

Solomon

Lesson One- "Solomon's Wisdom" 1 Kings 3, 1 Chronicles, Psalms

Learning Goal: Children will learn that they can always pray and ask for God's wisdom, and using Godly wisdom they will live a life of great blessing.

Read: "Solomon's Wisdom" from The Action Bible, or a comparable version.

Discuss: Solomon asked God for wisdom, to help govern his people. How would it benefit you to ask God for wisdom as well? What is wisdom?
Wisdom is: "good judgment and an understanding of that which is true or good." (www.wordsmyth.net)

Here are some ways Godly wisdom will help us:

- In choosing our words wisely
- Spending our time wisely (e.g, choosing to pray and study)
- Choosing our friends wisely
- Deciding what to watch on tv, what books to read, music to listen to

Encourage the children to pray for wisdom. God will bless them for making wise, righteous choices!

Learning Activity #1: Have a **sword drill** using different passages of Scripture that deal with Godly wisdom. They may use their children's bibles, or if they are ready to use an adult Bible, let them go for it!

Basic directions: Have students hold their Bibles with the binding in the palm of their hand. When you say 'Swords up' they hold their Bible in their hand above their head. (If your students are unfamiliar with why we are calling the Bible a sword read Ephesians 4:17 and explain that knowing God's word helps us to fight the battles we face in this life.) When all the students have their Bibles in the air you say the reference but they are not to start looking until you say "Charge". For visual students after you say the reference it helps to write the reference on a dry erase board or have the Scripture on construction paper. After you have said the reference and written it then say "Charge!" The students begin looking for the passage and the first one to find it stands to his/her feet.

There are three ways you can play this game with your class:

1. Easier version: when you say "Charge!" they flip through their children's story bibles, looking for stories where they see someone using Godly wisdom. When they find one, they stand up, and describe to everyone how that person used Godly wisdom. Write down the story they found on a white board.

2. More challenging version: After you say charge, they look through an adult, KJV bible for references about people using Godly wisdom.
3. Most challenging version, as originally described: They look for the specific reference you give them.

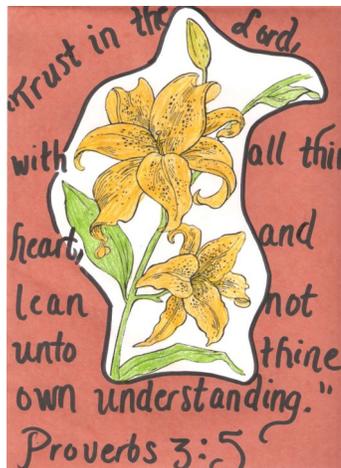
Some verses may include: Job 28:28, Psalm 37:30, Proverbs 3:13, Ecclesiastes 2:26, Proverbs 9:12, James 1:5, Daniel 2:21, Luke 2:40, 1 Corinthians 1:25, Ephesians 1:172 Timothy 3:15 etc.

After the verse is read have students sit back down and say, “Swords Up!” and say a new reference. - See more at: <http://ministry-to-children.com/wisdom-of-solomon-sunday-school-lesson/#sthash.oJUTAAzO.dpuf>

Learning Activity #2: Create a bulletin board for a wall where you have Sunday School.

Materials Needed: Lily pictures, construction paper, lined paper, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, die cut letters for the title, Bibles.

1. You could title it, “The Wisdom of King Solomon,” or you can come up with your own, using die cut letters.
2. Have the kids color any of the lilies on the following pages, and glue them onto construction paper for a pretty frame.
3. Select, (or let the kids choose), a proverb written by King Solomon, to write under the lily, using the lined paper and marker. They can then cut out around the proverb, and glue it to the bottom of their lily.
4. Hang up the lilies all over the board, and there we have it– the wisdom of King Solomon, granted as a great blessing from the Lord.



Here is an example of one I did, only without the lined paper. Your kids could do it this way as well, if they cut around the flower and left enough room for writing around it.

