaces for the Conference. These small acts of kindness will help remind teachers they are seen, valued, and appreciated.



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

CHECK-IN

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

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, *(insert child/parent name)*!

Grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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.



DISCUSS: God is Wisdom!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.

SAY:

Let's take turns sharing three words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your three words then invite the next child to share.

SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **God is Wisdom**. This story comes from the Bible in **2 Chronicles 1:8-10**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?

DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

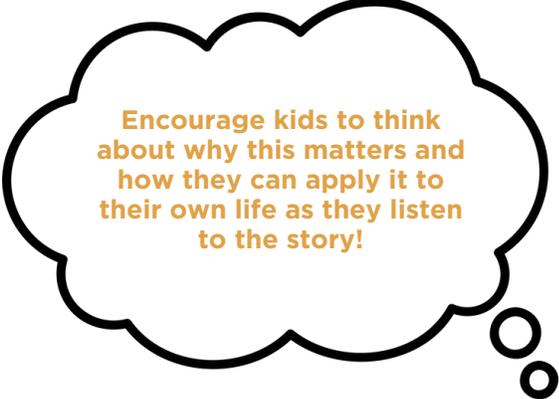
God and King Solomon

2. What was 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 did God do?

God gave Solomon great wisdom to know what was right and do it as king.



Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



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.



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 line up and/or transition to Large Group.



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Yes He Can

SONG 2: The Lord Will Provide



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



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!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God is Wisdom

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.

Worship Response Station

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



SAY:

When God spoke to Solomon in a dream, the king could have asked for ANYTHING he wanted! But Solomon asked for wisdom so he could lead the people well and know what to do. God gave Solomon the wisdom he desired, and Solomon continued to serve God faithfully and ruled God's people with wisdom. Just like Solomon, God wants us to ask him for wisdom. He wants us to know what's true and right and do it.



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - **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 walk to the sign they think is right (thumbs up or down) as you read an example of wise and unwise choices.
 - **Example choices (can come up with more examples):**
 - **Say mean things about a friend behind their back**
 - **Eat lunch with the new kid at school**
 - **Give a friend a hug when they are sad**
 - **Ask Jesus for help to be kind to someone who was mean**
 - **Tell the truth to my grown up when I've made a bad choice**
 - Explain after each choice why it's a wise or an unwise choice.
 - **God is wisdom! He will help us know what is right and do it - we can ask him for help anytime and anywhere!**
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

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



SAY:

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

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

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.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

God and King Solomon

2. What was 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 did God do?

God gave Solomon great wisdom to know what was right and do it as king.

4. Why does this matter to me?

I can ask God for wisdom to know what is right and do it too because God is wisdom.

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: When I have a hard decision to make, I can pray and ask God for help; I can read the Bible to learn more about wisdom from God.



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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 activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.