

WEEK 2

LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God listens to our requests.

BIBLE

Solomon Asks for Wisdom:
1 Kings 3:1–15

ABOUT THIS WEEK

The thing about construction sites is that they are so loud it can be hard to know if anyone hears what you're saying. This week, we'll take a look at the time Solomon asked God to give him something every person in leadership needs— wisdom. Solomon's story reminds us that no matter how loud things get in our lives, **God listens to our requests.**

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Cone Driving

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prior to the session, make a masking tape road for the kids to "drive" toy cars around. Then play some music. When the music plays, kids get to move their toy cars. When the music stops, everyone stops.
- You had to listen for the music when you were driving your cars. I am so glad that God listens to us, too.
- God listens when you say, "I love you, God!" God listens when you ask for help. God always listens to us!

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 3:1–15 (Solomon Asks for Wisdom)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible storybook, or using the talking points provided below!. As you tell the Bible story, there will be fun directions for the kids to follow. Hold your Bible in your lap as you tell the Bible story.
- **What do you do when you have to listen to someone?** We quiet all the other noises down. We lean in. We focus on what the other person is saying.
- Well on a construction site, there are lots of things that are happening. Lots of noise from tools and people yelling orders. Everyone has an opinion of how things should be done. That reminds me of King Solomon.
 - When Solomon became king, he wanted to follow God, just like his father David did. He talked to God and gave offerings to God.
 - **What offerings or presents would you give to God?** Maybe songs, or money, or love?
- God was so happy with King Solomon. So God appeared to him in a dream during the night. God told Solomon, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."
 - **If you were King Solomon, what would you ask for?**

- What do you think King Solomon asked for?
- Solomon wanted to follow God and do what was right and good. He knew exactly what to ask for.
 - He asked for wisdom. Wisdom is knowing how to make good choices. He wanted to make good decisions for God's people.
 - **Everyone give me two thumbs up and say, "Good choice, Solomon!"**
- God thought Solomon's request was a good choice, too. So God gave Solomon wisdom. Solomon's wisdom was the greatest in all the land! But God did more. Solomon didn't ask for lots of money or power, but God gave those things to him, too!
- When someone wanted King Solomon to help them figure out what to do, God showed Solomon the answers. Solomon asked God to make him wise and God made him wise. God listened to Solomon's request!

BIG IDEA | God listens to our requests.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce the Big Idea using the following hand motions:*
- Our Big Idea today is **God listens to our requests.**
 - **God** (point both hands to the sky)
 - **listens** (hold your hands on your ears)
 - **to our requests.** (fold hands together like prayer hands)

VIDEO | Under Construction, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](https://vimeo.com/935663576/793c15d4ae?share=copy).* (<https://vimeo.com/935663576/793c15d4ae?share=copy>)

PRAYER

- God, you always listen when I talk to you. You listen when I say thank you. You listen when I ask for help. Thank you, God, for listening to my requests. Amen.

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit in a circle together. Show kids pictures of a variety of tools on your phone. Describe what a tool does and have the kids guess which one it is. For example: This tool bangs on a nail and pounds it into the wall. What tool is it? When a kid guesses correctly, they get to answer a Bible story question. Keep asking questions until you have identified all of the tools.*
- What did King Solomon ask God for? *Wisdom*
- Did God make King Solomon wise? *Yes!*
- What else did God do for Solomon? *God gave him riches and power.*
- Who always listens to our requests? *God.*
- Do you want to ask God for something right now? What is it?

MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help kids learn this month's memory verse by setting the words to the tune of "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes." You can also have kids repeat the verse after you in small chunks, say them using silly voices, or create simple hand motions for keywords.*
- "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.*