

# THE STORY

Solomon asks for wisdom

1 Kings 3:9

Solomon shares his wisdom

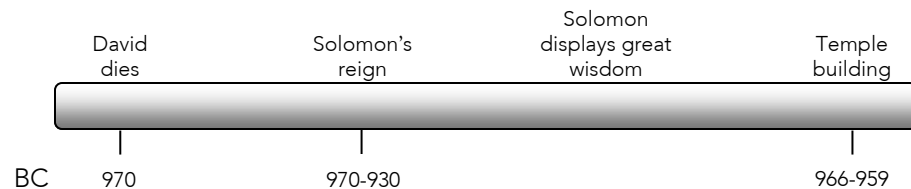
Proverbs 1:1-7

Solomon builds the temple

1 Kings 6-10

Solomon ignores wisdom

1 Kings 11



## Questions for the Week

**Big Idea:** Starting well is easy. Finishing well is a lifelong project that many do not complete.

**Key Verse:** Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

If you could have one superpower that would enable you to help others, what would it be?

Why was Solomon's request for wisdom and discernment so pleasing to the Lord?

How is wisdom different from mere knowledge and intellect?

Why is it vital to become wise? What can you do to gain more wisdom?

After Solomon's prayer and charge to the people, God spoke (1 Kings 9:1-9). What promises did he give the people? How did these promises give both hope and a sober awareness of their need to follow God closely?

Our culture can be a little like the kettle and we can become like the frogs plopped into the water.... If we are not careful. Name some examples of dangerous and incremental changes happening around us that we can fail to notice. What can we do to wake up, notice, and resist these changes?

What can you do to guard yourself against these sins?

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