

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: No birthdays this week	
2 minutes	<p>Leader: When Solomon became king, God told him he could ask for anything.</p> <p>Children: Solomon didn't ask for riches or power.</p> <p>Leader: He asked for wisdom so he could lead God's people well.</p> <p>Children: God was pleased because Solomon wanted to know and follow God's ways.</p> <p>Leader: We need God's wisdom too. We need His help to know what is right, to love others, and to follow Jesus each day.</p> <p>All: We come to worship the God who generously gives wisdom to those who ask. Lord, teach us Your ways and make our hearts wise as we worship You today. Amen.</p>	Bible

	Jesus, Strong and Kind	
10 minutes singing	10,000 Reasons	Video
2 minutes	Memory Verse - I will ask some gr.1's, kindergarten, age 3 and 4s this week.	
	Grade 3 Graduation! Hand out Bibles. Grade 3's go back to the classroom with me and we discuss how it works with communion and worksheets during the service.	
	Tell the story – Page 99	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions from kids video: 1. When we pray to God, how do we know if He says yes or no? 2. Why should we ask God to help us follow His Word?	
	Ask questions: See page 100 1. After David died, who became the next king of Israel? 2. What did Solomon ask God for? 3. What else did God give Solomon?	
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!	
2 minutes	Pray with the kids God, thank You for the wisdom You give Your people. Help us to love You and follow Jesus. Help us turn away from evil and do good to others. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace.”	



INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY “Hi, kids! My name is [your name], and I am excited to learn from God’s Word together. If you have a Bible with you, will you hold it up? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.] When we study the Bible, we learn more about God and His Son, Jesus. Following God’s ways helps us to become wise.

As we hear our story, we will see that **GOD GAVE SOLOMON WISDOM TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE.** [Display the Story Point Poster.] Let’s pray together: ‘God, thank You for Your Word. Help us learn from the story of King Solomon and trust in Your Son, Jesus, for the wisdom we need. Amen.’ ”

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

Display the Big Picture Question Poster.

SAY “Over the next few weeks, we will ask the question, **What does God know?** The answer we will learn through reading His Word is that **God knows everything about the past, present, and future.**

You might know some people who are very smart. It might seem like they know everything. But only God knows everything about what has happened, what will happen, and what is happening right now. God even knows our thoughts before we think them and our words before we say them. In our Bible story, we’ll see that Solomon knew a lot. But Solomon got His wisdom from God, who knows everything. ”

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the Giant Timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY “Who did the people choose as the first king of Israel? [Allow responses.] The people chose Saul. After Saul died, who became king over Israel? [Allow responses.] David became king. Unlike Saul, David walked in God’s ways and followed His commands. David wasn’t perfect. He sinned against God. But David repented of his sin and trusted in God to forgive him. Today, we will hear how David died and his son Solomon became king over Israel. ”



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12; 3:1-15. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Solomon Became King.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

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.

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. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Active listening: Invite kids to point to their head and their heart when they hear the word “wisdom.” Tell kids that wisdom is not only what we know about God but also how we follow God with our heart.

Set the scene: Add some pillows and blankets to the floor, and invite kids to sit on the floor with you. Tell kids that God sometimes appeared to people in dreams.



2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “ After David died, who became the next king of Israel? [Allow response.] Solomon became Israel’s new king. Solomon was young and didn’t know how to be king. The Bible tells us Solomon loved God and obeyed Him, but he also wasn’t wise enough to lead God’s people in ways that were right and good (1 Kings 3:3).

God appeared to Solomon in a dream and told Solomon to ask Him for anything. What did Solomon ask God for? [Allow responses.] Solomon asked God for wisdom to lead His people. Solomon said he wanted a heart that was able to judge between good and evil. God was pleased with Solomon’s request, and **GOD GAVE SOLOMON WISDOM TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE.**

What else did God give Solomon? [Allow responses.] God gave Solomon riches and honor. He also promised to give Solomon a long life, if he obeyed God’s commands. When Solomon asked God for wisdom, it showed how he knew God is more powerful than him and that he needed His help to lead the people in ways that were good.

Like Solomon, we need wisdom to know what is good and right. We need help to follow God and obey His commands. Jesus is wisdom, and He leads those who trust in Him to eternal life. When we follow Jesus, we become wise. ”

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY “ Left to follow our own ways, our hearts will lead us to evil. We need a King to rule our hearts and help us know what is right and good. We need Jesus to be the King of our lives because only He can save us from sin and guide us to what is right. Is Jesus the wise King who rules your heart? I’d love to help you understand how Jesus can be your Savior and Lord. ”

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 12, Session 1” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. When we pray to God, how do we know if He says yes or no?
2. Why should we ask God to help us follow His Word?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Tell kids that Orvil Reid and his wife, Jewell, were missionaries to the people of Mexico City, Mexico. Share how Orvil depended on God to help him share the good news about Jesus and the power of God to save anyone who believes in Jesus. Play the missions video.

SAY “ When Orvil’s wife Jewell died, her funeral became a celebration of hope. Orvil was able to share how those who believe in Jesus will live with Him forever. Even if Christians die on this earth, they have the hope of eternal life in His presence.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

God helped Orvil share his faith in Jesus and gave Orvil wisdom to do ministry. When we place our faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in us and helps us share the gospel. 🙏

Pray that missionaries around the world would depend on the power and wisdom of God to continue sharing the good news about Jesus.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Before the session, write each word of the key passage on individual plastic cups. Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Proverbs 3:7 together.

SAY 🙏 Solomon understood that He was not wise in his own power. When we fear the Lord, we are able to turn away from evil. Let's explore this truth more in our key passage. 🙏

Line up the cups in random order. Invite kids to line up in front of the cups. Challenge kids to take turns rolling a ball, trying to knock down the cups in the correct order of the key passage. If they knock down the wrong cup, stand it up and let them try again. Repeat as time allows, making sure every kid has a turn.

Lead kids to sing "Fear the LORD (Proverbs 3:7)." You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY 🙏 God, thank You for the wisdom You give Your people. Help us to love You and follow Jesus. Help us turn away from evil and do good to others. Amen. 🙏

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



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>

