



# Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-28

Preschoolers have difficulty understanding something they can't see—like the concept of God teaching them. Most children associate you or another person with being a teacher, which makes it confusing for them when you talk about God being their teacher. To help children grasp this challenging concept, explain that God teaches through the Bible and through other Christian people. Such concrete examples will be easier for young children to understand.



► **Bible Point**  
God teaches us.

**Key Verse**  
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart”  
(Proverbs 3:5).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will ask God for wisdom in all things.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started <i>about 5 min.</i>	<b>Welcome and Celebrate</b> Welcome each other, and praise God through music.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i>	<b>Learning Trust</b> Wait for a tasty treat.	Bible; large, opaque bag; treat	Place the treat inside a large, opaque bag.
<b>3</b> Bible Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i>	<b>Puppy Pointers</b> Hear about why Theo is carrying a picture.	CD player, Theo puppet, picture of someone praying, tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	Tape a picture of someone praying to Theo's paw.
	<b>Bible Time: Wise King Solomon</b> Listen to Solomon tell how he became king and asked for wisdom.	Bible, CD player, glue sticks, scissors, aluminum foil, baby doll, tape <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD, “Wise King Solomon” poster, fabric scraps	Tape the “Wise King Solomon” poster to the wall where children can reach it. Cut a simple crown from aluminum foil to fit Solomon's head on the poster. 



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weaving Faith Into Life</b> <i>about 20 min.</i> <i>(Choose 2 centers.)</i></p>	<p><b>Center 1: Good Choice, Bad Choice</b> Add star stickers to their handouts.</p>	My Bible Hugs, several foil star stickers per child	Remove the Lesson 5 pages from My Bible Hugs, and write children's names on them.
	<p><b>Center 2: Solomon Snack</b> Make a tasty Solomon snack.</p>	small tortillas, flavored cream cheese, plastic knives, person-shaped cookie cutter, napkins, antibacterial gel (optional)	
	<p><b>Center 3: Crown Around</b> Pass a crown around the circle, and tell what they've learned in class.</p>	<b>Teacher Pack:</b> paper crown	
	<p><b>Center 4: Wise King Puppets</b> Make puppets and tell about Solomon and the two women.</p>	pink or tan construction paper, purple construction paper, 3 large craft sticks per child, sequins, yarn, crayons, glue, tape, scissors	Cut three 1-inch circles for each child from pink or tan construction paper. Also cut one 1-inch triangle for each child from purple construction paper.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lasting Impressions</b> <i>about 10 min.</i></p>	<p><b>Be a FaithWeaver</b> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	My Bible Hugs	
	<p><b>Action Prayer</b> Sing that God is the greatest, and then remind friends to ask God for wisdom.</p>	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		





## Welcome and Celebrate Supplies

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signal  
CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "Gather 'Round"  
(track 13), "Worship  
God" (track 18)

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Welcome and Celebrate

 **Tip** Consistently use the same signal to announce a transition to the next activity. You could flip the lights off and on, use a train whistle, have a puppet rustling inside a bag, or sing cleanup songs. Keep it simple, consistent, and fun.

### What You'll Do

As the children arrive, greet each one with a smile. When it's time to begin, use your signal to gather the children together in a circle on the floor.

Lead children in singing "Gather 'Round" to the tune of "London Bridge" (track 13 on the CD). Encourage the kids to join you in repeating the words.

 **Gather 'round, it's time to play,  
Time to learn, time to pray.  
Gather 'round, it's time to say,  
"Welcome, friends!"**  
(Repeat 3x.)

Say: **Now that we're all together, let's sing and praise God. We praise God because God is good and ► GOD TEACHES US.**

Sing "Worship God" to the tune of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" (track 18 on the CD). After singing the song a few times, let children think of other ways to praise, such as clapping, stomping, or dancing. When you sing "Praise with a..." let them demonstrate their unique ways to praise.

 **Worship God and God alone!** (*point up*)  
**Show God all your love.** (*cross arms over chest*)  
**Worship God and God alone!** (*point up*)  
**Praise his name above.** (*raise both hands*)  
**Praise with a shout!** (*cup hands to mouth*)  
**Praise with a cheer!** (*punch fist in air*)  
**Show God that we love him here!** (*cross arms over chest*)  
**Worship God and God alone!** (*point up*)  
**Show him all your love.** (*cross arms over chest*)  
(Repeat.)

Say: **It's good to praise God for all the wonderful things he does. I'm so glad that ► GOD TEACHES US.**



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KEY VERSE  
ACTIVITY

# Learning Trust

## What You'll Do

Have the children form a circle and sit down. Open your Bible to Proverbs 3:5, and show children the words.

Say: **Our Key Verse from the Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Let's say the verse together.** Lead children in repeating the Key Verse with you: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).**

Say: **I've brought something good to share with you today, but you're going to have to wait until later to see what's inside.**

Set the bag in the center of the circle. Lead children in a discussion about things they've learned at home, at preschool, and at church.

## Talk With Kids

Ask:

- What do you think is inside the bag?
- How do you know it'll be good?

Say: **You knew there was something good inside because I told you there was. You believed what I told you and you trusted me. We can believe God and trust him to keep his promises, too! Today we'll hear about how Solomon trusted God to keep his promise to teach him—and we can trust God to keep his promise because** ► **GOD TEACHES US. We can trust in the Lord with all our hearts! He will always be faithful. Let's say our Key Verse again.** Lead the children in saying the Key Verse with you: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).**

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BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

# Puppy Pointers

## What You'll Do

Say: **Listen, everyone, Theo's coming! He has something to show us. Let's find out what it is.** Play "Here, Theo" (track 4 on the CD), and bring out Theophilus the FaithRetriever with the picture taped to his paw. Then follow along with the script.



## Learning Trust Supplies

Bible  
large, opaque bag  
treat

## ALLERGY ALERT

## Learning Trust Easy Prep

Place the treat inside a large, opaque bag.

## Puppy Pointers Supplies

CD player  
Theo puppet  
picture of someone praying  
tape

## Teacher Pack

CD: "Here, Theo" (track 4)

## Puppy Pointers Easy Prep

Tape a picture of someone praying to Theo's paw.





### Bible Time: Wise King Solomon

#### Supplies

Bible  
CD player  
glue sticks  
scissors  
aluminum foil  
baby doll  
tape

#### Teacher Pack

CD: "Wise King Solomon" (track 15)  
"Wise King Solomon" poster  
fabric scraps

### Bible Time: Wise King Solomon

#### Easy Prep

Tape the "Wise King Solomon" poster to the wall where children can reach it. Cut a simple crown from aluminum foil to fit Solomon's head on the poster.

**Theo:** Hi, everybody!

**Teacher:** Hello, Theo! It's nice of you to come to church with us today. Theo, what do you have?

**Theo:** A picture.

**Teacher:** What's in your picture?

**Theo:** It's a picture of someone praying for wisdom.

**Teacher:** That's great, Theo!

**Theo:** When you pray to God, you can ask him to give you wisdom and teach you.

**Teacher:** That's right, Theo. If we ask, ► **GOD TEACHES US.** Friends, can you tell us some things God can teach us about?

*(Pause for children to answer. Answers might include the sun, how plants grow, and elephants.)*

**Theo:** That's right, God knows about all things.

**Teacher:** We can pray and ask God to teach us. In the Bible today, we're going to learn about a man who asked God for wisdom, and God answered his prayer and taught him about many, many things.

**Theo:** I'm going to go home and pray for wisdom right now!

**Teacher:** Okay! Friends, let's say goodbye to Theo.

Encourage the children to wave or say goodbye to Theo. Then put Theo away in a safe place for next week's use.

## Bible Time: Wise King Solomon

### What You'll Do

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 2, and show the children the words.

Say: **In the Bible today, God teaches a man named Solomon. ► GOD TEACHES US, too. Solomon (point to the poster) learned many important things from God. Let's see what Solomon has to say.**

Play "Wise King Solomon" (track 15 on the CD), pausing at the spots indicated below to have children follow the instructions:

- When Solomon says, "Maybe one of you could help me put on my crown," pause the CD and have a child use a glue stick to attach the foil crown to Solomon's head on the poster.
- When Solomon asks, "Will you help me with these royal robes?" pause the CD and have children come forward to glue the fabric scraps to Solomon's body as royal robes.
- When Solomon says, "Maybe one of you can hold him and calm him down," pause the CD and have a child gently cradle the baby doll. At the end of the segment, take the doll and set it aside.



**Talk With Kids** ■■■■

Ask:

- Why did Solomon want to be wise?
- What do you want God to teach you?

Say: **It's important to be wise and make the right choices. ► GOD TEACHES US how to be wise, just as God taught King Solomon. Solomon loved and worshipped God, and Solomon asked God for wisdom. We can ask God for wisdom, just like Solomon did!** Return the "Wise King Solomon" poster to the Teacher Pack for use in a later lesson.



**4 WEAVING FAITH  
INTO LIFE**

Choose at least two of the learning centers to help reinforce today's Bible lesson. Gather the needed materials, and put the supplies in an out-of-sight area until you're ready for them. Allow the children to choose which center they'd like to explore first. Then circulate among the children as they create and explore. Encourage them to make connections between their activities and the Bible by asking them the questions included with each center's description.

**CENTER 1:**

# Good Choice, Bad Choice

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Give each child a Lesson 5 page from My Bible Hugs. Point to each picture as you ask the children: **What is this child doing? Is that a good choice or a bad choice?** Set out foil star stickers, and let children place a star on the pictures that show a child making a good choice. (Children love stickers, so you may want to let children place several stickers on each "good choice" picture.)

**Talk With Kids** ■■■■

Ask:

- What happens when we make good choices?
- Who helps you make good choices?

Say: **► GOD TEACHES US right from wrong. God gives us parents and teachers and the Bible to help us be wise. God is happy when we make good, wise choices like the children in these pictures.**

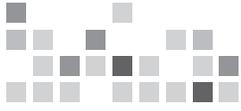
**Center 1: Good Choice,  
Bad Choice  
Supplies**

My Bible Hugs  
several foil star stickers  
per child

**Center 1: Good Choice,  
Bad Choice  
Easy Prep**

Remove the Lesson  
5 pages from My  
Bible Hugs, and write  
children's names on  
them.





### Center 2: Solomon Snack Supplies

small tortillas  
flavored cream cheese  
plastic knives  
person-shaped cookie  
cutter  
napkins  
antibacterial gel  
(optional)

### ! ALLERGY ALERT

### Center 3: Crown Around Supplies

Teacher Pack  
paper crown

## CENTER 2:

# Solomon Snack

### What You'll Do

Have the children wash their hands (or clean them with antibacterial gel), and then sit down to prepare their snack. Help children use the person-shaped cookie cutter to cut out a Solomon shape from their tortillas. Have children work in pairs and help each other spread cream cheese on their Solomon snacks.

Say: ► **GOD TEACHES US good things. God helps us learn from other Christians and from the Bible, too. Let's thank God for teaching us and for providing our snack.** Invite one child to pray for the snack, and then have kids eat their tortillas.

## CENTER 3:

# Crown Around

### What You'll Do

Have kids sit in a circle. Pass the crown from person to person as you say this rhyme:  
► **GOD TEACHES US to do what's right. In the morning, noon, and night!**

When the rhyme ends, have the person holding the crown say one thing he or she has learned today. After the person shares, lead children in saying ► **GOD TEACHES US.**

Repeat the rhyme while preschoolers pass the crown. Continue until all the children have had a chance to hold the crown and say something they've learned.

### Talk With Kids

Ask:

- Why was Solomon happy that God taught him wisdom?
- What do you need God to teach you about so you're wise?

Say: ► **GOD TEACHES US, and God taught King Solomon. God uses the Bible and other Christians to teach us, too!**

## CENTER 4:

# Wise King Puppets

### What You'll Do

Give each child three large craft sticks, three construction paper circles, and three triangles. Instruct kids to tape each circle to a craft stick. Show the children how to glue the triangles across the top of one circle to form a crown. Encourage the children to glue



sequins on the crown, and then have them draw a face on the circle. Give them several pieces of yarn to glue to the bottom of the circle for the king's beard.

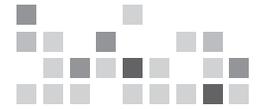
Say: **Sometimes people come to kings and ask very hard questions. They expect the king to know the right answers. King Solomon wanted to be wise in the choices and decisions he made, so he asked God for help.** Have the children draw faces on the other two circles to represent the women in the story who came to King Solomon. Help them use pieces of yarn to make hair. Encourage the children to use their stick puppets to retell what happened in the Bible.

**Talk With Kids** ■■■■

Ask:

- What are some hard choices you've had to make?
- What can you ask God for wisdom about this week?

Say: **We can ask God for wisdom, just like King Solomon did. ► GOD TEACHES US and helps us be wise!**



**Center 4: Wise King Puppets Supplies**

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- pink or tan construction paper
- purple construction paper
- 3 large craft sticks per child
- sequins
- yarn
- crayons
- glue
- tape
- scissors

**Center 4: Wise King Puppets Easy Prep**

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Cut three 1-inch circles for each child from pink or tan construction paper. Also cut one 1-inch triangle for each child from purple construction paper.

**5 LASTING IMPRESSIONS**

**Be a FaithWeaver**

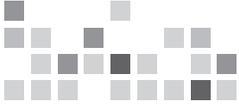
**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

After the children have cleaned up their centers, bring everyone back to a circle area on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage the children to share what they remember about what they learned from the Bible today.

**Be a FaithWeaver Supplies**

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My Bible Hugs





Also use this time to challenge kids in their faith. Encourage them to choose a Daily Challenge for applying today's lesson to their lives this week. Use this challenge for encouraging your children's growing relationships with Jesus.

Say: **Today we learned that ► GOD TEACHES US and that we can ask him for wisdom in all things. I would like each of you to choose a way that you can ask God for wisdom this week.**

Give kids these three ideas to choose from:

- **Draw a picture of something new that you learned this week.**
- **Ask your mom or dad to help you write something that you couldn't write before.**
- **Take a walk outside with your mom or dad, and point out something you know now that you didn't know when you were a baby.**

Have kids whisper in your ear or tell you which idea they've chosen, and then circle it on each child's My Bible Hugs page. Make sure you tell kids the challenge you choose. Your commitment will inspire children and will give them an opportunity to see God at work in your life as well as in theirs!

## Action Prayer

### Action Prayer Supplies

CD player

#### Teacher Pack

CD: "Everybody Ought to Know" (track 5)

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **God is wiser and stronger and more loving than anyone else. That's why we can be glad that ► GOD TEACHES US. Let's sing this song to remember that God is the greatest teacher. Then we'll close with a special prayer.**

Lead children in singing "Everybody Ought to Know" (track 5 on the CD) and creating their own actions.

 **Everybody ought to know,  
Everybody ought to know,  
Everybody ought to know  
Who Jesus is.**

**He's my Savior, and he loves me,  
Caring for me every day.  
He will never, never leave me.  
He will guide me all the way.  
(Yell) **Everybody ought to know!**  
(Yell) **Everybody ought to know!****

**Everybody ought to know,  
Everybody ought to know,  
Everybody ought to know  
Who Jesus is.**





**He's my Guide, and he will lead me  
Over any path I go.  
He will always go before me.  
He's the one you ought to know.**

**Everybody ought to know, (echo)  
Everybody ought to know, (echo)  
Everybody ought to know  
Who Jesus is.**

**(Yell) Everybody ought to know!  
(Yell) Everybody ought to know!  
(Yell) Everybody ought to know!  
(Yell) Everybody ought to know!**

When the song ends, have children stand in a circle, holding hands. Have children take turns telling the person next to them, "Ask God for wisdom." Then have preschoolers repeat each line of this prayer after you.

**Pray: Thank you, God, for teaching me to be wise like you want me to be. In Jesus' name, amen.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their My Bible Hugs pages whether they worked on them or not. Have the children tell their parents the challenge they committed to in the "Be a FaithWeaver" activity. Encourage the parents to help their kids fulfill this commitment throughout the week. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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