Lesson 135: Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-28

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/tUKG3m-AxGo

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/k0cWnMqulsk

Worship Theme: God gives us wisdom.

Memory Verse: "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver." (Proverb 16:16)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. Who Has Created the Sun https://youtu.be/t6Yhl46a2gQ
- 2. God Never Fails Us https://youtu.be/uVqBqBENPi4
- 3. Seek Ye First https://youtu.be/rMdM48ofdBY

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Wrong Answer"



- 1. Ask the children to sit in a circle.
- 2. Select one child to stand in the center of the circle.
- 3. The child in the center will select a child to ask a question. The selected child must answer with a wrong answer that is not related to the question. For example, if the person in the center asks a boy, "Are you a boy?" then he can answer "I love mango." If the boy says "yes," then he will be out of the game.
- 4. Continue the game until there are 3 people left, and they

will be the winners.

5. After the game, explain to the children that God makes us smart so that we can answer questions quickly. But wisdom is different from being smart. Being wise means knowing what makes happy and making smart decisions to please God. God always wants to give wisdom to us.

Introduction:

If a magician comes to you and tells you that you can have one wish, what would you ask for? Would you ask for money? Toys? A house? A car? Many people would ask for things to make them rich and famous. Today, we will learn about a man who asked God for wisdom instead of things that will make him rich and famous.

Bible Story:

King David, the king of Israel, was getting old. He knew that he came to the end of his time to rule as the king of Israel, so he called his son Solomon to his side and told him that he would need to be a good king for the people of Israel.

Solomon knew that ruling Israel would be a hard job. So he asked the Lord for something he thought would make him the best king he could be. He asked for wisdom, which means being wise and knowing how to make smart decisions that makes God happy.

Solomon's request for wisdom pleased God. Solomon could have asked for power, riches, or fame; instead he unselfishly asked for what would help him best rule God's people. God honored Solomon's unselfishness by granting his wish and giving him power, riches, and fame as well. The Bible tells us that Solomon was known throughout the earth for his wisdom in deciding very complicated situations and that rulers from all over the land came to ask his advice.

Without God's help, we are often confused and sometimes frightened. We can trust God to help us with our confusing situations by asking him to give us wisdom! With God's

help, we can make good decisions that really please him. We can always turn to God because he cares for each of us. God loves us and wants to help us live with him forever and know the right things to do.

Questions to discuss:

- 1. Who did King David select to be the next king of Israel? (Solomon)
- 2. What did Solomon ask God to give him? (wisdom)
- 3. What else did God give Solomon aside from wisdom? (power, riches, and fame)
- 4. How is being wise different from being smart? (Being smart means knowing many things, but being wise means knowing what makes God happy, and making decisions that please God)
- 5. How can we get wisdom from God? (we can ask God to give us wisdom)

Game: "Memorize Little by Little"

Materials Needed: 5 Paper with parts memory verse written on it



- 1. Teacher will prepare 5 sheets of paper with parts of memory verse written on each paper.
- 2. Select 5 children and give the paper with parts of the memory verse to each child and have them stand in the front.
- 3. Divide the children into two groups.
- 4. Both teams stand in front of the 5 children with

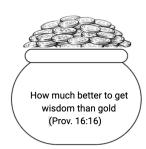
parts of the memory verse.

- 5. For round one, the children will read the entire memory verse as shown by the 5 children.
- 6. For round two, the teacher can select any child with the memory verse to turn around so the children cannot see. Two teams will recite the verse from memory and read the other parts of the memory verse.
- 7. After playing the game many rounds, the children will be able to recite the verse from memory.
- 8. The team who can recite the verse correctly wins the game.

Memory Verse:

"How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver." (Proverb 16:16)

Craft: "Better to Get Wisdom Than Gold"



Materials Needed: Print the craft sheet, scissors, glue, crayons

- 1. Give each child a picture of the pot and gold.
- 2. Have them cut it out and color the gold and the pot.
- 3. Have the children write "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver." (Prov. 16:16) on the pot.
- 4. Glue the gold on the pot.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
Jesus doesn't expect us to have all the answers. All we need to be wise is a willingness to constantly turn to Jesus, asking him for direction—just as Solomon turned to God. Read 1 Kings 3:16-28. Solomon needed wisdom to rule God's people well. What do you need wisdom for? What are some areas in your life in which you are struggling for answers? In James, Scripture says God generously gives wisdom to people who ask him. Why don't you take a minute and ask for wisdom right now?



