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# SOLOMON BECAME KING

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## CHRIST CONNECTION

Solomon asked for wisdom, and God gave it to him. When we ask God for help, He will help us. Jesus is our greatest helper.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What does God know? God knows everything.

## MEMORY VERSE

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1**



## 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.

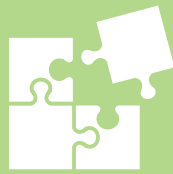
What was the significance of Solomon asking for wisdom? How is Jesus greater than Solomon?

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 children's 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.

# OPENING & ACTIVITIES



Connect with children through games and activities.

## WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

### ACTIVITY #1: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “Three Blind Mice”:

In the beginning (x2)  
God created (x2)  
the heavens and the earth. (x2)  
Genesis 1:1 (x2)

### CONNECT THE DOTS



Our memory verse says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” God created everything, and He knows everything!

### CONNECT THE DOTS



When David died, Solomon became the new king of Israel. One night, God visited Solomon in a dream. God said, “Ask me for anything, and I will give it to you.” God gave Solomon wisdom. When we ask God for help, He will help us. God helped us in the best way by sending His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins.

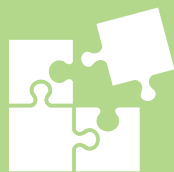
### CRAFT: MAKE A CROWN

Pass out the provided crown templates and decorating materials. Use the images on the next page to guide you as you work on the craft.

Using scissors, help children cut along the zig zag in the template. Tape the two ends of the paper end-to-end to make one very long piece.

Use tape to join the other two ends together to make a crown shape. Let children decorate their crown with the provided stickers.

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## CRAFT STEPS

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## SOLOMON BECAME KING

King David knew he was getting very old. So, he called for his son Solomon and told him, “Remember to be brave and keep your promises to God. If you do what God says, you will do well and our family will be blessed.”

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One night, God came to Solomon in a dream. God said, “Ask me anything, and I will give it to you.”

Solomon said, “You were very kind to my father, David. You made him king, and now I am king after him. But I’m not sure how to be a good king. Please, help me be wise and know what’s right and wrong.”

God was happy with Solomon’s request. He said, “You could have asked for anything, like a long life or lots of money. But you asked for wisdom, so I will give you that. You will be the wisest person ever! And I will give you riches and honor too, as long as you do what I say.”

When Solomon woke up, he realized God had spoken to him in a dream. He went to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the Lord. Then Solomon made offerings to God there.

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# SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

## SNACK & DISCUSSION

**Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the story as needed.**

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
3. What did Solomon ask God to give him?
4. What does God know? God knows everything.

## CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

## BEFORE YOU GO...

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

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return storage cubes to Rm 108.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!**