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SOLOMON BECAME KING

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CHRIST CONNECTION

God gave Solomon wisdom to lead His people. Jesus is wisdom, and He leads those who trust in Him to eternal life. When we follow Jesus, we become wise.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What does God know? God knows everything.

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:7



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

As King David neared the end of his life, he desired for his son, Solomon, to walk in God's ways, obey His commands, and honor the Lord as he continued their family line on Israel's throne. Though Solomon would not be a perfect king over Israel, he was able to lead the people with the wisdom he received from God. In the wisdom of King Solomon, we see a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, the true embodiment of godly wisdom in human form.

What was the significance of Solomon asking for wisdom? How is Jesus greater than Solomon?

Perhaps it was David's last words to his son which prompted Solomon to ask for wisdom. After all, when God spoke to Solomon in the dream, Solomon responded by recalling how his father walked in God's ways. In any case, Solomon told God that he was inexperienced and just a youth. Solomon's humble request for wisdom pleased God, and He generously bestowed Solomon with wisdom, wealth, and honor. Solomon's request for wisdom revealed a heart that desired to esteem God by governing His people and discerning between good and evil.

Still, the wisdom of Solomon pales in comparison to the wisdom of Christ. Jesus fully embodied wisdom by perfectly fearing and obeying the Lord. Infinitely greater than Solomon is the wisdom of God's Son, who formed the world, rules the world, and sustains the world. 1 Corinthians 1:30 tells us that Jesus, "became wisdom from God for us—our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption." Only through Jesus can we receive the wisdom to walk in God's ways with hearts that desire to glorify Him. When we know Jesus, we know wisdom.

Reflect on the wisdom of God offered to us through Jesus Christ. Consider His gift of wisdom in your own life as you have matured in your faith. Pray for the Lord to open kids' hearts to their need for not only wisdom, but also the salvation that grows our wisdom as we continue to walk in the Lord's ways.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the Memory Verse Activity below as a group!

MEMORY VERSE

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 3:7, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's Memory Verse bin to review the verse with the kids. A hand motion video is also available to learn and review on your room's TV.

Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on August 31!



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

SOLOMON BECAME KING

When David had grown old, he called for his son Solomon to give him this message: "Be strong, my son, and keep your promise to the Lord to walk in His ways and obey His commandments. If you do, you will have success in everything you do, and the Lord will keep His promise to our family."

Then David died, and Solomon became king over Israel. One night, the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream. God said, "Ask. What should I give you?"

Solomon replied, "You have shown great and faithful love to my father David because he was faithful to You and had a right heart before You. You have continued to show faithful love to him by giving him a son to sit on his throne.

"You have now made me king in my father's place. But I have no experience in leadership. I am younger than most of the people I lead. So, give me a heart to judge the people and tell the difference between good and evil."

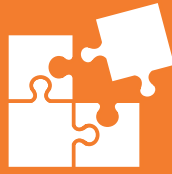
The Lord was pleased with Solomon's request. He said, "Because you have asked for wisdom to lead well instead of long life or riches, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and understanding heart. You will be wiser than anyone who has ever lived before. In addition, I will give you what you did not ask for: both riches and honor. If you walk in my ways and keep my commands, I will give you a long life."

Solomon woke up and realized it was a dream. He went to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant, and presented burnt offerings.

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ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

ACTIVITY #1

On the TV in your room, pull up the folder labeled “Would You Rather”.

Have kids choose which of the two options they would rather have/be. To indicate their answer, you can have them move to one side of the room, raise their hands, stand up, etc.

Consider tracking the most chosen option to get to know the kids a bit more! Feel free to add more options to lengthen the game.

CONNECT THE DOTS



In this game, you had to choose between two options. When God appeared to Solomon in a dream and asked him, “What should I give you?”, Solomon had a choice to ask God for anything! He could have asked for money, fame, or anything else, but Solomon chose to ask for wisdom.

CONNECT THE DOTS



On your own, there would be no way to know for sure what was on the card you picked. You each needed help from others to figure it out. Solomon had never been a king before. He knew that to be a good king and to lead the Israelites well, he needed God and God’s wisdom to help him.

ACTIVITY #2

Pass out the provided cards with various animals and objects on them.

Have each kid pick a random card and tape it to their back so they can’t see what’s on it.

Lead kids in going around the room asking others yes or no questions until they correctly guess what is on their card. The first kid to figure out what’s on their card wins!

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. Why did Solomon ask God for wisdom? Why do we need wisdom?
2. Why was Solomon's wisdom a gift from God?
3. How can we tell the difference between right and wrong like Solomon?
4. Why is wisdom better than money, honor, power, fame, etc.?
5. How can we gain wisdom?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!