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King Solomon's Life Story

King Solomon was an important king in a place called **Israel**. He was like a superhero because he had lots of **riches** (which means he had a ton of money and fancy things) and **wisdom** (which means he was very smart). His dad was another famous king named **David**, and his mom was a lady named **Bathsheba**.

Now, let's talk about the coolest thing King Solomon did: **building a special place called the First Holy Temple in Jerusalem**. It was like an extra fancy house for people to worship and pray to God. Imagine a fancy castle with golden walls and shiny decorations—that's what the temple was like! People from all around came to see it and be amazed.

But, here's the twist: King Solomon wasn't perfect. He made some not-so-great choices, especially when it came to having too many wives (yikes!). Because of those choices, the kingdom got split up after him.

So, remember King Solomon as the wise king who built the amazing temple and made Israel a peaceful and prosperous place. And if you ever visit Jerusalem, maybe you'll visit the spot where his temple was!

Apply the Lesson

What **lessons** we can learn from **King Solomon's life story**?

1. **Choose Wisdom:** Solomon was wise! He asked God for **wisdom** instead of fancy stuff like gold or a big castle. Wisdom means being really smart about making good choices. So, remember: it's cool to be smart and make wise decisions!
2. **Be Kind and Fair:** There's this famous story about two moms fighting over a baby. Solomon knew how to solve the problem. He said, "Let's cut the baby in half!" But wait, that's not what he meant! He wanted to see who cared more. The real mom said, "No way! Give the baby to her!" Solomon knew she was the true mom. So, be kind and fair like Solomon!
3. **Listen to God:** Solomon talked to God in dreams. Imagine having a chat with the Maker of heaven and earth! God asked, "What do you want?" Solomon didn't ask for a superpower or a pony. Nope! He asked for wisdom. So, listen to God and ask for good things!
4. **Don't Be Greedy:** Solomon had lots of wives (more than anyone should!). Sometimes he made not-so-great choices. Greed means wanting too much stuff. Solomon learned that having too much isn't always good. So, share your toys and be happy with what you have!
5. **Build Cool Stuff:** Solomon built a beautiful temple in Jerusalem. It was like a sparkly castle for people to pray. You don't need to build a temple, but you can create cool things! Draw, build, or write stories. Be creative like Solomon!

Remember, even kings like Solomon had ups and downs. But learning from his story can help us be better people!

Power Point

True wisdom
comes from
God.

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 2:6, "For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."





Learning Activity: Wisdom/Lack Wisdom

Read the following statements. Have the students make a W (by slanting both arms in the air) if the statement shows someone exercising wisdom. Have them cross their arms and shake their heads if the statement shows someone lacking wisdom (LW).

1. Even though Damien had been coming to church for a while, he realized that he had never invited Jesus to be his Lord and Savior. He decided to make a decision to follow God. (W)
2. Cara could never understand her Bible, so she quit trying to read it. (LW)
3. Ivette knew she was wrong when she stole her friend's money, so she returned it and asked for forgiveness. She never stole anything after that. (W)
4. Trent didn't understand his Bible either, but he kept trying. He read it in small parts and he asked questions when he didn't get it. He couldn't believe some of the stories that were in there! (W)
5. Derek wasn't prepared for the test, so he cheated. He knew it was wrong, but it got him good grades without having to work hard, so he kept doing it. (LW)
6. While Ji Yeong was at a friend's house, the friend started playing a video game that Ji Yeong's mom would not have liked. Since he knew it was wrong, he ended up leaving right away. (W)
7. Samantha loved being popular, wearing name brand clothes, and getting everyone's attention. The Bible, in her opinion, was old and didn't have anything good to say. Besides, her favorite TV shows told her how to act anyway. (LW)
8. Tracy had a lot of friends. Sometimes they didn't always do what was right. When she was around them, she made bad decisions too. She decided to hang out more with the friends that helped her follow God. (W)
9. Micah hated getting up for church in the mornings. His parents always made him get dressed up and go anyway. Whenever his teacher started talking about God's word, he always tuned her out and thought about playing hockey instead. (LW)

After a Vacation Bible School talk, Melody felt like she should pray to accept Jesus into her heart. But she was afraid about what other people would think, so she decided against it. She still doesn't know Jesus today. (LW)

Remember: True wisdom comes from God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." - Proverbs 9:10





Object Lesson

ITEMS NEEDED: M&M's



Who can tell me what these candies are? Choose one kid to answer. When they do, give them some candy. (Do this with each of the questions in this lesson.)

What colors do M&M's come in?

What kind of candy is inside the shells?

What other kinds of M&M's are there besides plain chocolate?

What you all just showed me is your **knowledge**. You know what M&M's are, what colors they come in, and what flavors. But

knowledge is not the same as wisdom. Let's try a few more questions.

Can you eat M&M's at every meal?

Should you eat just M&M's for lunch?

Why wouldn't you want to eat candy all the time?

Wisdom isn't knowing facts; it's knowing how to make wise choices. You can't eat candy all the time because it's not good for you. It's important to be wise, and to eat candy in moderation so we do not make ourselves unhealthy.

The wiser we are, the more good choices we make. There's no one who can make you wiser than the Lord. God is the source of all wisdom, and when we seek his wisdom in making decisions, he will never steer us in the wrong direction!

Game: Eggs Over Easy

ITEMS NEEDED: Three raw eggs, A spatula, A wooden spoon, A pair of tongs. Masking tape, A cone

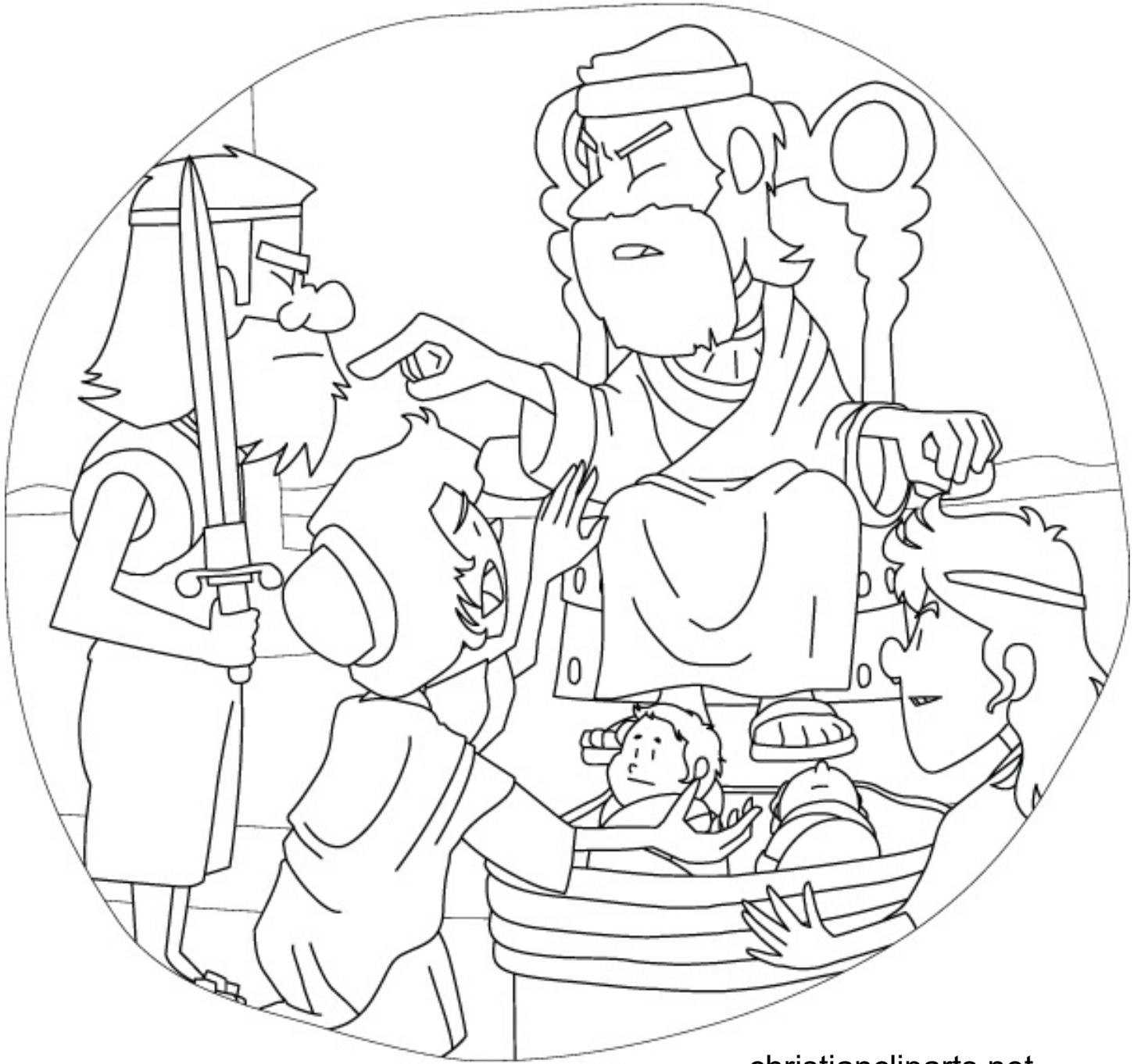
INSTRUCTIONS: Mark a start/finish line on the floor. Set an orange cone 30 feet from the line.

Choose three players for this game. Let the first player pick a utensil, then the second, then the third. Tell players one and two to choose wisely, but don't tell them why. Give each contestant an egg. Contestants must race from the starting line around the cone and back to the starting line, carrying the egg with their utensil. If they drop their egg, they lose. They may not hold the egg with their hand; it must be handled with the spoon, spatula, or tongs.

VARIATION: You can pick kitchen utensils that handle eggs more easily for younger kids, like tea spoons and ice cream scoops and spaghetti spoons.

WHAT'S THE POINT? Knowledge is knowing your kitchen utensil. Wisdom is using it the right way so you don't lose your egg!





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