

Lesson 136: Solomon Writes Many Proverbs

[1 Kings 4:29-34](#) & [Proverbs 1:1-7](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/kBjb1RogS6E>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/4ZMf9jXNQfw>

Worship Theme: God is the source of wisdom.

Memory Verse: "Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding."
(Proverbs 3:13)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. If You Are Happy and You Know It <https://youtu.be/SsldqdQB-9U>
2. Happy All the time <https://youtu.be/2LWPsq-KZvo>
3. Jesus Christ Is the Lord of All <https://youtu.be/l-PzUIJ0MVo>

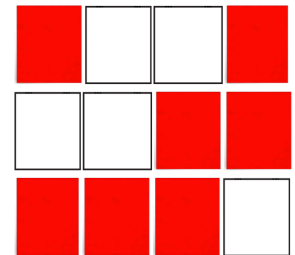
Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.]

Icebreaker: "Turn It Over"

Material Needed: 30 cardboards with one side red and the other side white

1. Divide the children into 2 groups.
2. Group 1 will be red and Group 2 will be white.
3. Teacher will place the 30 cardboards on the floor in mixed colors.
4. The children have 3 minutes to turn the cardboards to their color.
5. The team that has most of their designated color wins the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that you needed wisdom to turn over the cardboards to their color and keep it that way. In life, we always need wisdom to solve problems, and God is the source of wisdom.



Introduction:

Who do you think is the smartest child in this class? Who do you think is the first rank in school? Who do you think is the second? Third? Fourth? Fifth? God gives us many wonderful gifts like wisdom which means knowing the right thing to do, and his wisdom can also help us to be smart, sing, dance, smile, cook, and more. The Bible mentions the words wisdom or wise more than 300 times. It's almost as much as the Bible mentions the one word that best describes God—love. Today, we will learn about Solomon who used wisdom given to him from God.

Bible Story:

The Bible tells us that the wisdom God gave to Solomon is like all the sand on all the beaches in the world. Solomon knew so many things that no one could count or measure the wisdom God gave to Solomon. Solomon's wisdom just kept going and going. Everyone around the world knew that Solomon was the wisest man alive.

He taught people about trees and animals. He explained about some mysteries that no one could understand. He gave instructions about how to be a better person. He was able to show the world how great God is and how small humans are. He taught everyone that we cannot live without God. He shared the wisdom God had given him with people from all over the earth. In fact, Solomon's wisdom was so great that we still can learn from him today.

Wisdom means knowing the right thing to do and doing things wisely, which is a good way of doing things. Solomon wrote a book of the Bible to help us understand how important wisdom is to God. The book is named Proverbs. Each verse of Proverbs tells people about a wise way to live. Often the verses tell us a wise way to live and an unwise way to live to help us understand the wise way.

For example, listening to the teachings of your parents is a wise thing to do. It would be unwise to disobey your parents. Trusting God and following his directions is a wise thing

to do. It would be unwise to reject God and do things your own way.

God gives us wisdom just as he gave Solomon wisdom. Where can we find the wisdom of God? We can find wisdom from knowing God and God's ways through the bible and through worship! Let us all become wise and know the right thing to do!

Questions to discuss:

1. Who was the wisest man alive? (King Solomon)
2. What book in the bible has the wisdom of King Solomon? (Proverbs)
3. What is wisdom? (Knowing the right thing to do)
4. Where can you find wisdom? (By knowing God and God's ways through the bible and worship)

Game: "Wise? or Unwise?"

1. Divide the children into two or more groups.
2. Select a representative for each team.
3. The teacher will tell the selected children a story. If the children think the person in the story is wise, they should jump up and down while saying "wise." If the children think the person in the story is unwise, they should roll on the ground while saying "unwise."
4. The representative who answers first by either jumping up and down or rolling on the ground gets the point.
5. Teachers should prepare some stories like the examples below.
 - a. David believed in God and was not scared to fight against Goliath. (Jump up and down and say "wise")
 - b. Cain killed his brother Abel because he was jealous. (Roll on the ground and say "unwise")
 - c. Odom obeyed his mother and washed his hands before eating. (Jump up and down down and say "wise")
 - d. Kanha broke her friend's toy and didn't tell him about it. (Roll on the ground and say "unwise")

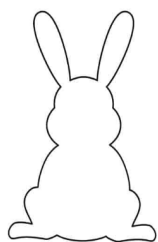


Memory Verse:

"Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding" (Proverbs 3:13)

Craft: "The Wise Rabbit"

Materials Needed: Rabbit printout, crayons, scissors



1. Give a rabbit printout to each child.
2. Have the children decorate the rabbit by drawing its face and coloring it.
3. Ask the children to write the memory verse on the rabbit.
4. After the craft, explain to the children that the wise rabbit tells us that "Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding." (Proverbs 3:13)

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Wisdom is understanding what God desires for us. As we grow in our ability to listen to and obey Christ's wisdom, Jesus re-creates us and helps us live for him. Read Proverbs 1:7. The starting place for wisdom is having a deep respect for God. How do you show your respect for God? Examine your schedule. Are there times and areas in your life when it's harder to demonstrate respect for God? These tough spots are opportunities for God's wisdom to begin to shine in your life.

The Wise Rabbit

