



K - 2ND

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 have a super power, what would it be? Why?



WOULD YOU RATHER

Start by 9:20/10:45

Invite kids to line up in the center of the room. Read two choices from the “Would You Rather” list. If kids would rather have the first option, have them take one step to the left. If they would rather have the second option, have them take one step to the right. Return to the center after each round.

Today, we will see how God appeared to King David’s son, Solomon, in a dream. God said to Solomon, ‘What should I give you?’ Solomon had a choice to ask God for anything! He could have asked for money or fame. But Solomon asked God for wisdom. We’ll learn that God gave Solomon wisdom to lead His people.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Kings 3. **The books of 1 and 2 Kings were originally written as one large book. They are named after the kings who ruled over God’s people.** Read aloud 1 Kings 3:7.

- Who became king after David?
- Was Solomon old or young when he became king?
- What did Solomon ask God to give him?
- Why do we need God to give us wisdom too?

When Solomon became king, he was still very young and didn’t have much experience leading others. Solomon knew he needed God’s help, so he asked God for wisdom. God was happy to give Solomon wisdom. Even though you are young, God can give you wisdom too. The Bible tells us when we follow Jesus, we become wise because Jesus is Wisdom. Part of being wise is understanding that we need help to know the right way to live. Following Jesus and obeying His commands guides us to live for God and His glory.



DISCUSSION

Have kids discuss these questions with a partner sitting close to them first to encourage participation. Then discuss as a whole group.

Why was Solomon's request greater than riches or honor?

Riches and honor might be enjoyable for a short time, but they cannot save us or give us eternal life (Matthew 19:23-24). Jesus is true wisdom, and He leads those who trust in Him to eternal life. By asking for wisdom, Solomon showed he did not want glory for himself; instead, he wanted to honor God and lead His people well.

How can we tell the difference between right and wrong like Solomon?

God is our Creator and King, so He determines what is right and wrong. God teaches us the difference between right and wrong through His Word (Psalm 119:105). When we are unsure or have questions, we can go to the Bible for guidance. Jesus always did what is right. When we learn about Jesus, trust in Him, and follow His ways, we can know what is right.

Why was Solomon's wisdom a gift from God?

God came to Solomon and offered to give him anything he asked for. God did not have to give Solomon wisdom, riches, or honor. Solomon had not done anything to earn these gifts. But God is generous and loves to give good gifts to His people. God gave us His greatest gift, Jesus, who is our true wisdom. Through Jesus, we can know God and have eternal life.



CROWN THE KING

Give each kid a crown printable and coloring supplies. Invite them to decorate their crown with crayons, markers, stickers, and gems. Encourage kids to make their crown as colorful as they would like. When they finish, invite them to share their crowns with the group.

Today we learned that Solomon became king of Israel. God gave Solomon wisdom to lead His people. Solomon's crown reminds us that he was king, but his wisdom came from God. We can take our crowns home to remind us that true wisdom comes from God. As we trust in Jesus and follow Him, He helps us grow in wisdom every day.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.