

# WISDOM OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Bible Reference: Proverbs 1, 3-4

Date: 9/7/25

2nd Service

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

## Memory Verse:

"...so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other." 1 Kings 8:60

## Big Picture Question:

What does God know?  
God knows everything

## Christ Connection

- Solomon taught that people should trust in God. Jesus trusted in God, His Father, and followed His plan by coming to earth to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus rose again. When we trust Him, we have forgiveness and life with God forever.

## Schedule

- Welcome/ Intro Activity.....5 minutes
- Kids Worship @ 11:00.....15-20 minutes
- Circle Time and Bible Story.....10 minutes
- Movement Activity.....10 minutes
- Craft.....5-7 minutes
- Music.....5 minutes
- Global Partner Feature.....5-7 minutes
- Prayer and Bible Verse.....10 minutes
- Snack/ Discussion Time.....5-7 minutes
- Additional Activities.....As Needed

## Notes and Reminders

Happy First Sunday of the 2025-2026 School Year! As we establish the routines of this new year and the children adjust to their new class, both at church and school, would you pray that the people they meet and the places they go this year would help them to know God better? We are so thankful for your willingness to serve these children!



# SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

God's gift of wisdom to King Solomon did not end with Solomon; he shared this wisdom through his proverbs. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 1:2 that these words were for learning wisdom and discipline, understanding insightful sayings, receiving instruction, and teaching the inexperienced. Through all the insight he gained as the wisest man on earth, he came back to this truth: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7).

What does it mean to fear the Lord? How can we know that we have true wisdom?

Fearing the Lord means honoring Him as holy and revering Him as God alone. Solomon recognized the folly of a life lived in his own strength and wisdom. He knew that pursuing the Lord through genuine trust and obedience is the only way to live a life that matters. He beckoned readers to trust in the Lord with all their heart and not depend on their own understanding. The proverbs reveal to us that wisdom is not a mere intellectual exercise. Wisdom is a Person, Jesus, and by trusting in Him we find salvation.

Many proverbs offer practical guidance for interacting with the world: avoiding peer pressure, pursuing the path of peace, and treating others fairly. However, all of the practical guidance is grounded in following God's wisdom above any earthly knowledge. Solomon wrote of the favor God's people experience when they cling to His ways above all else.

Consider your relationship to godly wisdom. Reflect on the seasons of life that have led you closest to the Lord and in obedience to Him. Remember God's generosity and kindness toward His followers: "Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

Invite children to see the beauty of pursuing God's ways and trusting Him, both for the promise of His presence and the wisdom He provides in our everyday lives. Life everlasting begins when we come to faith in Him!

# JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

What does it mean to “fear the Lord”? It doesn’t mean being scared of Him. It means honoring Him, knowing He is holy, and putting Him first in our lives. Solomon learned that living only by your own strength or smarts doesn’t work. The only way to live a life that truly matters is to trust and obey God completely.

Solomon also teaches us that wisdom isn’t just about knowing facts—it’s about knowing a Person: Jesus. When we trust in Him, we are saved. His wisdom guides us in everyday life—helping us avoid bad influences, live in peace, and treat people fairly.

True wisdom is always about following God’s ways, not just human advice. God promises to bless His people when they choose His way over everything else. James 1:5 reminds us, “If you need wisdom, ask God. He will give it generously to everyone without finding fault.”

Think about times in your life when you’ve grown closer to God. Remember how good and kind He has been to you. Choose to follow Him every day, trusting that He will guide you and be with you always. Eternal life begins when we put our faith in Him!

Welcome to the start of a new school year and Shepherding year! As you help the children in your room get used to their new setting, focus on getting to know who they are. Be intentional about remembering their names.

Sometimes it can be helpful to learn something about them and pair that with their name to remember them better. (For Example: “Today I met Suzie whose favorite movie is *Moana*”). Then, the next time you see the child, you will have a better chance of remembering their name, and it will give you something to talk about (“Hi Suzie! I know last time I saw you, you told me your favorite movie is *Moana*! Which song from *Moana* is your favorite?”)

# OUTLINE



## Welcome and Intro Activity

5 minutes

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Form child into pairs. Ask each child to say to their partner, "Remember what I tell you: my favorite food is \_\_\_\_," where the child fills in the blank with their favorite food. Then, invite children to share what they learned from their partners. Continue, using different fill in the blank statements like, "my favorite color is \_\_\_\_" or "my middle name is \_\_\_\_."
- SAY Good job remembering what your partners told you! As Solomon was writing the Proverbs, he said 'don't forget what I tell you.' He knew the wisdom he was giving was important and wanted everyone to remember what they were reading. We gain wisdom when we trust in God.

## Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes


### Thinking Activity

- Display the Bible Story Picture Poster in the group time area. Greet the children in group time and invite children to be seated. Show the children how to make a "thumbs up" and a "thumbs down." Say to the children that you are going to make several statements. If the statement is a good choice, then instruct the children to give a "thumbs up." If not, then give a "thumbs down." Statements to use: The boy obeyed his parents and picked up his toys. (up) The girl hit her brother. (down) The child shared his cookie with his friend. (up) The boy disobeyed his teacher when asked to help. (down) The girl let another child take a turn riding her bike. (up) The child did not come when her mother called. (down)
- SAY It's important to make good choices. Today, we are going to learn about a Bible book named Proverbs. In this book, King Solomon wrote some sayings that help us to make good choices.

### Bible Story

- King Solomon was very wise. He wrote down short sayings called proverbs. Proverbs help us know how to do the right things and make good choices. Here are some things Solomon said: "Always remember to respect God. That is where real wisdom starts. Only unwise people ignore wisdom and don't like being told what to do. "My son, don't forget what I tell you. Follow my rules, and you'll live a long, happy life. Always be kind to others. God and other people will be happy with you."



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- “Trust God with all your heart. Remember God in everything you do, and He will show you the right way. Respect God and stay away from what is wrong. That will keep you strong and healthy. “Don’t get mad when God corrects you. He does it because He loves you, like a father who corrects his children to help them learn. “Listen to me, son, and you’ll have a long and happy life. I’m showing you the best way to live.

#### Christ Connection

- Solomon taught that people should trust in God. Jesus trusted in God, His Father, and followed His plan by coming to earth to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus rose again. When we trust Him, we have forgiveness and life with God forever.


#### Review Activity

- Point to the Bible Story Picture Poster. Ask children to tell you what they see. Then, tell the children that you will read several statements from the Bible story. If the statement is true, instruct children to give a “thumbs up.” If not, instruct children to give a “thumbs down.” Use the following statements (all are true): King Solomon wrote many short sayings called proverbs. Solomon wrote that we should respect God. Solomon said to be kind to others. Solomon said to trust God with all your heart. Solomon said to stay away from what is wrong. Solomon said God corrects us when we do something wrong because He loves us.
- SAY All of these statements are true! Solomon wrote many proverbs to help people know how to make good choices. Solomon taught that people should trust in God. We gain wisdom when we trust in God. Jesus trusted in God, His Father, and followed His plan to rescue sinners. When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever.

#### Movement Activity

10 minutes

Tell the children that you are going to play a game with them called, “Solomon Says,” which is similar to “Simon Says.” Instruct the children to listen carefully to what you are saying. If they hear the phrase “Solomon Says” before an instruction, they need to do the motion you tell them. However, if they do not hear you say, “Solomon Says” they need to do nothing. If a child does an action that is not preceded by “Solomon Says” gently and playfully point them out, but allow them to continue to play the game in the next round. Example actions: touch your nose, tap your foot, turn around.





**SAY** Did you have trouble remembering to only do the things Solomon said to do? King Solomon was wise. He wanted to help people know how to do the right things and make good choices. Solomon taught that people should trust God. We gain wisdom when we trust in God. Jesus trusted in God, His Father, and followed His plan to rescue sinners.

### **Craft**

**5-7 minutes**

Give each child a “We Gain Wisdom When We Trust in God” paper. Place bins of chalk at each table. Invite children to sit on the floor near the paper. Point to the Bible story picture and ask the children what is happening. Read the story point aloud and lead the children to pretend to write or draw on the paper just like King Solomon did. When everyone is finished, display the mural for parents to see.

**SAY** Today we heard some proverbs written by wise King Solomon. Proverbs help us know how to make good choices. Solomon taught that people should trust in God. We gain wisdom when we trust in God. Jesus trusted in God His Father and followed His plan to rescue sinners. When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever.

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### **Music**

**5 minutes**

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you like! You may distribute the Activity Page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

### **Friends From Afar**

**5-7 minutes**

You will find today’s activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month’s Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included.





### Prayer and Bible Verse

10 minutes

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, thank You for giving Solomon wisdom and guiding Him to write down these proverbs. Help us learn and follow the instructions You give us through the Bible! Amen.

### Bible Verse

- Have the children repeat the Bible verse once with you, word by word, to say the entire verse. Each time you restart, make the phrase a little longer (i.e. two words, then three words, etc.). Give the children a chance to say the verse on their own if they would like!

### Snack and Discussion Time

5-7 minutes

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. Who wrote down lots of short sayings called proverbs? (King Solomon)
4. Do Solomon's proverbs help us live wisely or foolishly? (Solomon's proverbs help us live wisely.)
5. Who is the wisest man who ever lived? (Jesus)
6. What does God know? God knows everything.

SAY Solomon's proverbs showed people how to live wisely. One of the things Solomon wrote was that we gain wisdom when we trust in God. Jesus trusted in God, His Father, and followed His plan by coming to earth to die on the cross for our sins.





## Additional Activities

As Needed

### Follow the Path

- Use painters tape to make different paths across the room. One path should be a straight line, but the others should zig zag and curve, with fun, creative patterns. Invite preschoolers to walk across the room on the different lines or use toy cars to follow the different paths.
- **SAY** There were many ways to walk across the room following those paths. But one way was the straight path. There are many ways we can live our lives. Solomon says there is one best way: follow the wisdom of God, be honest, be true, and be kind to others. We gain wisdom when we trust in God.

### List what God has given

- Invite preschoolers to share gifts from God that they enjoy, such as family, friends, church family, food, favorite toys, and more. Make a list of these gifts from God on a dry erase board, using a dry erase marker.
- **SAY** We gain wisdom when we trust in God. God shares His wisdom with us in many ways, including through the Bible. In the book of Proverbs in the Bible, Solomon taught us to give back to God from the good things He has given us. Look at all God has given us! We can give back to Him through worship, obedience, and more!

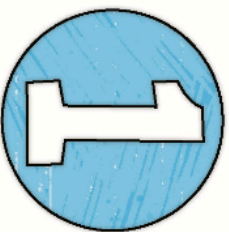
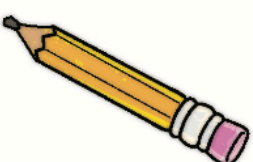
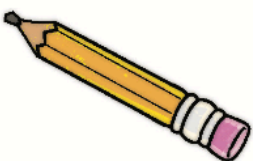
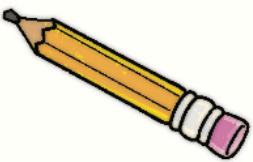
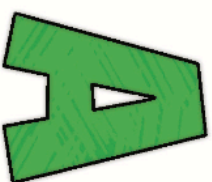
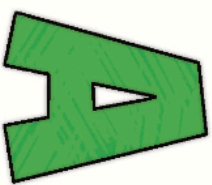
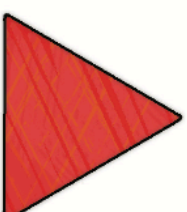
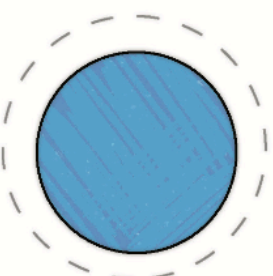
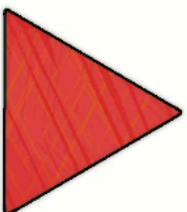
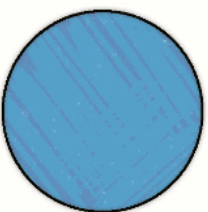
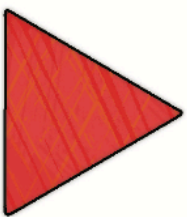




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# Choose What Comes Next

**INSTRUCTIONS:** King Solomon told the people to make wise choices. Look at each pattern, and make a wise choice to circle what comes next.



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Proverbs 1; 3-4

### STORY POINT:

We gain wisdom when we trust in God.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

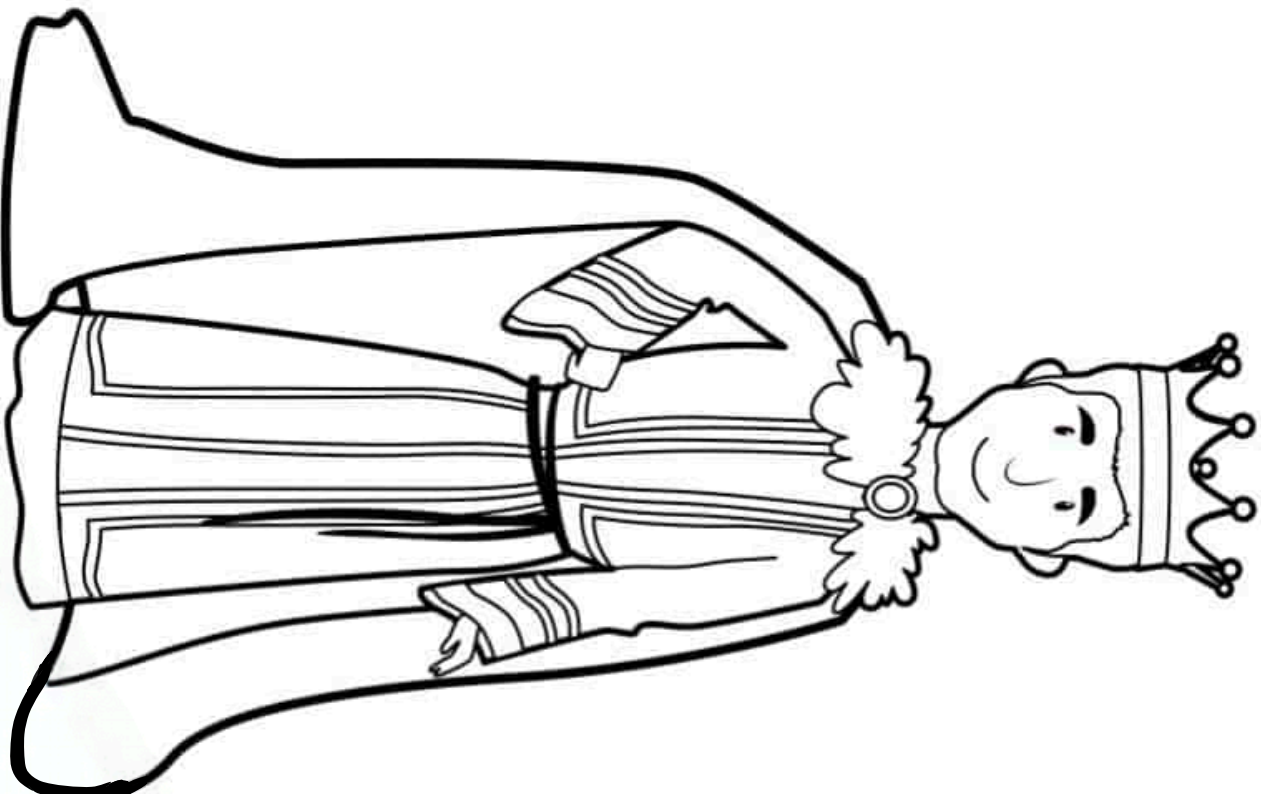
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### KEY PASSAGE:

Proverbs 3:7

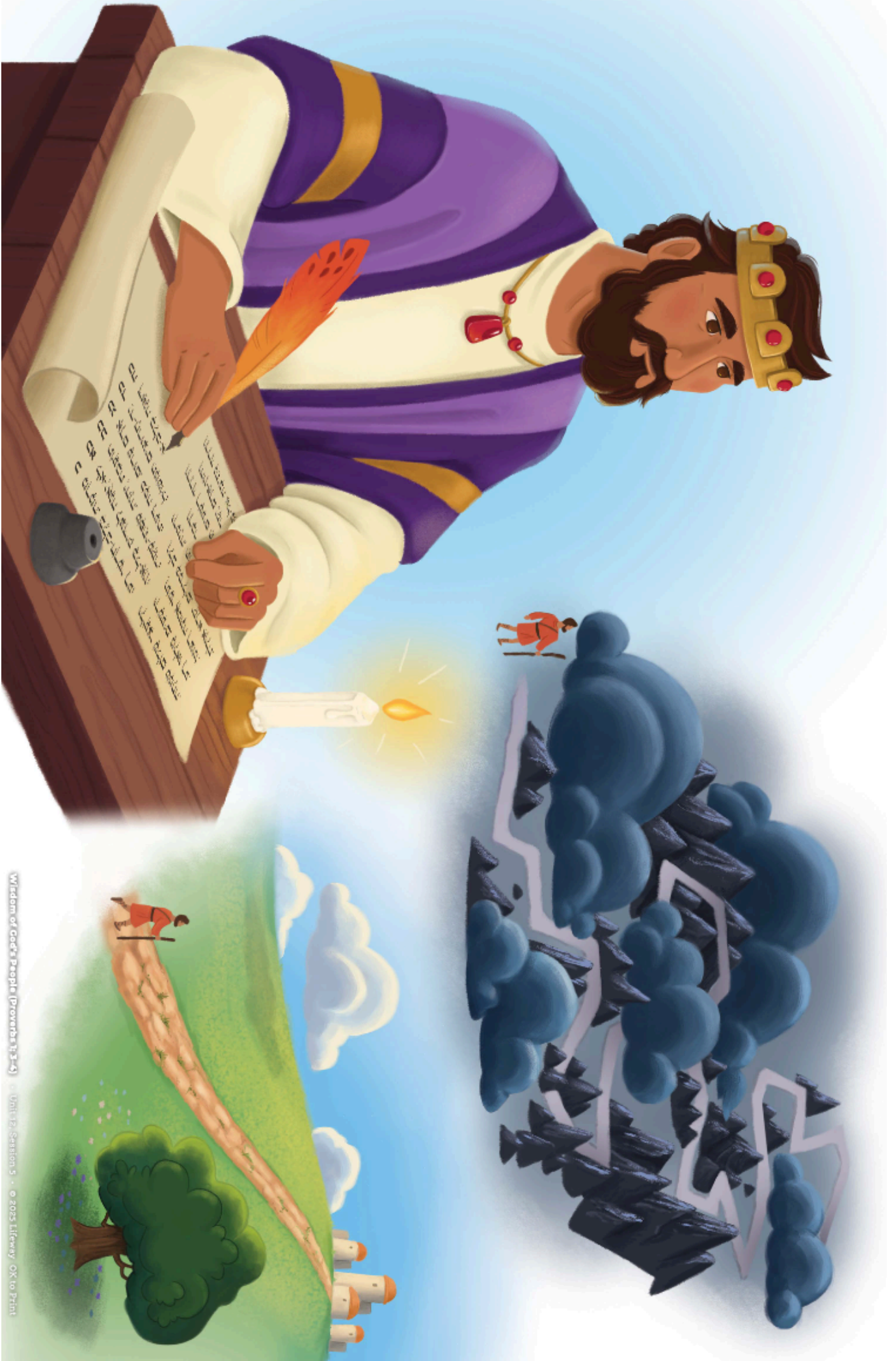
### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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