



3RD - 5TH

12.1
Solomon Became King



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

If you could ask God for anything, what would you ask Him? Why?



WISDOM OR KNOWLEDGE?

Start by 9:20/10:45

Read each pair of statements from the list aloud. Ask kids to decide which statement shows wisdom and which statement only shows knowledge. Encourage kids to explain why they chose their answers.

Wisdom and knowledge may seem similar, but they are different. Knowledge is learning information, while wisdom is knowing what is right and making choices that honor God. Today, we will learn how Solomon, David's son, became king and asked God for wisdom to lead His people.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open to 1 Kings 3. **1 and 2 Kings were originally one large book. These books are named after the series of kings who ruled over God's people.** Choose a volunteer to read 1 Kings 3:15 aloud.

- Why do you think Solomon chose to worship God after receiving wisdom from Him?
- What does Solomon's response show about what he believed about God?
- Why is wisdom from God a gift we should be thankful for?
- How should we respond when we remember God's kindness and forgiveness?

After Solomon woke up from his dream, he went to Jerusalem to worship God. He offered sacrifices to show he loved God and wanted to follow Him. Solomon knew the wisdom he received was a gift from God, and he responded by worshiping and thanking Him. Solomon received something he did not earn or deserve, and we also receive an amazing gift from God. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and gives us eternal life. Because of God's great grace, we can love Him, worship Him, and follow His wisdom.



DISCUSSION

Why did Solomon ask God for wisdom? Why do we need wisdom?

Solomon knew he was young and did not have the experience needed to lead God's people on his own. He understood that true wisdom comes from God, so he asked God to help him know the difference between right and wrong. We also need God's wisdom to make good choices and follow His ways. True wisdom begins when we trust in Jesus, because He changes our hearts and helps us live in a way that honors God.

(Option: read Psalm 111:10.)

Why is wisdom better than riches?

Riches can be lost, but God's wisdom lasts forever. God's wisdom helps us understand what is true—that we are sinners who need a Savior—and shows us that we can be saved through faith in Jesus. When we trust Jesus and follow His wisdom, we receive something far greater than anything money can buy: forgiveness and eternal life with God.

(Option: read Proverbs 3:13-16.)

How can we gain wisdom?

God wants to give wisdom to those who ask Him. We can pray and ask God to help us make wise choices, understand His Word, and follow His ways. God's wisdom helps us turn away from sin, make good decisions, and become more like Jesus.

(Option: read James 1:5.)



ASK ME

Give each kid a note card and a pen. Ask kids to write the name of an animal on their card that most people in the group would know. Collect the cards, shuffle them, and tape one card to each kid's back without letting them see their animal. Invite kids to walk around the room and ask each other yes-or-no questions to figure out which animal is on their back.

You needed help from others to discover the animal on your back. You could not figure it out on your own—you needed people to give you information and help you find the answer. Solomon also knew he needed help. Even though he was king, Solomon knew he needed God's wisdom to lead God's people well. When God offered to give Solomon anything he wanted, Solomon asked God for wisdom instead of riches or power. God gave Solomon wisdom, and God gives us wisdom too. When we trust in Jesus and follow His Word, He helps us know what is right and how to live in a way that honors Him.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.