

WISE KING SOLOMON

Timeless Truth: God's faithful love continues forever.

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 3:1–15; 4:29–34; 2 Chronicles 9:1–9

Key Verse: Don't be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the Lord. —Proverbs 3:7 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 13: "Wise King Solomon"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 13 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child remember to ask God for wisdom. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God made Solomon a wise leader. God can make me wise, too.

TABLE TALK

- **God told Solomon he could ask for anything. If you could ask God for anything, what would it be?**
- **What did Solomon ask for?** (*To be wise*)
- **What does it mean to be wise?** (*Being able to tell right from wrong*)

LIVING FAITH

Owls are sometimes referred to as wise. With your preschooler make an owl out of paper plates. With one paper plate, fold about a third of the plate over with the bottom of the plate facing toward you. Glue the fold down. Draw eyes on the folded down section. Add a triangle nose underneath the eyes and two triangle tufts to the top of the head. Glue another paper plate below the head, slightly overlapping. Cut a third paper plate in half and glue them to the body as wings. Decorate with markers or glue feathers to the body of the owl. Talk about how you can be wise.

EXTRA MILE

Solomon built a beautiful temple to worship God. Build a temple with blocks or with chairs and blankets. Worship God by singing a few of your child's favorite songs from Sunday school.

One way you can learn right from wrong is by reading stories from the Bible. Read stories from *The Story for Little Ones* this week.

Play an "Is it Wise?" game. Have your child start on the opposite side of the room from you. Ask your child questions that start with "Is it wise to ...". You might ask if it is wise to hold an adult's hand while crossing the street or if it is wise to disobey your parents. If it is a wise thing to do, your child takes one step forward. If it is not a wise thing to do, your child stands still.

Use these motions to help your child remember the key verse.

Don't be wise (*Shake your head "no."*)

In your own eyes. (*Point to your eyes.*)

Have respect for the Lord. (*Make an L with your right hand. Take the L across your body from your left shoulder to your right hip.*)

Proverbs 3:7 (*Open hands like a book.*)