



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

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

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Summarize the story in 1 Kings 3:16-28. You could use a doll as a prop as you tell the story.*
- King Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived. So a lot of people in his kingdom came to him and asked him to help them figure out their problems.
- One day, two women came to see the king. They had a very serious problem. One woman told the king, "This woman's baby died in the middle of the night. So she took my baby!" The other woman said, "No, she's wrong! This is my baby! Make her give him back to me!"
- Solomon thought for a moment. What should he say? What would be the best decision? Then he had an idea. He asked for a sword. He said, "Since you both want the baby, let's divide the baby in half."
- One of the women thought that sounded fair. But the other woman started crying and begged the king not to hurt the baby. She even said the other lady could take the baby!
- King Solomon knew right then she was the real mother of the baby, and gave him to her.
- **Do you think Solomon made a good choice?**

## ACTIVITY | Right Words

- Solomon said the right words and made the mother of the baby very happy! The right words tell the truth but are also kind. Let's see if we can figure out some kind words to say.
- INSTRUCTIONS: *Draw a picture of an angry face and a picture of a happy face. Place these pictures on opposite sides of the room. As you say different phrases, tell your child to run to the angry face if they are unkind words and the happy face if the phrases contain kind words.*
  - "Thank you."
  - "I don't want to play with you."
  - "Let's share."
  - "Give it NOW!"
  - "You look very nice today."
  - "I don't like you."
  - "God loves you."

## DISCUSSION

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

Why should we use words that are kind?

## PRAYER

- Dear God, Even when we are sad or angry and we want to use unkind words, please help us to choose kind words. Thank you for giving us the right words to say.

## MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5

