



# OLD TESTAMENT: DAVID AND SOLOMON'S KINGDOMS lesson 28

### BIG IDEA

During the reigns of David and his son Solomon, God expands the kingdom of Israel. He gives David success in battles. He gives Solomon wisdom, riches, and permission to build Him a temple.

### MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 8 and/or I Kings 3:9

### KEY VERSES

II Samuel 7 - I Kings 8

### • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

### BIBLE LESSON

- Cast: TL wearing a baseball cap. Bear wearing bear ears
- *EM provides baseball cap and bear ears.*

### GAME

- Poster boards in a variety of colors, one color per team (6-8 kids per team)
- Thick permanent marker
- Prepare for the game by writing a wisdom verses (from Proverbs or copied from today's craft) in bold letters on the poster boards. Cut the posters into 9 puzzle pieces.

### CRAFT

- Construction paper 3 X 9 inches in various colors, two per child
- Photocopies of wisdom verses, one per child
- Scotch tape (in case the paper tears while weaving)
- Rulers

### WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



### EM PROVIDES

- Scissors, hole punches, staplers

## Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(extend hands to sides)

You have set your glory in the heavens.



(extend hands high)

Through the praise of children and infants you have



("stop" hand)

established a stronghold against your enemies,

To silence the foe and the avenger.



(index finger over lips)

(wiggle fingers both hands)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,



The moon and the stars which you have set in place,



(point to moon and stars)

What is mankind that you are mindful of them,



(shrug shoulders)

Human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels



(flat hand at waist)

And crowned them with glory and honor.



(make crown with hands)

You have made them rulers over the works of your

hands;



(open hands)

You put everything under their feet:



(stomp feet)

All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,



(hands like claws)

The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim

the paths of the seas.



(hands together wiggle like fish)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(arms up as if cheering)



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### CAST

TL wears baseball cap. Bear wears bear ears.

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### SCRIPT

Bear and TL enter stage

TL Greetings, Bear.

Bear Hi TL. Are you going to tell me more about that new king, David?

TL Yes. I want to tell you about both King David and his son, King Solomon.

Bear You said David was a man after God's own heart, so this is going to be a good story, right? No more grumbling against God or jealousy or murder?

TL (With a sigh) Bear, I wish I could say that David was a perfect man and never sinned, but even he gave in to sin and made a terrible choice.

Bear But TL, why are all these stories in the bible? Why doesn't God choose only perfect people and put their stories in the bible? Wouldn't that be a better example?

TL Bear, do you know anyone who's perfect?

Bear Well...no...not really.

TL The bible is not meant to give examples of a perfect person, it is meant to give examples of a perfect God.

Bear Ooooooh. Of course.

TL Bear, keep listening to the stories. You will see God's faithfulness and also a big plan to use David's family line to bring the most important man to ever be born. Someone who can actually save man from sin.

Bear Really?

TL Yes, David is actually right in the middle of a family line that starts with Abraham and ends with the a little baby who changes the world forever.



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Bear Well, don't keep me waiting. Let's here today's story!

TL (Chuckle) OK, fair enough. David was a good and kind king. He ruled over Israel and made sure people were treated fairly. He lead many battles against the surrounding nations and God gave him victory. The land of Israel grew, and grew, and grew. David got married and had several children. One of his children was Solomon.

Many years later, when Solomon had grown to be a man, David brought Solomon to him and said, "I am about to die. Be sure to obey all the commandments of the Law of Moses. Then the Lord will keep his promise that my descendants will always rule over Israel." Soon David died and was buried in Jerusalem. He had been king for forty years. Solomon became king after him, he grew stronger all the time and the land of Israel grew larger under his rule.

One night, Solomon had a dream. The Lord appeared to him and asked, "Solomon, what would you like me to give you?"

Bear Ooo. Ooo. Like a wish, right? Like he could wish for anything and God would give it to him? I'll be he wishes to conquer all his enemies, and become rich and famous! Oh, and maybe he even wishes for a super hero power, like the ability to fly! Awesome! So...what does he wish for?

TL Would you believe he didn't ask for any of those things? He actually asked for something even more precious and important.

Bear I can't imagine what. Certainly riches and power can accomplish anything. What could he possibly want that's better than unlimited riches and power?

TL Here's what he said to the Lord, "O Lord, you have made me king after my father, but I am still young. I do not know how to be a king. Give me wisdom to rule your people in the right way."

Bear (Scratch his head) Huh? He asked for wisdom? What's wisdom?

TL Well, Solomon had asked the Lord to give him wisdom to rule the people in the right way. The Lord was pleased that Solomon's request was not selfish. "I will give you more wisdom than anyone else in the world. I will also give you what you did not ask for: you will have more riches and honor than any other king. And if you keep my laws, like your father David, then I will also give you a long life."

Bear That is so cool! I don't think I would have had enough wisdom to ask for wisdom in the first place. But Solomon gets to have wisdom and riches and power and maybe even a long life!



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Nice.

TL When Solomon woke up he realized that God had spoken to him through a dream. So he offered sacrifices to God and gave a feast. Then one day, Solomon's wisdom was put to a test. Two women came to King Solomon and they were trying to settle a bitter disagreement. One of them said, "Sir, this woman and I live in the same house, and both of us gave birth to baby boys. During the night she accidentally killed her baby by rolling over on it. Then she took my baby and put the dead baby in my bed. When I woke up, I found the dead baby – but it was not mine!"

The other woman spoke up. "NO! That's not true. The living child is mine and the dead child is yours!" King Solomon listened carefully then he sent his servant to get a sword. He ordered the servant, "Cut the child in two and give each of the women half of it."

Bear AAAKK! What!? That's not wisdom. You don't cut a baby in two pieces to make two mothers happy! What is he thinking?

TL Settle down, my friend. Just let me finish the story. As soon as Solomon made this order one of the women cried, "Oh, no. Don't kill the baby. Give it to her!" And the other woman said, "Go ahead, cut it in two." Then Solomon said, "Stop! Give the baby to the first woman – she is the real mother." He knew that the real mother would do anything to keep her baby alive, while the other woman didn't care because she wasn't the real mother. The people of Israel were filled with respect for Solomon when they heard about his decision and they knew he had been filled with special wisdom.

Bear That's a relief. So, did Solomon get rich and powerful too?

TL He did. He became famous for his wisdom and people from all nations came to listen to him. They brought him gifts like silver, gold, robes, weapons, spices and animals. The bible says that every year Solomon received 25 tons of gold! He also built a grand palace for himself and a beautiful temple for the Lord.

Bear Cool.

TL Well, that's the end of today's story.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- What was David's sin?
- What was the consequence for his sin?
- Why was David considered a man after God's own heart?
- What did Solomon ask God for?
- What would you have asked God for?
- When have you used wisdom in your own life?
- Can a person have true wisdom if they don't believe in Christ?
- How can we ask for wisdom today?

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**OBJECTIVE: HEARTS FULL OF WISDOM**

Kids will make a woven paper heart and fill it with scripture verses on wisdom.

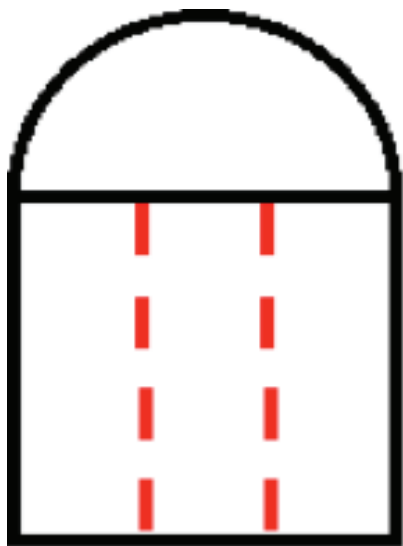
**MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM**

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**MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM**

- Scissors

**EXAMPLE**



**DIRECTIONS**

- Stack the two pieces of paper on top of one another and fold them in half.
- Cut a large U shape (so the straight part of the U is at the fold) by cutting the corners in a curve
- At the folded end cut two slits, one inch apart and 3 inches long (see drawing)
- Take color A and open the top loop. Take color B and stick the first end down the top A loop.
- Now open the B loop and stick the A loop partially through
- Stick the B end through the last A loop.
- Keep weaving the loops together to form the heart shape.
- When complete it should open into a little heart shaped basket.
- Cut out the wisdom verses and tuck them in the pocket

Optional:

- If your group of kids is young or you feel this craft would be too difficult, consider making heart pockets out of two pieces of felt pre punched with holes along the straight edges. Have the kids sew the hearts using large, blunt craft needles with yarn or thin ribbon.
- For a super simple craft simply pre-cut paper hearts and staple or glue the straight edges. Decorate with markers, stickers, jewels, etc.





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### OBJECTIVE: WISDOM HUNT

Kids work in teams to find puzzle pieces and be the first team to complete their puzzle.

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- On game day, hide the puzzle pieces around the play area while the kids are not looking (perhaps during story time)
- Divide the kids into groups of 6-8
- Assign each team to hunt for the 9 puzzle pieces in their color which they will bring back to their group and fit together to reveal the wisdom verse. v
- Call "go" and let the game begin!

Note: This is a relatively short game. Consider adding a second game such as tag or a relay.





Proverbs 16:16

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!

Proverbs 18:4

The words of a man's mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.

Proverbs 13:10

Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Proverbs 19:20

Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

Proverbs 14:33

Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, but what is in the heart of fools is made known

Proverbs 3:7

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

Psalms 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

