

Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Play would you rather? Page 97	No materials needed
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Sophie. She will get you when ready	
Classroom:	Page 102: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why was Solomon's request greater than riches or honor? 2. How can we tell the difference between right and wrong like Solomon? 3. Why was Solomon's wisdom a gift from God? 	Bible Ask Questions
	What would the wise choice be? Read through these situations and discuss with your class what the wise choice would be	Discussion
	Worksheet: Unscramble letters to make a word. Count the jewels on the crown to fill in the blanks.	Worksheet
	Summer Scripture Bingo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hand out to students to bring home for the summer 	Bingo Worksheet



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

| **SAY** “ If you could have a super power, what would it be? Why? ”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Seek Wisdom” activity page.

| **SAY** “ God wants us to be wise and follow His Son, Jesus. Today, we’ll see how **GOD GAVE SOLOMON WISDOM TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE.** ”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: WOULD YOU RATHER?



Invite kids to line up at the center of the room. Call out a pair of items, and invite kids to determine which they would rather have. If kids choose the first item, lead them to take a step to the left. If they choose the second item, kids take a step to the right. Consider the following pairs, or create your own:

- ice cream or pizza
- scooter or bicycle
- dog or cat
- water or soda
- video games or art supplies
- riches or wisdom

| **SAY** “ Today, we will see how God appeared to King David’s son, Solomon, in a dream. God said to Solomon, ‘What should I give you?’ Solomon had a choice to ask God for anything! He could have asked for money or fame. But Solomon asked God for wisdom. We’ll learn that **GOD GAVE SOLOMON WISDOM TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE.** ”

OPTION 2: RICHES, RICHES, WISDOM

In this variation of “Duck, Duck, Goose,” lead kids to sit in a circle. Choose one kid to be it, and instruct him to gently pat the other kids on the head and say either “riches” or “wisdom.” When it says “wisdom,” that kid must run around the circle and race back to the open space. If it runs and returns before the other kid, the new player now becomes it. Play as time allows.

| **SAY** “ In this game, we listened for the word wisdom. Today, we’ll see how David’s son, Solomon, became king over Israel. Solomon was young and had no experience being king. We’ll learn that **GOD GAVE SOLOMON WISDOM TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE.** ”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles, and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Kings 3. Tell kids that the books of 1 and 2 Kings were originally written as one large book. Share how these books are named after the kings who ruled over God's people.

Consider pointing out Jerusalem (H5) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Kings 3:7 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

SAY 🗨️ When Solomon became king, he was still very young and didn't have much experience leading others. Did being young stop God from giving Solomon wisdom? [Allow responses.] No, God was happy to give Solomon wisdom. Even though you are young, God can give you wisdom too. The Bible tells us that when we follow Jesus, we become wise because Jesus is Wisdom. Part of being wise is understanding that we need help to know the right way to live. Following Jesus and obeying His commands guides us to live for God and His glory. 🗨️

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY 🗨️ Why was Solomon's request greater than riches or honor? 🗨️

Share that riches and honor might be fun for a moment, but they don't lead us to salvation (Matthew 19:23-24). Remind kids that Jesus is wisdom, and He leads those who trust in Him to eternal life. By asking for wisdom, Solomon showed that he did not want the glory; instead He wanted to honor God.

SAY 🗨️ How can we tell the difference between right and wrong like Solomon? 🗨️

Remind kids that God is Creator and King. He determines what is right and wrong. Explain that God teaches us the difference between right and wrong in His Word (Psalm 119:105). When we are unsure or have questions, we can go to the Bible. Jesus always did what is right. When we learn about Jesus, trust in Him, and follow His ways, we can know what is right.

SAY 🗨️ Why was Solomon's wisdom a gift from God? 🗨️

Discuss how God came to Solomon and offered to give Solomon anything. God didn't have to give Solomon wisdom, or riches, or honor. Solomon hadn't done anything to deserve them. But God is generous, and He loves to give good gifts. God gave Jesus, who became wisdom for us. Salvation is a gift of God because we didn't earn it. When we trust in Jesus, we receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of new life.



What Would the Wise Choice Be?

A Printable Discussion Activity for Kids

Big Idea: *Wisdom is knowing what is right and choosing to do it, even when it's difficult.*

Memory Verse:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." – Proverbs 9:10

Directions: Read each situation and ask, "What would the wise choice be?" Then discuss the questions together.

1. Riding Your Bike

Situation: You want to ride your bike, but your helmet is still inside the house.

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

2. Crossing the Street

Situation: Your friends run across the street without looking.

What would the wise choice be? Why is that wise?

3. Being Angry

Situation: Your brother knocks over the Lego tower you spent an hour building.

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

4. Telling the Truth

Situation: You accidentally break a lamp, and nobody saw you do it.

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

5. Using Technology

Situation: Someone online asks for your address and says, "Don't tell your parents."

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

6. At Recess 🏐

Situation: You notice a new student sitting alone on the playground.

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

7. Peer Pressure 👥

Situation: Your friends dare you to climb onto the roof of the playground equipment.

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

8. Playing Outside ☀️

Situation: It is hot and sunny, and you don't want to stop playing to put on sunscreen.

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

9. Spending Money 💰

Situation: You receive \$20 and want to spend it all on candy right away.

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

10. Needing Help 🛒

Situation: You are lost in a store and cannot find your parents.

What would the wise choice be?

Why is that wise?

Pray:

“God, please give me wisdom to know what is right and the courage to choose it. Amen.” (See James 1:5)



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 12 • Session 1

SOLOMON BECAME KING

1 Kings 2-3

WHAT DOES GOD KNOW?

GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

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."

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. 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 give you a wise and understanding heart. You will be wiser than anyone who has ever lived before. In addition, I will give you riches and honor. If you walk in my ways and keep my commands, I will give you a long life."

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

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.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!

Untangle It | Trace the lines to fill in the letters missing from the blanks.

GOD GAVE DAVID'S SON, SOLOMON,



Complete It | God spoke to Solomon in a dream. Match the number of gems on the crowns to the number below each space to fill in the missing words.

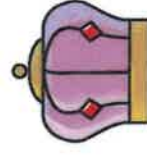
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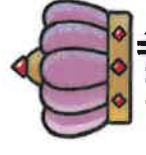
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wise



SUMMER SCRIPTURE

BINGO

Complete the task and read the scripture. Spark conversations about God in your regular activities. Bring the paper back when you have bingo for a prize!

<p>Go on a hike</p> <p>Genesis 1:31</p>	<p>Have a stargazing night</p> <p>Psalm 147:4</p>	<p>Play a game and enjoy treats</p> <p>Psalm 118:24</p>	<p>Prepare for a trip</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 3:1</p>	<p>Go for a bike ride</p> <p>Hebrews 12:1</p>
<p>Make a card for someone</p> <p>Hebrews 10:24-25</p>	<p>Build a fort/camp outside</p> <p>Psalm 91:2</p>	<p>Work in the garden/water plants</p> <p>John 15:5</p>	<p>Do a screen-free day!</p> <p>Mark 6:31</p>	<p>Write encouraging words in chalk</p> <p>Psalm 119:105</p>
<p>Explore somewhere new!</p> <p>Isaiah 43:2</p>	<p>Dance/sing to worship music!</p> <p>Psalm 95:1</p>		<p>Try a new recipe</p> <p>Psalm 34:8</p>	<p>Have a campfire</p> <p>Matthew 5:16</p>
<p>Collect wild flowers on a walk</p> <p>Luke 12:27</p>	<p>Pick fresh fruit, or make a fruit salad</p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23</p>	<p>Invite friends over for a meal.</p> <p>Acts 2:46</p>	<p>Clean without being asked</p> <p>Galatians 5:13</p>	<p>Do something kind for someone</p> <p>Ephesians 4:32</p>
<p>Paint a picture</p> <p>Psalm 139:14</p>	<p>Find insects outside</p> <p>Psalm 104:24</p>	<p>Swim/See a waterfall</p> <p>Psalm 29:3</p>	<p>Visit a library and read</p> <p>Proverbs 1:5</p>	<p>Collect interesting rocks</p> <p>Psalm 18:2</p>

