



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

God wants to make us wise.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will learn that a godly person seeks wisdom.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

1 Kings 3:1-15, Solomon Asks For Wisdom

**MEMORY VERSE:**

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Psalm 34:8 (NIV)*

**SUMMARY:**

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**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Make us as wise as your servant Solomon!*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



## MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 34:8 (NIV)*

*“Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the person who goes to him for safety.”  
Psalm 34:8 (NIRV)*

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Have the kids recite the verse together, but have them talk like they are all robots.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Split the verse up into sections, as many as you have kids in the group. Give each child a section to read or recite. See how well your group can read the verse together!



## SKIT

### COOKIN' WITH SOLOMON

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

A Biblical costume for Solomon  
Ice cream

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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#### CHARACTERS:

Guy - A TV chef  
Solomon - A king

*Guy enters.*

GUY: Hi, I'm TV chef Guy, and we're rolling out, looking for the Ingredients of a Godly Life! Today I'm still here in the book of First Kings, and I'm looking for a real wise guy.

*Solomon enters eating some ice cream.*

SOLOMON: Oh I get what you did there. That's funny!

GUY: You must be King Solomon!

SOLOMON: And you must be TV chef Guy.

GUY: How did you know?

SOLOMON: They don't call me the wisest man who ever lived for nothing. Fist bump?

GUY: I didn't think kings gave fist bumps.

SOLOMON: We do in First Kings.

*They fist bump.*

GUY: Wow, I can't believe I just gave a fist bump to King Solomon.

# SKIT

SOLOMON: I can't believe I gave a fist bump to TV chef Guy.

GUY: Solomon, I'm tracking down the ingredients of a godly life. I'm sure you know why I'm here.

SOLOMON: Well I know you didn't drop by for a cup of sugar. You want wisdom!

GUY: Exactly!

SOLOMON: Wisdom is one of the greatest gifts God ever gave us. It helped me to govern my people, and it helps ordinary people make wise decisions every day of their life.

GUY: Tell us, your majesty, where do we get wisdom?

SOLOMON: Aisle three, next to the Lucky Charms.

GUY: Funny.

SOLOMON: I know, I'm a funny guy too. Actually, kids, you get it from the Lord. You can find wisdom in the Bible, and you can find it through prayer. I asked God to give me wisdom, and He gave me more than I ever dreamed.

GUY: You got it directly from the source?

SOLOMON: Yes I did, TV chef Guy.

GUY: And that same source of wisdom is available to all of us. Ask God for wisdom.

*Read the Bible, and pray for God to fill your mind with wisdom.*

SOLOMON: Stir together with trust, obedience, and mercy.

GUY: Wow, you're good.

SOLOMON: That's what wisdom will do for you.

GUY: That's all for this week. We'll see you again next week.

SOLOMON: I won't, but you enjoy meeting Shadrach and the boys.

GUY: Wow, you are really, really good!



## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Powder Drink Mix

Water

Who here wants to have something to drink? Anyone want to drink this plain water? What if I add this little package of powder drink to the cup and stir it up? Does anyone want to have some of this drink instead?

When you stir the powder mix into water, you end up with a yummy, sweet, drink almost no one can resist. I think it's fair to say that Solomon felt the same way about wisdom as we feel about this drink. As the king of Israel, wisdom was more than sweet. It was essential to every decision he made. Solomon relied on God's wisdom to help him make every decision. God blessed Solomon, and his fame spread around the world for being such a wise ruler.

The same God can make us wise today. We can stir his wisdom into our hearts, and God will make our life sweeter by the wise decisions we make. Stir God's wisdom into your heart every day through prayer and Bible study, and you'll add one more ingredient to your godly life!



## LARGE GROUP GAME

### STIR YOUR HIPS

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Hula hoops

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose five players for this game. See who can get a hula hoop going and keep it going the longest. Keep playing different rounds so all the kids get a chance to play. Then at the end let the winner of each round go against each other to see who can keep the hula hoop going the longest.

#### VARIATION:

Instead of five kids with one hoop each, choose two kids, and see who can get the most hoops going at one time.

#### WHAT'S THE POINT?

Stir in wisdom if you want to have a godly life.

## LARGE GROUP LESSON

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**KEY PASSAGE:**

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**INTRO:**

Cooking is all about combining different ingredients to become something new. You combine eggs, milk, and Bisquick and stir them together to make pancakes. You stir vinegar, ketchup, brown sugar, and spices to make barbecue sauce. You stir broth and veggies to make vegetable soup. It's amazing how ingredients from all over the grocery store can come together to create something very different and very delicious.

When you're working on a specific recipe, every ingredient is important. If you don't add enough, it won't taste right, and if you leave something out, you could be sorry. The last thing you want to leave out of a bread recipe is yeast. Yeast is not actually a food. It's a fungus! But yeast is what makes bread rise. It makes bread airy and fluffy. If you don't stir in the yeast in warm water and add to your flour and oil properly, you're not going to end up with bread. You're going to end up with a very hard, very thick cracker that makes very bad peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Today we want to stir a new ingredient into our lives. We want to take our bowl of trust, our sprinkle of obedience, our mix of mercy and stir in some wisdom. Wisdom is more than just knowing facts and figures. Wisdom is being able to take knowledge and experience and apply it to make the best possible choices we can. Wisdom can come from many sources – from parents, other relatives, books, and teachers. But the best source of wisdom is God.

God has given us a wealth of wisdom in the Bible. He wants us to learn what the Bible says, to pray for understanding, and to apply what we have learned to every choice we make. If we seek God's wisdom, He will give it to us. He will help us to walk a godly life every day by the choices we make.

There's no greater example of this than a man named Solomon.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

Solomon was the son of David, the man of mercy we read about last week. When he became king, God offered to give Solomon anything he asked for. Here's the story of Solomon's request.

## **READ 1 KINGS 3:1-15**

### **MAIN POINT:**

God was pleased that Solomon valued wisdom more than treasure, power, or anything else he could have asked for. God gave Solomon a wealth of wisdom, and Solomon used it every day as king. The Bible tells us that rulers from all over the world came to learn from Solomon, and He even recorded much of his wisdom in three books of the Bible: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

As incredible as it sounds, we have access to the same source of wisdom as Solomon. We have a book that includes the writings of Solomon and many others who were blessed with the wisdom of the Lord. All of these books can help us to make wiser choices and lead a godly life. If we seek the wisdom of God, we will not only be blessed with wisdom, we will be blessed beyond measure, just like Solomon!

### **DRIVE IT HOME:**

Here's a strange but true statement. Wisdom begins when we admit we don't know everything. It begins with us being willing to listen and learn, first to God, and then to the people God has placed in our lives. When we open the Bible and ask God to teach us, He will teach us. When we pray for wisdom to make a good decision, God will guide it toward the right choice. Spending time with God every day is the best way to gain knowledge every day.

God also gives us other sources of wisdom, starting with our parents. I know there are times when it seems our parents don't understand us, but our parents know way more than we realize. They were kids, too. They have been through every stage of life you've faced, including the next phase coming up. By listening to our parents and the stories of them growing up, we can gain wisdom that will help us now and in the future.

The same can be said for teachers, for pastors, for aunts and uncles and grandparents. Even our older brothers and sisters! Anyone who has lived through more than we have can be a source of wisdom. Sometimes they will tell us the right choice to make because it was the right choice they made. Sometimes they share with us the wrong choices they made hoping we won't make the same mistakes. When we learn from someone else's mistakes and make a better choice, that's true wisdom!

Wisdom can be your guide to avoiding sin. It can help us not only avoid the action of sin but the places and people that tempt us to sin the most. Wisdom can also help us know when to take action to help someone in need.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

It can make us better servants of God, better sons and daughters, better brothers and sisters, and better friends.

Wisdom is a vital ingredient to a godly life, and it's ours for the asking. Spend some time this week praying for wisdom. God will bless you just as He did Solomon so that you will always be able to make the wise choice.

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Make us as wise as your servant Solomon!*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER:

What is your favorite way to learn?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

#### Psalm 34:8

Split the verse up into sections, as many as you have kids in the group. Give each child a section to read or recite. See how well your group can read the verse together!

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Stir yourselves up with a few rounds of Simon Says but instead of Simon call it, Solomon Says.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#### Read 1 Kings 3:1-15

Who was Solomon?

What did God offer Solomon?

What did Solomon ask for?

What did God give Solomon after he made his request?

What are some ways we can gain wisdom?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,*

*Show us how we can grow in wisdom every day.*

*In Jesus' name,*

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#### Read 1 Kings 3:1-15

What did God offer Solomon?

Why did Solomon ask for wisdom?

What are some ways we can gain wisdom from God?

How can parents and other adults help us gain wisdom?

What will you do this week so you can become wiser?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### FILL IN THE BLANK

\_\_\_\_\_ was the son of King David.

SOLOMON

\_\_\_\_\_ offered Solomon anything he wanted to ask for.

GOD

Solomon asked God to give him \_\_\_\_\_.

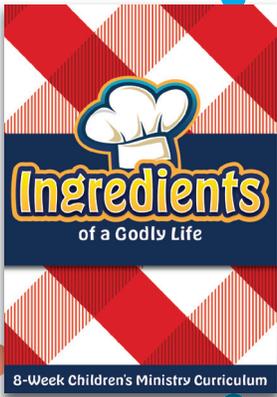
WISDOM

We can gain wisdom by reading the \_\_\_\_\_.

BIBLE

We can also gain wisdom by listening to our \_\_\_\_\_ and other adults.

PARENTS



# MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

## Ingredients of a Godly Life Lesson 4

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: STIR TOGETHER WITH WISDOM



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Make some hot chocolate or instant chocolate milk or Kool Aid from a mix. As you stir your drinks, ask your kids why God wants them to stir in wisdom. Ask them if they know some ways they can become wiser.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Solomon ask for wisdom?
- Why do you think God blessed Solomon so much for asking for wisdom?
- What are some ways we can become wiser?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the person who goes to him for safety."*  
Psalm 34:8 (NirV)



#### PARENT TIME:

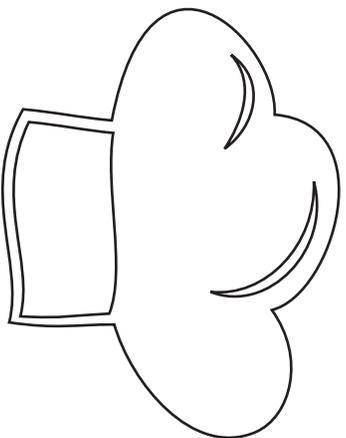
What you need to know:

Wisdom comes from prayer, from reading the Bible, and from listening to those who are older and, yes, wiser than us. Ask God to make you wise, and ask Him to help you pass on wisdom to your children.

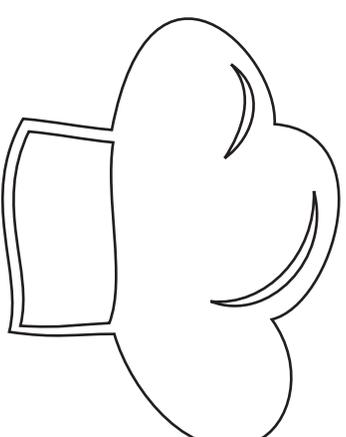


## SNACK ACTIVITY

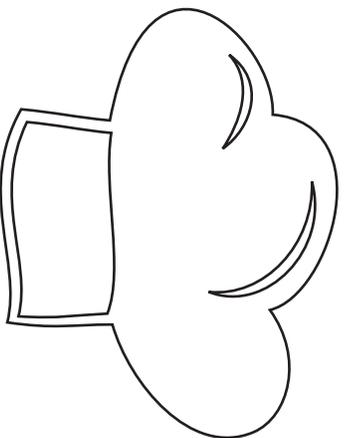
Give all of the kids some hot chocolate mix and some marshmallows to make hot chocolate at home.



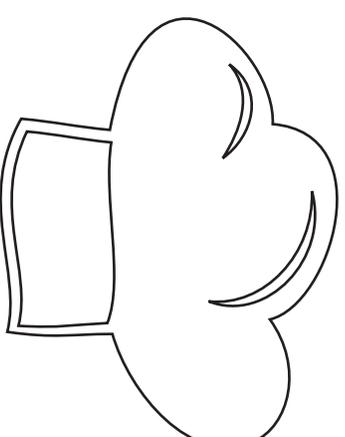
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