



Solomon Writes Many Proverbs

1 Kings 4:29-34; Proverbs 1:1-7

Many preschoolers see the Bible as a book of stories, not necessarily a book that shows them how to live. That’s why it’s so important that you bring out a Bible each week and explain that this is the Bible—God’s book—and it’s all true. As children experience today’s lesson, you’ll remind them several times that the Bible shows us how to live. Thank you for helping your children discover what a precious gift God gave us with his Word!



► Bible Point

The Bible shows us how to live.

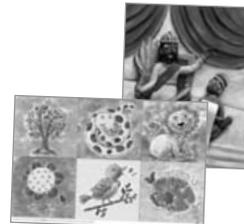
Key Verse

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

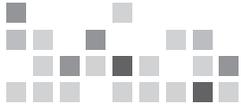
Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will use the Bible as a tool for knowing and following God.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started <i>about 5 min.</i>	Welcome and Celebrate Welcome each other, and praise God through music.	signal, CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i>	Trust Me Give away their hearts, and then follow clues to get them back.	Bible, 1 sheet of red construction paper per child, scissors, markers	Cut a 7-inch heart from red construction paper for each child.
3 Bible Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i>	Puppy Pointers Hear how Theo likes the Bible.	CD player, Theo puppet, small Bible, rubber band Teacher Pack: CD	Attach a small Bible to Theo’s paw with a rubber band.
	Bible Time: Wisdom Walk Take a walk to learn about all the things that King Solomon knew about, and then help list them on a poster.	Bible, tape, marker, scissors Teacher Pack: “Wisdom Walk” cards, “Solomon Writes Proverbs” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)	Cut apart the “Wisdom Walk” cards. Determine whether children will take a walk around your church building or around your room. Tape the “Wisdom Walk” cards along your chosen path at children’s eye level.



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weaving Faith Into Life <i>about 20 min.</i> <i>(Choose 2 centers.)</i></p>	<p>Center 1: Thumbthing Wise Make thumbprint creations of things Solomon knew about.</p>	<p>My Bible Hugs, colored pencils, wet wipes Teacher Pack: ink pad</p>	<p>Remove the Lesson 6 pages from My Bible Hugs, and write children's names on them.</p>
	<p>Center 2: Bible-Shaped Snacks Make tasty snacks shaped like Bibles.</p>	<p>Bible, napkins, plastic spoons, vanilla frosting, 2 graham cracker squares per child, antibacterial gel (optional)</p>	
	<p>Center 3: Wise Solomon Make dough creations of things Solomon knew about.</p>	<p>modeling dough</p>	
	<p>Center 4: Wisdom Books Make personal books of things they know about.</p>	<p>1 sheet of colored construction paper, 4 sheets of white paper, and one 12-inch piece of ribbon or yarn per child; crayons; craft supplies; glue; hole punch</p>	<p>Make a stack of paper for each child with one piece of colored construction paper and four sheets of white paper. On top of each stack, lay a 12-inch piece of ribbon or yarn.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lasting Impressions <i>about 10 min.</i></p>	<p>Be a FaithWeaver Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	<p>My Bible Hugs</p>	
	<p>Action Prayer Listen to a prayer together, and then pray.</p>	<p>CD player Teacher Pack: CD</p>	
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home 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 gave us the Bible ► and THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE.**

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 ► THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE.**



2

**KEY VERSE
ACTIVITY**

Trust Me

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

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

Say: ► **THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE, and it teaches us about God. Our Key Verse from the Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Let's say that together.** Lead the children in repeating the Key Verse: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart" (Proverbs 3:5).**

Ask:

- Tell about someone you trust.

Say: **I'm going to hand each of you a heart, and I want you to draw a picture on your heart. Draw a picture of something or someone you love.** Distribute the hearts and markers. As kids draw, walk around and write children's names on their pictures.

When the children have finished drawing pictures on their hearts, gather the hearts from the children. Instruct the children to close their eyes. Once their eyes are closed, hide all the hearts in one place somewhere in the room. Make sure the hearts are somewhere the kids can find them, but don't make the hiding spot too obvious either. Once you've hidden the hearts, encourage the children to open their eyes. Use "hot" and "cold" directions to lead the children toward the hearts. Once the group has found the hearts, make sure each child gets his or her own heart back. Then direct kids to gather in a circle on the floor.

Say: **I took care of your hearts when I hid them from you. God loves us and wants to take care of us. Because he'll do what's best for us, we can trust him. Let's say our Key Verse together 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.**



Trust Me Supplies

- Bible
- 1 sheet of red construction paper per child
- scissors
- markers

Trust Me Easy Prep

Cut a 7-inch heart from red construction paper for each child.

Puppy Pointers Supplies

- CD player
- Theo puppet
- small Bible
- rubber band
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: "Here, Theo" (track 4)

Puppy Pointers Easy Prep

Attach a small Bible to Theo's paw with a rubber band.





Bible Time: Wisdom Walk Supplies

Bible
tape
marker
scissors

Teacher Pack

“Wisdom Walk” cards
“Solomon Writes Proverbs” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

Bible Time: Wisdom Walk Easy Prep

Cut apart the “Wisdom Walk” cards. Determine whether children will take a walk around your church building or around your room. Tape the “Wisdom Walk” cards along your chosen path at children’s eye level.

Play “Here, Theo” (track 4 on the CD), and bring out Theo with a small Bible attached to his paw.

Theo: Hi, everybody!

Teacher: Hello, Theo! It’s nice of you to come to church with us today. Do you have something to show us?

Theo: I brought my Bible.

Teacher: That’s great, Theo!

Theo: I brought my Bible so I could learn more about God.

Teacher: What a good idea, Theo. The Bible teaches us many things about God. Friends, can you tell Theo what you know about God?

(Pause for children to answer your question.)

Theo: Wow, you know lots about God. The Bible can teach you even more.

Teacher: That’s right, Theo! The Bible teaches us about God, and ► **THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE.** In the Bible today, we’ll learn about a man who God used to write some of the Bible.

Theo: I’m going to go home and look at my Bible.

Teacher: That’s a good idea! 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: Wisdom Walk

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 4:29-34, and show the children the words.

Say: ► **THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE.** The Bible tells about a wise man named King Solomon. King Solomon made good choices for God’s special people. God made Solomon wise—that means very smart. King Solomon knew about lots and lots of things like plants, animals, birds, and fish. People from all over came to listen to Solomon speak because he knew more than any other person. Let’s take a walk to see some of the things King Solomon knew about.

Before you lead children on the walk, teach them this rhyme: **Solomon knew about many things: Plants and animals, birds with wings!**

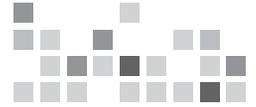
Have children repeat the rhyme as they walk. Stop along the way, and let children point out the “Wisdom Walk” cards and other things they see that King Solomon knew about. Walk back to your room, and have children sit in a circle around the “Solomon Writes Proverbs” poster.

Say: **People came from all over to hear Solomon tell about plants, animals, and birds. God made Solomon wise. Solomon wanted to share what he knew, so he wrote many songs and wise sayings.** Point to the poster. **In this picture Solomon is telling about the many things he knows. This other man is writing down all of what Solomon says.** Use a marker and draw a very large speech bubble from Solomon. **Let’s**



write or draw some of the things we saw on our walk. In the bubble, write or draw the things as children name them.

A lot of what King Solomon wrote is in the Bible. Hold up the Bible. ► **THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE.** The Bible also tells us about Jesus. Open the Bible to the New Testament. **Jesus lived many years after King Solomon, and his life is also written about in the Bible.** We can use the Bible to find out more about Jesus and to find out more about God.



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:

Thumbthing Wise

What You'll Do

Give each child a Lesson 6 page from My Bible Hugs. Set out the ink pad from the Teacher Pack, wet wipes, and colored pencils.

Have each child press a thumb on the ink pad and then onto the page. Have them use wet wipes to wipe the ink from their thumbs. Then let children use colored pencils to turn each thumbprint into something Solomon was wise about. Remind children that Solomon knew a lot about plants, animals, birds, and fish. Allow children to make as many thumbprint creations as they want.

Talk With Kids

Ask:

- What do you know about the thing you drew?
- What other things can you think of that the Bible has taught you?

Say: **King Solomon knew God, and God made him wise. Just like King Solomon, we can know God and become wise, too. The Bible is one**



Center 1: Thumbthing Wise Supplies

- My Bible Hugs
- colored pencils
- wet wipes
- Teacher Pack**
- ink pad

Center 1: Thumbthing Wise Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6 pages from My Bible Hugs, and write children's names on them.





Center 2: Bible-Shaped Snacks Supplies

Bible
napkins
plastic spoons
vanilla frosting
2 graham cracker squares per child
antibacterial gel (optional)



Center 3: Wise Solomon Supplies

modeling dough

way that we can learn about God and become wise, and ► **THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE.**

■ **CENTER 2:**

Bible-Shaped Snacks

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have children wash their hands (or use antibacterial gel), and then sit down to prepare their snack. Set out the supplies. Each child will need two graham cracker squares. Show children how to use a spoon to scoop out some vanilla frosting and then spread it on a graham cracker. Have children place a second graham cracker on top of the frosting. Hold up a Bible.

Say: **These graham cracker sandwiches are shaped kind of like a Bible. These graham cracker sandwiches are filled with good things! The Bible is filled with good things to know about God. ► THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE. Let's thank God for our good snack and for the Bible that's filled with good things.** Invite one child to pray for the snack. Then let children enjoy their snack.

■ **CENTER 3:**

Wise Solomon

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give the children modeling dough, and allow them to create things that King Solomon was wise about, such as plants, animals, birds, and fish. Then let children make the shapes of things they know about. Children might make shapes of people, animals, or toys.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Ask:

- **Choose something that Solomon knew a lot about that you know a lot about. Tell what you know about that thing.**
- **What are some things you need God to teach you about this week?**

Say: **God helped King Solomon become wise about so many things—plants, animals, birds, and fish. One way we can know God and become wise is by using the Bible, because ► THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE. We can also learn more about God by coming to church, praying, and listening to our parents and teachers as they tell us about God.**





CENTER 4:

Wisdom Books

What You'll Do

Lead each child to one of the stacks of paper. Lead them in following these steps to make Wisdom Books.

- Fold each piece of paper in half.
- Place the pieces of white paper inside each other to be the pages of the book.
- Set all the white paper inside the colored construction paper cover.
- Use the hole punch to make two holes near the folded edge of the book. Center the holes about two inches apart in the middle of the folds.
- String the ribbon or yarn through the holes and tie it in a bow on the outside to hold the book together.
- Have kids decorate the pages of the book with things they know about.



Talk With Kids

Ask:

- What are some things you know now that you didn't know when you were a baby?
- What are some more things you'd like to know about?

Say: **God gave Solomon wisdom to know about all sorts of things in the world. God gives you wisdom, too! Your Wisdom Books are full of the many things God is teaching you, just as the Bible is full of the many things that God taught Solomon. God wants us to use the Bible because ► THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE.**

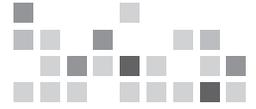
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LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Be a FaithWeaver

What You'll Do

After the children have cleaned up their centers, bring everyone back to a circle area



Center 4: Wisdom Books Supplies

- 1 sheet of colored construction paper, 4 sheets of white paper, and one 12-inch piece of ribbon or yarn per child
- crayons
- craft supplies
- glue
- hole punch

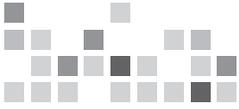
Center 4: Wisdom Books Easy Prep

Make a stack of paper for each child with one piece of colored construction paper and four sheets of white paper. On top of each stack, lay a 12-inch piece of ribbon or yarn.

Be a FaithWeaver Supplies

My Bible Hugs





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.

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 ► THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE. I would like each of you to choose a way that you can use the Bible to find out more about God this week.**

Give kids these three ideas to choose from:

- **Tell your family something you've learned from the Bible.**
- **Have your mom or dad read to you from the Bible.**
- **Act out something from the Bible with your sister or brother or a friend.**

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: "He Cares for You"
(1 Peter 5:7) (track 8)

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have kids sit in a circle for prayer.

Play "He Cares for You" (1 Peter 5:7) (track 8 on the CD).

Then pray: **Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible to show us how to live. We're glad we can read your words every day and learn more about you. 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!

Talk to your Director about e-mailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.

