

King Solomon: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I will ask God for wisdom.

SuperVerse: “I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart!” 1 Kings 3:12a (NLT)

Bible Story: 1 Kings 2:1–4; 1 Kings 3:1–14, 17–28

Game Materials

Needed:

- God’s Wisdom Sign
- Table
- Tape
- Two plastic 4-ounce measuring cups for classes with 6 or more children; or two plastic 8-ounce measuring cups for smaller classes
- Two identical team containers—half-gallon size plastic pitchers or similar-sized boxes, pans, or kitchen storage containers
- Dried peas, uncooked rice, unpopped popcorn, or pea gravel
- One large “wisdom container” that holds a gallon plus extra of the dry material
- Broom and dustpan for clean up

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Inventor Signs
- Bible—physical book
- One sheet of cardstock
- High stool or chair
- Dry-erase board and marker
- Sixth grade helper or a volunteer to play “the professor”
- Optional: a graduation cap and gown for the professor to wear as a costume
- One team container and measuring cup from Game
- Discipleship Challenge Mag-Sys Outside Pattern and Mag-Sys Inside Pattern for children who missed Lesson 1
- Mag-Sys model craft from Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- SuperVerse Card Pattern
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Solomon was the third king of Israel and he relied on God’s wisdom to help him lead God’s people. Today, we will learn about how we can ask for wisdom from God, too.

- Travel back to ancient Israel as Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet King Solomon. Witness the suspense as he is faced with a baffling dilemma—and the surprising way he uncovers the truth. The children discover that true wisdom comes from God.
- In the Bible Background video, we’ll learn more about Solomon and how God blessed him with what he did—and didn’t—ask for! We’ll also explore what he accomplished as Israel’s third king.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: All We Can Ask (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a relay game to fill up with God’s wisdom.

- In this game, players will take a plastic measuring cup to the table to get wisdom. The container represents different ways we can receive wisdom from God, such as through prayer or the Bible.

Game Instructions:

- One by one, a player from each team will walk to the table, fill the cup, walk back, and pour it into the team’s container. Then, hand the cup to the next player in line to take a turn. The first team to fill up their container with wisdom wins!

Teaching: Just Ask (15 minutes)

Objective: Come to God For Wisdom.

- Solomon showed he wanted the things of God first over any selfish desires. God is pleased when we ask Him for wisdom. It shows that the desire of our heart is to make right choices to please Him and do as Jesus would do.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Our challenge for Lesson 2 is to use wisdom in making choices. We make choices every day; like who we hang out with, or what we read or watch. Our choices can affect our lives two ways: they can help keep us on God’s path, or our choices can cause us to stray from it.

SuperVerse: Superbook One at a Time (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- When we are filled with the wisdom of God, people will see Him in the choices we make and the actions we take.
- Have the children turn their backs to the board and look down at their cards. The goal is for the SuperVerse to be completed by the children shouting the words or phrases on their cards at the appropriate time.

Prayer: Solomon’s Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom to know the difference between right and wrong and to govern God’s people. In doing this, Solomon humbled himself before God.
- Let’s bow our heads, close our eyes, and pray. First, let’s ask God for a wise and understanding heart to live for Him so we can show His love and goodness to others. Allow time for children to pray silently or aloud. Now, let’s ask God to help us recognize the difference between right and wrong so we can live our lives according to His Word. Allow time for children to pray.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Object Lesson: A fun demonstration of Knowledge and wisdom. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Activity: Act out, Draw, and guess things from the Bible Story. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Craft: Make a wisdom bookmark. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Sword Drill: Race to look up verses in the book of Proverbs. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min