



THE BIG IDEA | Wisdom comes from God.

SCRIPTURE | Solomon Gets Wisdom: 1 Kings 3:1- 13

INSTRUCTIONS: *Look up 1 Kings 3:1-13 and read it aloud.*

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *As an option to engage your child in the story more, place story items (indicated below) around the room before you start to tell the story. As you tell the story, instruct your child to bring the items to you.*
- Our story today is about a king who was the wisest person of all time! His name was Solomon!
- Solomon was King David's son, and he loved God just like David did. [Find the crown hidden in the room and bring it to you.]
- One day, Solomon traveled to Gibeon, the place the Israelites worshipped God in until the new temple was built. Later that night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream. God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!" [Find the pillow hidden in the room and bring it to you.]
- Solomon replied and said, "Give me an understanding heart so that I can be a good king and know the difference between right and wrong." Basically Solomon asked God to make him wise! [Find the owl toy or image hidden in the room and bring it to the front.]
- God was so pleased by what Solomon asked for and said, "Because you have asked for wisdom to be a good king for my people, I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart like no one else has ever had!" [Find the heart-shaped item hidden in the room and bring it to the front.]
- Not only did God give Solomon the wisdom he asked for, God also gave Solomon more riches and fame than any other king before or after him had ever had! [Find the coins hidden in the room and bring them to the front.]

- Solomon wasn't selfish. He only asked God for wisdom to better lead God's people, and God gave him even more good things!

ACTIVITY | Wise-pedia

- God gives us wisdom by also giving us people in our lives who are wise! Now let's talk about some different people who can help us make wise choices!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the word "WISDOM" on a large piece of poster board or paper. Ask your child about the people in their lives who help them make wise decisions. Prompt, if necessary – parents, grandparents, teachers, pastors, aunts, uncles, tutors, etc. Help kids write those people's names (or just title, like "dad") anywhere on the poster, and draw pictures.
- **# TODDLER HACK:** Find images of moms, dads, grandparents, teachers, and others (or actual photos of their family members) that kids can trust and paste them to the board/paper.

PRAYER

Dear God, We want to always know the difference between right and wrong. Please make us wise so we can make good choices.

MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5

