

Lesson 6: The Life of King Solomon: Solomon asks God for Wisdom

Scripture Reference: I Kings: 3

Today's Big Idea: Wisdom from God is a valuable treasure.

Lesson Time:

Introduction: What would you consider to be an incredible treasure? Why do you think people often consider money to be the greatest treasure? Are there other things that one might think of as a treasure?

Activity: Treasure Hunt

You will need: *treasure map handout, treasure chest template printed on cardstock, glue stick or clear tape, strip of paper with Proverbs 16:16 written out.*

Instructions: *Create the treasure chest with your child(ren) by cutting out the template, folding along the indicated lines, and gluing with the glue stick or tape to hold it together. Before you go and hide the treasure chest, insert the slip of paper with Proverbs 16:16 into it but don't let the kids see you doing so.*

Share: When we think of treasure, we often think of pirates burying chests of gold and gems in the sand. But as we'll learn in today's story, there are treasures that are of far greater value than gold. We're going to have a treasure hunt. I'm going to take the treasure chest that we've created and hide it somewhere in the house or the yard. Then, I'll draw some clues or instructions on this map to help you find it. When I give you the map the hunt will begin!

Ask: What did you find inside the treasure chest? Were you surprised to find that? What do we learn from this verse? Do you agree that wisdom is of greater value than gold?

** As an added bonus you could include some candy in the chest or you could add an extra slip of paper that says Good For One Ice Cream with Mom or Dad, or come up with your own idea. The kids might get a little extra excited to find a bonus to go along with the Bible verse.*

Read: I Kings 3:3-15

Ask: What do we learn about Solomon in verses 3-4? *That he loved God and the sacrifices he made to God were pleasing to God.* What does God offer to Solomon? What does Solomon choose? Why do you think Solomon made the choice that he did? What surprising things does God say to Solomon in verses 13-14?.

Activity: Solomon's Proverbs

You will need: *Solomon's Proverbs handout, pen or pencil.*

** For Parents to read to themselves.*

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Introduce: Using the wisdom God gave him, Solomon wrote an amazing book of the Bible called Proverbs. Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings. Let's look at a few of the Proverbs Solomon wrote and think about some of the ways we can apply this biblical wisdom to our lives today.

Hand your child(ren) the worksheet and have them read aloud the first Proverb, on the space to the right think about a scenario where the wisdom of that Proverb could help you to address the situation that you came up with. Continue with the following Proverbs.

Ask: When you are confused, or looking for advice, do you think of the Bible as a resource to go to for wisdom and advice? What are some of the reasons that may prevent you from going to the Bible for wisdom? *Not knowing where to look in the Bible, not understanding what it says.*

Share: Solomon understood the value of wisdom. He knew that it was a far greater treasure than gold. God would have given him anything and it made God happy that the thing Solomon wanted was the wisdom of God. The great news is that we too can have God's wisdom. The Bible is filled with wisdom from God and the more time we spend reading it and thinking about what we read the more we understand God's wisdom and how it can be applied to our lives. Let's learn from Solomon. Let's spend time reading God's word, the Bible, and let's trust in the wisdom of God.

Close in Prayer

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