



THE BIG IDEA | We can ask God for the right words.

SCRIPTURE | Solomon's Wise Ruling: 1 Kings 3:16- 28

- Wisdom helps us know we can go to God for the right words. When we know what words to use, it can help us in almost every area of our lives.
- What was the problem King Solomon had to solve?
- How did he use the right words to find the truth?
- This was an incredibly difficult situation for anyone to figure out, but Solomon was calm because of the wisdom God had given him. He had no intention of hurting the baby! But he knew that by saying what he did, he would be able to figure out who the real mother was. King Solomon knew what words to use, so the truth came out!
- Are your words kind and wise when you are in a difficult situation?

ACTIVITY | Words vs. Actions

INSTRUCTIONS: Have your child start on one side of the room. Yell out different instructions for the kids to follow as they try to reach the other side of the room. The catch is, they have to do an action that is the opposite of what they're being told to do. Here are some examples:

- Run! (Walk.)
- Jump high! (Crawl.)
- Walk backwards! (Walk forward.)

- Hop on one foot! (Hop on two feet, or don't hop at all.) Shout! (Whisper or say nothing.)
- Wave your arms up high! (Wave them low.)
- Walk with super speed! (Walk in slow motion.)

It was kind of strange for actions not to match words, right? When we ask God for the right words, we are also asking God to help us to follow up our words with the right actions, too.

DISCUSSION

What do you think it means to use the "right words?"

Read Proverbs 18:21. Our words hold a lot of power. What is one way we can use our powerful words wisely?

Why should we use words that are kind?

PRAYER

- Dear God, Help us to use wise words to speak kindly to others. Help us to be like Solomon, remembering that our words are powerful and we should use them the right way. Thank You for helping us to have wisdom in everything we do.

MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5

