

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **February 6, 2022** Family Theme | **Seeking God's Wisdom** Study Text | **1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-15**

Objective: Children understand that having God's wisdom is better than having riches and fame. They choose to seek out and live by the wisdom of God's Word.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set around 970 BC at the end of King David's life and reign when his son Solomon was anointed king of Israel.

Bible Basics: Memorize Proverbs 2:6 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: 1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-15

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how life goes better when we seek and live by God's wisdom from His Word.



Key Truth: A Father's Best Advice Is to Live According to God's Ways (1 Kings 2:1-4)

In this passage; David was giving his son Solomon his last words of instruction and encouragement to live obediently before God. He was also signaling a transfer of power and setting the stage for Solomon's future reign. David charged Solomon to be strong and to keep the charge or requirements of the Lord, a task that could only be accomplished as he chose daily to walk in God's ways. David defined the ways of the Lord using four terms that capture the varying precepts of the Mosaic law. Solomon's obedience to the Law would result in his personal success as king but would also result in the Lord's fulfilling His promises to David regarding his descendants and the throne of Israel. This pattern of parents teaching their children is encouraged throughout the Scriptures.



Key Truth: Godly Wisdom and Understanding Are More Valuable Than Riches and Fame (1 Kings 3:3-9)

Chapter 3 begins by detailing some of Solomon's early activities as king and describing his love for God. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered the king whatever he desired. Solomon was overwhelmed with his assignment and responsibilities as king. Having acknowledged his inability to rightly rule in his own strength and wisdom, Solomon asked God for a discerning or understanding heart, one that would hear the voice of God. Solomon also desired to be able to discern between good and evil, a trait exhibited by his father David. Solomon asked for wisdom and understanding to rule rightly. He recognized he needed God's wisdom and knowledge to live and rule before God as his father David had.



Key Truth: God Blesses Those Who Choose Godliness and Wisdom Over Selfish Desires (1 Kings 3:10-15)

For believers, success centers around obeying and pleasing God. Solomon's request pleased God. Because Solomon chose to ask for wisdom, God provided that wisdom, as well as the riches and the promise of a

long life Solomon had not asked for. While all three came as a direct result of God's divine favor in Solomon's life, experience tells us that those who exercise wisdom find that other blessings come with it. Solomon awoke from his dream and returned to Jerusalem to worship and celebrate.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why is it best to choose godly wisdom over riches and fame?
- Why is it difficult to choose wisdom over riches and fame?
- Where can we go to get the wisdom and knowledge of God?
- How does pursuing godly wisdom lead to God's blessings in our lives?
- For what situation or circumstance do you need wisdom from God right now? How will you seek out that wisdom?
- What wisdom from God's Word have you already discovered, but need to more fully put into practice this week?
- **For Elementary:** What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?
- **For Elementary:** Where can we go to get the wisdom and knowledge of God?
- **For Elementary:** For what situation or circumstance do you need wisdom from God right now? How will you seek out that wisdom?

Everyday Extras

When he could choose anything he wanted, Solomon chose wisdom. In Proverbs 8:11, he said wisdom was better than rubies. In Proverbs 16:16, he said it was better than gold and silver. He said it was better than strength and weapons of war (Ecclesiastes 9:16, 18). Ask every family member to bring his or her most prized possession (or something that represents it) to a family meeting. Take turns telling why you value that object so much. Why is wisdom better than that treasure? You could test your family story-telling skills by posing some interesting scenarios where wisdom would obviously be the better choice. Together, thank God for His generous offer to give us wisdom whenever we ask — as much as we need (James 1:5).

Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned God told Solomon that He would give him anything he wanted, and Solomon asked for wisdom. God was so happy for Solomon's choice that He not only made him the wisest man on earth, but also gave him riches and honor. Solomon used his wisdom to help people make good choices. **God Helps Me Make Good Choices** just like He did Solomon.