

The Wise King

1 Kings 3

Grades 4,5

Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)

Materials needed -

- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.

- Our memory verse for the month is Isaiah 41:10. Play this video while singing along. <https://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/product/do-not-fear-isaiah-4110/>

Play a memory game with the kids. Ask them if they could ask for one thing what would you ask for?

- Sit in a circle and let the first kid answer - If I could ask for one thing it would be _____.
- Ask the second kid to answer - If I could ask for one thing it would be _____ and 1st kids' answer.
- Ask the third kid to answer - If I could ask for one thing it would be _____ and 2nd kids answer and 1st kids' answer.
- Keep going like this adding one more answer with every new kid.

- Let's watch this together - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PojhRZrPZzQ>

Break up into small groups

Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)

Materials needed - Solomon Skit,

- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.

Solve the problem

- Tell the kids that it is their turn to be wise. Tell them the example of the two ladies coming to talk with Solomon in 1 Kings 3:16-28. One of the ladies babies had died in the night and now they were both saying that the child that was alive was their own child.
- Ask the kids what they would do to figure out who was telling the truth. What kinds of questions could they ask the ladies?

Read 1 Kings 3 in the bible

Act out the story

- Use the Solomon skit, or make up your own skit.

Ask the kids the following true or false questions

True or False Questions

- Solomon was David's Son. (True)
- Solomon went to Bethlehem to offer sacrifices. (False)
- Solomon offered 5000 animals as sacrifices. (False)
- Solomon slept over in Gibeon. (True)
- Solomon had a dream from God. (True)
- In Solomon's dream God asked Solomon what he would like for Christmas. (False)
- Solomon asked for wisdom. (True)
- Solomon is known as the wise king. (True)

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed -

Play a game using one of the proverbs.

- Read and play [this game](#)

Play a game - Wise or unwise

- Give examples of situations with two endings, one ending being wise and the other being not wise
- Ask the kids to choose what ending would be the wise one.

Share a story with the kids about a time when you made a wise or unwise decision.

- Ask the kids if they have anything they would like to share.

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this month's memory verse)

Materials needed - memory verse sheets, tape

- Talk through the memory verse with the kids.
- Tape different pages of the memory verse up on different walls.
- Run to the different walls and say that part of the memory verse.
- Do this many times so the kids can start to memorize while having fun.