

King Solomon: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: I will build my life on God's Word.

SuperVerse: "Anyone who listens to My teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock." Matthew 7:24 (NLT)

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

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Before King David died, he knew it was very important to remind his son Solomon once more to follow the ways of the Lord. The wisest thing anyone can do is to believe in Jesus as their Savior.

- 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 our Signposts Video, we will explore the lives of two very wise people. One man was one of wisest people who ever lived on the earth. The other person is actually Wisdom Himself!

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Watch Your Step (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to stand on God's Word.

- When we build our lives on God's Word, we can stand firm in our faith, no matter what happens—good or bad! In this game you will stand on God's Word, represented by the poster boards.

Game Instructions:

- Partners will hit the ball back and forth while keeping at least one foot on the poster board. If both feet are off at the same time, or if the ball hits the ground, your turn ends and the next set of players take your place and start hitting the ball. You get one point for every time you hit the ball.

Teaching: Godly Wisdom (15 minutes)

Objective: King Solomon points to Christ.

- Solomon is known as one of the wisest people who ever lived. His wisdom is a signpost to the person who is the very wisest: Jesus, the Son of God. The Bible tells us that when Jesus was a child, He grew in wisdom and in stature. He also grew in favor with God and people.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Read and discuss Proverbs 24:3. The challenge is to use wisdom in your actions and in all you do. Wise actions can bring glory to God when we act in a godly way or do good deeds for others.

SuperVerse: Superbook Motion (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- When we build our lives on God's Word, we are on solid ground so we can stand firm against whatever tries to move us.
- Divide the class into groups of 3–5 children. Allow about 3 minutes for the groups to create motions and actions for the SuperVerse. Have each group say the verse and do the motions for the rest of the class.

Prayer: Building Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- We can choose to build our life upon the world's wisdom, which is often changing or false; or we can choose to build our lives on God's Word, which never changes and is always true!
- Sit in a circle with the children. In today's prayer time, let's ask God to help us read, understand and obey His Word so we can be wise and grow to be more like Jesus. Give children time to pray.

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

Story Craft: Discuss Solomon's wisdom using a craft. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Object Lesson: Create a visual demonstration of the SuperVerse. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Magnetic Game: Play a game to discuss the Bible lesson. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Craft: Build a craft to represent the SuperTruth. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Look up and discuss scriptures about Jesus, our foundation. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Two poster boards for every team of 4–6 children, depending on class size
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- One beach ball or large round balloon for each team
- Marker
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Timer, such as a stopwatch, clock or watch with second hand, or timer app

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Mag-Sys Outside Pattern and Mag-Sys Inside Pattern for any children who missed the previous lessons

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk