

BIBLE TRUTH 3, LESSON 3: PLANNER/OVERVIEW

GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

Welcome to Praise Factory: PFI: Praise Factory Investigators Theme Song *PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 1*

Rules to Help Us Worship God and Love One Another: WoGoLOA Classroom Rules Song
PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 2

Big Question Under Investigation: Big Question 10 *Songs: PFI NIV Songs 10, Tracks 3,4*

Big Question Bible Verse: Ezekiel 36:26 *Song: I Will Give You a New Heart PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 5*
Extra Bible Verse Song: A New Heart Ezekiel 36:26 PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 6

DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (*introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story*)

Bible Truth 3: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

Bible Truth Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise, v.2 *PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 15*

Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17

Bible Verse Song: I Keep Asking *PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 16*

Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You James 1:5 PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 17

Extra Bible Verse: If Any of You Lacks Wisdom James 1:5 PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 18

Lesson 3 Old Testament: The Case of the Wonderful Wiseman *1 Samuel 17*

TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (*choose from among these activities*)

Snack and Discussion Planner: Solomon's Crown

ACTS Prayer: Prayer Sheet

Bible Truth Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Red Light, Green Light for Storks

Bible Truth Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise, v.2 *PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 15*

Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Pass the Secret Sign **PFI NIV Songs 10 BOOK or ONLINE**

Bible Verse Review: Ephesians 1:17 Discussion Sheet and Game: Ball Circle Toss

Bible Verse Song: I Keep Asking Ephesians 1:17 *PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 16*

Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Mimic Me! **PFI NIV Songs 10 BOOK or ONLINE**

Story Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Tell the Truth Basketball

Case Replay, Jr: Drama Activity for Youngest Children (children do same story actions together)

Case Replay, Sr: Drama Activity for Most Children (children re-tell story with individual parts)

Craft: King Solomon's Crown

VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person) Prayer Time: Coloring Sheets (back of book) & Game: Crabbin' Around

TAKING IT HOME: Take Home Sheet for Review and Family Devotions

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The Case of the Wonderful Wiseman / *Kings 1-3; 2 Chronicles 1* by Connie Dever

Our story is: The Case of the Wonderful Wiseman.

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who was the Wonderful Wiseman? Why did he want to be wise?
2. Who gave him wisdom? How did he use his wisdom? How did he not use it?

This story takes place in Old Testament times, in palace of King David in Jerusalem, about 1000 years before Jesus lived on earth.

David was a great king who loved God. During his reign God gave him great courage to do what He wanted David to do. When David was a very old man and about to die, he crowned his teenage son Solomon the next king of Israel, just as the Lord had commanded him to.

What a great day was Solomon's crowning day! David ordered the royal robes be put on Solomon, then had him placed on the royal mule. (Yes, that's right, mule! Mules were worth many times more than horses because they cannot reproduce) Escorted by none other than the high priest Zadok, Solomon was taken to Gihon, the place of anointing and crowning of the kings of Israel.

The Bible tells us, the people of Israel cheered for him so loudly that the ground shook with the sound! Can you imagine being only a teenager and receiving this kind of praise from thousands of people? Can you imagine walking up to the royal throne, wearing the royal crown and being expected to make good decisions for your whole country? That was what Solomon had to face the day he was crowned king.

What was going through Solomon's mind as all this was happening? Was he thinking about how splendid he looked or how powerful he would be? No, he was not! Solomon was praying! He prayed: "How young I am, Lord, fill my heart with your wisdom. How can I ever rule over these people? I do not know anything about being a king. I need wisdom that I do not have. I need Your wisdom, God. Help me, please!" he pleaded.

Solomon didn't just pray on his own about this. He wanted all the people to ask God answer this prayer. He called together all his generals, his judges and all the leaders of the people and ordered them to go with him

four miles up beyond Gihon to Gibeon to make offerings to God at the bronze altar in front of the Tabernacle.

Now usually when someone made an offering to the LORD it would be a couple of birds, a lamb or maybe, every once in a while, a bull. But Solomon went up to Gibeon and offered one thousand burnt sacrifices to the LORD! Solomon meant business!

After making all these offerings, Solomon and all the others with him prayed to the LORD: "God, fill Solomon with your wisdom!"

Would the LORD answer him? Would He give Solomon the wisdom he needed? How would Solomon know?

That night everyone--even King Solomon--camped out at Gibeon instead of going back home to Jerusalem. As the king slept that night, the LORD appeared to him in a dream. "Solomon, ask of Me whatever you want Me to give you," He said.

Solomon answered, "LORD, you have shown great kindness to my father David, because he was faithful to You and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day," Solomon said.

"Now, O LORD my God, you have made me king in place of my father David," he continued to pray. "But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. I am here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. God, fill my heart with your wisdom! I am Your servant, please give me a discerning heart to govern Your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of Yours?" Solomon prayed.

The LORD was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have you

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Create story cue cards on index cards (or highlight text).
3. Practice telling story dramatically, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary to fit your allotted time.
4. Decorate area with story props that help bring your story alive.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story. Point to/use props at important points in the story. Include the kids in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
2. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in how to be a good and just king, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life,” the LORD told him. Then Solomon awoke—and he realized that God had spoken to him through a dream.

Solomon was so thankful! The LORD promised to give him not just some wisdom, but more wisdom than anyone had ever had! Solomon went back to the altar and made more sacrifices—this time they were offerings of thanks to the LORD. Then, Solomon took all the leaders back home and gave them all a great feast to celebrate. How happy Solomon was! He did not have wisdom to rule the people of Israel, but the LORD promised that He would give Solomon all the wisdom he needed! That was indeed a lot to be thankful for!

It wasn't long before Solomon's great wisdom was tested. Two women came to the king and stood before him. One of them said, "My lord, this woman and I live in the same house. I had a baby while she was there with me. The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there was no one in the house but the two of us."

"During the night this woman's son died because she lay on him," the one woman told the king. "So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I your servant was asleep. She put him by her side and put her dead son by my side. The next morning, I got up to nurse my son—and he was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn't the son I had borne.

"No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours!" the other woman blurted out.

But the first one insisted, "No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine." And so they argued back and forth before the king.

How would King Solomon solve this problem? There were no witnesses. How would he decide which woman lied and which one told the truth. There was only one

way, "God, fill my heart with your wisdom!" Solomon prayed. And just as the LORD promised, He gave Solomon with wisdom he needed, by His Holy Spirit.

The king said, "This one says, 'My son is alive and your son is dead,' while that one says, 'No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.'

"Bring me a sword," King Solomon commanded. So they brought a sword for the king. He then gave an order: "Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other."

The woman whose son was alive was filled with compassion for her son and said to the king, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don't kill him!"

But the other said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!"

Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him: she is his mother." When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to rule justly. (1 Kings 3)

This was just the beginning of the wise things Solomon did and said. Solomon became known all around the ancient world for his wisdom and many of his wise sayings are written in the book of the Bible we call Proverbs. God was good to his promises. He promised to give Solomon godly wisdom to be a good ruler and by His Holy Spirit, that's just what God did for him.

Are you curious what were some of the wise things the Holy Spirit taught King Solomon? You can read some of them for yourself, even today. Solomon wrote down many of them and they are the part of our Bible called the book of Proverbs.. Ask God to help you learn them and obey them, then you, too, will be blessed by the wisdom of God, given to Solomon long ago through the Holy Spirit.

Cracking the Case:

It's time to answer our Case Questions.

1. Who was the Wonderful Wiseman? Why did he want to be wise?? David was the King Solomon. He knew he could not rule Israel on his own. He needed God's wisdom to rule well.

2. Who gave him wisdom? How did he use his wisdom? How did he not use it?

The Holy Spirit gave him wisdom. The Holy Spirit gave Solomon an especially wise mind. But, He also used

Solomon's reading of God's Word and learning from the wisdom of others. Solomon used his wisdom to rule the people well in many ways and to teach others wisdom. He did not always live out what he learned. It was as he went against the wisdom God gave him that many troubles came to him and to Israel.

Something For You and Me

Our Bible Truth is:

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

Our Bible Verse is: Ephesians 1:17

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

God gave wisdom to Solomon but what about us? Could He give wisdom to us? Yes, God promises to give wisdom, by His Holy Spirit, to all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as Savior.

And maybe we don't need the wisdom to rule like a king or queen or president, but there are many things we still need wisdom for. But, our prayer should be like Solomon: God, fill my heart with your wisdom!" And if we are those who trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can know that He will answer our prayers!

Let's praise God for sending His Holy Spirit to His people to guide them and give them wisdom. Let's ask Him to work in our hearts. Let's ask Him to help us to turn away from our sins and trust Him as our own Savior. Let's ask Him to fill us with the Holy Spirit and give us wisdom and hearts that long to obey what He tells us to do.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Gracious Giver of Wisdom.

C God, we confess that many times we choose not to follow Your wisdom, even when we know what it is. We like doing things our own way, not Your. We need a Savior!

T God, we thank You for not expecting us to be wise on our own, but delighting in our humble prayers for You to give us the wisdom we need to do whatever You want us to do.

S God, work in our hearts! Help us to turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our own Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and give us wisdom. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us in the Bible.

ACTS PRAYER ACTIVITY

Use this sheet to write down your ACTS Prayer

Instructions:

Use this sheet to help the children apply the Bible Truth into a prayer. You can use the ACTS provided or even better, have the kids think of their own applications. Also have the children add their personal requests to the prayer, too. Lead the children in the prayer or let them pray sections, with your help. Never force a child to pray! Non-readers can participate by you whispering a section of the prayer into their ear and allowing them to pray it aloud for the group.

ADORATION:

God, we praise You for being the Giver of wisdom through Your Holy Spirit.

God, we praise You for being.....

Add your own Adorations:

CONFESSION:

God, we confess that many times we chose not to ask You for wisdom. Instead we choose to do things our own way. We need Jesus to be our Savior! We need Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts to love You and live for You

God, we have sinned against You....

Add your own Confessions:

THANKSGIVING:

Thank You, God for all the wisdom You offer us from Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wisdom You have given us through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, and directly to our hearts as we pray.

God, we thank You for...

Add your own Thanksgivings:

SUPPLICATION:

God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Give us wisdom to know how to love You and others; and, to know how You want us to live. Help us to live out the wisdom You give us!

God, we need Your help...

Add your own Supplication:

SNEAKY SNACK

Can you figure out how this snack ties in with our case?

Snack: Solomon's Crown

Pita bread Crowns Fold pita rounds in half and cut zig-zags along top to make top of crown. Spread a thin layer of peanut butter on each crown and add jewels of crasins, marshmallows, chocolate chips, raisins, candy-coated chocolate, etc.

This is only a suggestion. Feel free to modify. Be mindful of allergy issues among your children!

Case Tie-in: When it was time for Solomon to be crowned king of Israel, he asked the LORD for wisdom to rule the people well. The LORD was happy to fill Solomon with wisdom--so much wisdom that he was called the wisest man who ever lived.

SOUL FOOD

Food for thought during snack time

1. What does the snack have to do with the story?

Choose a few questions from the other activity discussion sheets to talk about during this snack time.

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Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom

The Holy Spirit gives God's people the wisdom they need to know God and to live for Him.

How does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom? He works in their hearts as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians, and when they pray.

This is one of the reasons why God's people set aside time to regularly read God's Word and pray. They know this keeps their heart open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is also one of the reasons why God's people gather together in churches: so they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out. The Holy Spirit especially uses these things to help them understand God's truths and how God wants them to live them out.

There may be many things about God and His plans that God's people do not completely understand, but God will always give them the wisdom they need to live for Him. They only need to ask, and He promises to give it to them.

Understanding the Bible Truth

1. By whom does God give His people wisdom? *By His Holy Spirit, working in their hearts.*
2. What is wisdom? *Knowing what God wants us to do.*
3. What does the Holy Spirit give God's people wisdom to do? *To live their lives to please God.*
4. How does God give His people wisdom? *By the Holy Spirit, as they read the Bible, when they listen to Bible teaching, when they talk with other Christians and when they pray.*
5. What is one of the reasons why God's people set aside time to regularly read God's Word and pray? *This keep their hearts open to hear the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.*
6. What is one of the reasons why God's people gather together in churches? *So they can learn God's Word from godly leaders; and, so they can ask each other for help understanding what God's Word means and how to live it out.*
7. What does the Holy Spirit especially use to help God's people understand God's truths and how God wants them to live? *By regularly reading God's Word and praying. By gathering together in churches with other believers.*
8. What will probably be a mystery to God's people in this life? *Many things about God and His plans.*
9. What does God always promise to give His people? *The wisdom they need to live for Him.*
10. How can we become God's people? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does our Bible Truth have to do with our **Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17**; "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.?"

God's people keep on asking God to give them wisdom to know God and His plans better. They want Him to reveal His good ways to them so they can know how to live lives that please Him.

Bible Truth Story Connection Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit give Solomon wisdom? *He gave Solomon wisdom when he asked God for it. He gave Solomon wisdom to know how to rule wisely, in a way that pleased God. He filled his mind with wisdom as Solomon prayed and as he read God's Word.*

Life Application Questions

1. Why is it so important to pray and read the Bible each day, if God's people want the Holy Spirit to give them wisdom? *Because He gives them wisdom when they ask for it. He speaks to them when they pray and read the Bible.*
2. Why is it so important that God's people go to church to hear preaching and to know other Christians, if they want the Holy Spirit to give them wisdom? *Because He speaks to them through the preaching of the Bible and when they talk to Christians.*
3. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting Jesus as our Savior.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for because of this Bible Truth?

Praise God for being the Giver of wisdom through His Holy Spirit.

2. What are sins we can confess to God because of this Bible Truth?

Confess that many times we forget to ask God for wisdom. Many times we don't know want to know His wisdom because we want to do things our own way.

3. What is something we can thank God for because of this Bible Truth?

Thank God for all the wisdom He has given us (through the Bible, godly parents and friends, our teachers at church, in our hearts).

4. What is something we can ask God for because of this Bible Truth?

We can ask God to work in our hearts that we would want to turn away from disobeying Him and trust in this wonderful Jesus as our own Savior. Ask God to fill us with more and more wisdom through His Holy Spirit.

The Gospel

1. God gives His Holy Spirit to live inside His people. He gives them wisdom to know God and how to live for Him. How can someone become one of God's People and receive God's wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Red Light, Green Light for Storks

Materials

Tape

Bible Truth Questions

Preparing the Game

1. Choose 20+ questions for your game from the Bible Truth Discussion Questions, or make up your own.
2. Write the Bible Truth questions on small thin strips of paper (or make a photocopy of the Bible Truth Discussion Questions and simply cut them into strips) and put them in the bag/bowl.
3. Tape a starting line and finish line at each end of the room.

Playing the Game

Have all the children stand facing you on the starting line. Tell them that you are the traffic light controller for storks. When you say "Green light" they can move forward with your back towards them. But when you say "Red light" they must freeze in stork position, balancing on one leg. You will turn around quickly and try to catch anyone moving or off balance. These children will choose a question to ask the class. If the class gets it right, then the children can join the game back at Start. If they do not, then the children have to wait it out until another round when a correct answer is given. Whoever makes it to the finish line first becomes the new traffic light controller for storks.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

The God of Abraham Praise

Listen to it on PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 15

Verse 2

His Spirit floweth free,
High surging where it will:
In prophet's word He spoke of old,
He speaketh still.
Established is His law,
And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart,
On sea or land.

Understanding the Song

1. Who is "His Spirit?" *The Holy Spirit of God.*
2. Where does the Holy Spirit go and why? *He flows freely, where He wills to go, with the power to do to will of God the Father and the Son, like a surging, powerful wave.*
3. How did the Holy Spirit flow in prophet's word? *By giving the prophet God's words to speak and to write down.*
4. How does God speak still? *By the Holy Spirit working in our hearts as we hear the words of the Bible spoken and explained.*
5. What does it mean for God's law to be established and changeless? *To be established means that it is firmly in place and cannot be taken away. God's law—another name for the Bible—has been put in place by God. No one can change one of His laws that they don't like and make a new one instead. His law is changeless, always true.*
6. How is God's law written upon the human heart? *It is NOT written with a pen or pencil. It means that God made people to know deep down in their hearts that there is a God and to know what He has set up as right and wrong. It also means that it is God's Holy Spirit who helps God's people not just understand His Word, but to remember it and to apply it to their lives.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. How does this song relate to our **Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom?**

God's Holy Spirit is powerful to teach us and give us wisdom. Whether it is the words of the prophets or the laws or the words of the Psalms in the Old Testament; or, the words of Jesus in the gospels or the letters of people like Paul in the New Testament, God's Holy Spirit uses God's Word, the Bible, to give us His wisdom. And the wonderful thing is, He doesn't just help us understand it with our minds. We can ask Him to "write it on our hearts"—which means, change us by His wisdom that we love and live for God.

Story Connection Question

1. How does this song relate to today's story? *When Solomon was to be crowned king of Israel, he asked God to make him wise. He wanted to understand God's laws and the words of the prophets so that he would rule over the people as God wanted him to. God answered Solomon's prayers by filling his mind with wisdom by His Holy Spirit.*

Life Application Questions

1. How can God's people be affected by the message of this song? *They can praise God for speaking to them, even today through the words of the prophets written in the Bible, through His law, and even by the way He made their hearts to know Him. They can ask Him to have His Holy Spirit fill them with understanding and desire to please Him.*
2. How can we become God's people? *By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.*

Bible Connection Question

1. What does this hymn have to do with our Bible Verse: **Ephesians 1:17**:*"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."*

God's people ask for the Holy Spirit to come and "write on their hearts"; that is, help them truly believe and obey, God's Word written down long ago. They don't want to just read the words from long ago, they want the Holy Spirit to use them to speak to them today, so they might understand and live them out.

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this hymn?
Praise God for being the Speaker of His Word through prophets long ago and that still speaks to us as we read His Word, the Bible.
2. What are sins we can confess to God from this hymn?
That many times we chose to disobey God's words, including the words of His prophets, written down in the Bible. We need a Savior!
3. What is something we can thank God for from this hymn?
We can thank God for giving us His Word to speak to His people, long ago through the prophet's and even today as we read it.
4. What is something we can ask God for from this hymn?
That God would work in our hearts that we might turn from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help us to understand His prophets words, written in the Bible. Ask Him to help us obey all His commands.

Gospel Question

1. The LORD gave His people many promises about the Savior, Jesus, who would come to save His people. What is the good news of Jesus that the prophet's words of old promised? What is the gospel?
God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who've rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth as a man to save sinners. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who's ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Song Game: Pass the Secret Sign

Materials

Sign Language signs used in song, particularly choose words with important meanings you want the children to learn, such as "grace", "redeem", etc.

Bag or bowl

Blindfold

Preparing the Game

1. Cut out signs and put in bowl.

Playing the Game

1. Practice the song and signs until the children know them well.
2. Have all the children stand in a tight circle, except one, "It" who will stand in the middle of the circle, blindfolded.
3. Have the children in the circle to put their hands behind their backs. Choose a sign from the bag and hand to a child in the circle, still keeping hands behind their backs, not looking at the sign.
4. When "It" says "Pass the Secret Sign", the children will begin to pass the sign around behind their backs.
5. When "It" says "Stop the Passing!" the child who has the sign freezes with the sign behind his back.
6. The child with the sign brings it around and looks at it. You can help the child practice the sign.
7. Then take the blindfold off of "It", watch the child with the card do the sign, then have "It" guess the name of the sign. (If desired, "It" can ask another child in the circle for help with their guess.)
8. The holder of the sign then becomes "It." Sing the song with all the signs, then repeat.

choose a FEW questions for discussion, then choose the game and/or music activity

Meditation Version: Ephesians 1:17

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Understanding the Bible Verse

1. What kind of person is the "I" who keeps asking for God to give others the Holy Spirit? How do you know? *It is a Christian, someone who has turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their own Savior. We know this because Paul is the one who wrote these words, as we know he was a Christian. We also know this because God gives Christians new hearts that desire to know Him better. Without a new heart, all people chose to rebel against God and do things their own way.*

2. Who does Paul keep asking? Why does he ask Him? *Paul keeps asking God, the Father. God the Father is the one who gives the Holy Spirit to His people.*

3. What does Paul want the Spirit to give God's people? Why? *Wisdom and revelation so that they may know God better.*

4. Why would Paul want God's people to know God better? *Because God is the most wonderful Person we can ever know. It is a delight to know Him better. He also knew that as God's people know God better, they will know how to better to please Him with their lives.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. What does this verse have to do with the **Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom?**

God's people pray many things for each other. One of the best things they can pray for each other is for God to give them more of the Holy Spirit. He lives inside them and can give them God's wisdom. He reveals God's truths to them so they can know how to live. He reveals God, Himself, to them so they can know Him better.

Story Connection Question

1. How does this verse relate to our story? *Solomon lived many years before Jesus did. While the Holy Spirit filled his mind with much wisdom, Solomon never enjoyed the Holy Spirit dwelling in his heart like God's people did after Jesus died on the cross for their sins. But Solomon did know the promises in God's Word about the coming of the Messiah. In faith, he like all of God's people, looked forward in faith to the day He would come and bring salvation and all the wonderful gifts that came with it—including the gift of the Holy Spirit living in their hearts.*

Life Application Questions

1. Will God give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may know Him better? How? *Yes, He will! When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. He will send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and He will give us God's wisdom and revelation that we might know God better.*

2. Why would we want to ask God for wisdom? *So we can know God and know how to live our lives to please God.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this Bible verse?

Praise God for being the Giver of His Spirit so that we may know Him better.

2. What are sins we can confess to God from this Bible verse?

That many times we do not want to know God better or how He wants us to live. We want to do things our own way, not His. We want to hide from God, not know Him better. We deserve God's punishment! We need a Savior!

3. What is something we can thank God for from this Bible verse?

We can thank God for making us even able to know Him at all and for delighting to answer our prayers to know Him better.

4. What is something we can ask God for from this Bible verse?

We can ask God to work in our hearts that we would want to turn away from disobeying Him and trust in this wonderful Jesus as our own Savior. We can ask Him to fill us with His Spirit and help us to know Him better.

The Gospel

1. What must we do if we want to know God and be filled with His Holy Spirit? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Ball Circle Toss

Materials

Bible Verse written up in large print so that all can see
Foam or other soft surface ball

Preparing the Game

None.

Learning the Verse

Some or all of your children may be non- or early readers. Teach the verse in sections, having them say it after you. Repeat a few times. Add clapping or other movement as they say it.

Directions

1. If desired, lead the children in a discussion of a **FEW** of the most important questions before beginning game.
2. Explain the game to them as follows:
Have the children spread out in a circle, arm's length apart. Explain that everyone together will chant the verse slowly, word by word, and toss the ball to another child with each word chanted. They want to try to chant the whole verse without dropping the ball. Speed up the pace of the chanting as the children get good at chanting and catching.

Game continues as time and attention span allow.

Alternative Game Version:

1. Individual chant version: After the children can get through the verse without dropping the ball and chanting the verse together, have them try to get through the entire verse with only the person throwing the ball saying the next word.
2. No Hands Version: Have the children sit on the floor and roll the ball to each other. They must try to trap the ball with their legs, etc. (no hands) instead of trying to catch it.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

I Keep Asking

Listen to it on PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 16

I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom,
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.
So that you may know Him,
You may know Him,
That you may know Him, better.
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom,
I keep asking,
that the God of our Lord Jesus will give you,
The Spirit of wisdom, and revelation.
Ephesians One, seventeen.

Song Game: Mimic Me!

Materials

Sign Language
Song

Preparing the Game

None.

Playing the Game

1. Practice the song and signs until the children know them well. Choose a person to be the leader and let them decide upon an action for everyone to do as they sing the song, such as jump on one foot, etc.
2. Sing the song while doing the chosen action.
3. Select another child to be the leader.
4. If desired, you can choose a different action for different important words in the song, such as jump on one foot when you sing the word "grace", but clap your hands when you sing the word "Jesus". Ask the children the meaning of each of the words before adding in their action.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

STORY REVIEW

Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

General Story Questions

1. About how old was Solomon when he became king? *He was a teenager.*
2. What animal was he placed on to go to Gihon to be anointed king? Why? *A mule, kind of like the "Mercedes-Benz animal" of the time. They were very costly b/c they couldn't reproduce.*
3. What did the cheering of the people cause? *The ground to shake.*
4. What was Solomon thinking about when he was crowned king?
He didn't have wisdom to rule the people well on his own.
5. Where did Solomon go after he was anointed? To do what? *He went to Gibeon to make sacrifices to the LORD on the bronze altar outside the Tabernacle.*
6. How many sacrifices did Solomon make? Why? *He made a 1000 sacrifices as a part of asking God to bless his reign as king over Israel.*
7. What did God ask Solomon in the dream? What did Solomon give as his answer? *For Solomon to ask him for whatever he wanted. He asked for wisdom to rule the people well.*
8. What did God give Solomon, in answer to the dream? *He promised to give Solomon more wisdom than any man who had ever lived.*
9. What else did God give Solomon? *The things that Solomon could have asked for, but didn't: riches, safety from enemies and fame.*
10. What was the problem the two women had? *One woman's baby had died when it had accidentally been smothered. The women were fighting over whose baby had died.*
11. How did Solomon solve the women's problem? *Using the wisdom God had given him, Solomon ordered for the living baby to be cut in two. The real mother of the baby had mercy on the baby and did not want it killed. That was how he figured out who the real mother was. He gave the baby to her.*
12. Does God still give wisdom to His people today? How? *Yes! He gives wisdom to them through His Holy Spirit, as they read the Bible, listen to the pastor preach, pray and speak with other Christians.*

Bible Truth Connection Questions

1. What does this story have to do with our Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom? *Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom to rule the people well. The Lord, through the Holy Spirit, gave Solomon more wisdom than any man who has ever lived.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does the story have to do with our **Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17**: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."?
Solomon asked God for wisdom and God answered his prayers by revealing to him many wise ways to live. God gave Solomon this wisdom by His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helped Solomon write down many of these wise ways to live just exactly as God wanted them written down. They included in the Bible, in the Book of Proverbs. God gave them to Solomon to read down, not just for him and the people in his time, but for God's people in all time, so that they might receive God's wisdom and know God better.

Life Application Questions

1. What is something we can learn from Solomon's life that pleases God? *That God delights to answer the humble prayers of people who desire to live their lives according to His good ways. Perhaps we will never be a king or queen and have to rule over many people, but God will give us wisdom to live according to His good ways, if we ask Him to.*
2. What is the wisest thing God calls all of us to do? *To turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for being that we learned in our story?

Praise God for being the Gracious Giver of Wisdom.

2. What is something we can confess as sin that we learned in our story?

Confess that many times we choose not to follow God's wisdom, even when we know what it is. We like doing things our own way, not God's. We deserve God's punishment! We need a Savior!

3. What is something we can thank God for that we learned in our story?

We can thank God for not expecting us to be wise on our own, but delighting in our humble prayers for Him to give us the wisdom we need to do whatever He wants us to do.

4. What is something we can ask God for that we learned in our story?

We can ask God to work in our hearts, helping us to turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our own Savior. We can ask Him to send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and give us wisdom. We can ask Him to help us to live out the wisdom He gives us in the Bible.

The Gospel

1. There is only one man who ever lived who is wiser than Solomon. That is Jesus. Jesus was different from Solomon in another way. He was the perfect Son of God. He never sinned. He perfectly lived by the wisdom of God and He did it to save His people from their sins. How did He do this? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Tell the Truth Basketball

Materials

- 3 baskets
- A ball
- Paper and marker
- Masking Tape
- 20+ statements that are true, false or not in the story

Preparing the Game

1. Use the Story Review Questions to come up with 20+ statements about the story that are true, false, or not in the story.
2. Write the words “true”, “false”, and “not in the story” on separate pieces of paper and tape each to a basket. Use the masking tape to make a throw line. Place the baskets in a line, a reasonable throwing distance from the throwing line.

Playing the Game

Divide the children into two teams and have them line up at the throw line. Ask a child to come up to the throw line. Read him one of the statements and ask him to give his answer: true, false, not in the story by throwing the ball into the basket with the right answer card on it. If correct, then he scores 2 points for his team. If incorrect or accidentally goes into the wrong basket, the statement is read to the first person in line for the other team. If he tosses the ball into the right basket, then he scores one point for his team.

Play continues as statement cards last, or as time and attention span allow.

Non-competitive Option

Don't split into teams. Have the children take turns making baskets and answering the questions.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children.

CASE REPLAY ACTIVITIES

Use this guide to review the Case Story and act it out for others to enjoy!

CASE REPLAY, JR: YOUNGEST CHILDREN

Description: The children will act out the story together, everyone doing the same action/sound effect at the same time. This activity is most suitable for kindergarteners.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Jr. script for younger children

Preparation

1. Read through the script and write in the blanks along the side possible actions/sound effects the children could do to act it out.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will be re-enacting the story together as you tell it.
2. As you read the script, lead the children in actions/sound effects to do with you.
3. If desired, you can read the script and stop at certain sentences and ask them what a good action/sound effect would be to act out what you just read.
4. Repeat the re-enactment one or two times more.

CASE REPLAY, SR: OLDER CHILDREN

Description: The children act out the story as a three-scene play. You will narrate it using the Case RePlay, Sr. script and they will act it out (no spoken words, for the most part), with each child assuming a different character's role. This activity is most suitable for first grade and up. You will review the story, then practice it a few times before performing it for others.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Sr. script
White board or other large format paper
Costumes and props

Preparation

1. Prepare for the play by choosing costumes and props for each character in the story. Decorate the area with any scenery props.
2. Write the words "Beginning," "Middle," "End" on a large piece of paper/whiteboard with plenty of space under each heading. You will use this paper to help the children think about the story as a three-scene play, as it is presented in the script.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will get to act out the story as a three-scene play, with a beginning, middle and end section. Tell them that before they can act it out, they need to think it out. as you narrate it with your script.
2. Take the children's answers as they recount the story, helping them put key incidents in the right order.
3. If desired, when they have filled in their Beginning, Middle, End, read through your whole (real) script, so they hear exactly what you will have them act out.
4. Then tell the children that it's time to practice acting out the story.
5. Assign parts to each child. If you are using costumes, do NOT give them out at this point. They will be a distraction.
6. Have all the children sit on the floor or in chairs on one side of the "stage," then call the characters up in place as their part in the story comes.
7. As you read the script, guide the children in where you want them to move or do to act it out.
8. After going through the whole script once, give out any costumes and props and act out the script once or twice more.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Re-enacting the Story

Read the script as the children act out together (younger) or assuming different roles (older) as the other children or the parents watch.

CASE REPLAY, JR--YOUNGER KIDS (KINDERGARTEN) P.2

Welcome to our play! The name of our story is: The Case of the The Wonderful Wiseman.

This story starts out in Old Testament times, in palace of King David in Jerusalem, about 1000 years ago before Jesus lived on earth.

And now we present: "The Case of the Wonderful Wiseman."

Scene 1:

Solomon was only a teenager when his father, King David, crowned him king of Israel. He was given the crown and royal robes, then was put on the royal mule and taken to Gihon to be anointed king. The people cheers so loudly that the ground shook.

Actions:

Scene 2:

Solomon knew he did not have the wisdom to rule the people well. He and his officials went to Gibeon to make 1000 sacrifices before the LORD and ask for wisdom. The LORD came to Solomon that night in a dream and asked Solomon what he wanted. Solomon asked for wisdom to rule well. The LORD promised to give him wisdom as well as a long life, riches, and honor. Solomon was so happy about God's answer that he went and made thank offerings, then had a big feast to celebrate.

Scene 3:

Solomon's wisdom was soon put to the test when two women brought their case before him. One woman's baby had died and the other woman said that the first woman had switched babies in the night so that she would think that it was her baby had died. God gave Solomon wisdom to reveal the truth. He called to have the baby cut in two. The real mother cried out for mercy for the baby, while the other woman asked it be cut in two. Solomon gave the baby to the woman who wanted to save the baby's life. She must be the real mother, because she would want to save the baby's life more than keep him for herself God had indeed given Solomon wisdom to rule well the people. Solomon became known throughout the world for the wisdom God gave him by His Holy Spirit. Solomon wrote down some of the wise things God taught him. We can read them today in our Bibles, such as in the book of Proverbs.

Bible Truth Tie-In:

The Bible Truth we are learning is: **The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom.** Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom to rule the people well. The Lord, through the Holy Spirit, gave Solomon more wisdom than any man who has ever lived.

CASE REPLAY, SR--OLDER KIDS (1ST GRADE AND UP) P.3

Welcome to our play! The name of our story is: The Case of the The Wonderful Wiseman.

This story starts out in Old Testament times, in palace of King David in Jerusalem, about 1000 years ago before Jesus lived on earth.

The characters in our story are: David; Solomon; Crowds of Israelites; Important men of Israel; Zadok the priest; two women and their two babies; and soldiers.

And now we present: "The Case of the The Wonderful Wiseman."

Scene 1: (Beginning)

Solomon was only a teenager when his father, King David, crowned him king of Israel. He was given the crown and royal robes, then was put on the royal mule and taken to Gihon to be anointed king. The people cheers so loudly that the ground shook.

Scene 2: (Middle)

Solomon knew he did not have the wisdom to rule the people well. He and his officials went to Gibeon to make 1000 sacrifices before the LORD and ask for wisdom. The LORD came to Solomon that night in a dream and asked Solomon what he wanted. Solomon asked for wisdom to rule well. The LORD promised to give him wisdom as well as a long life, riches, and honor. Solomon was so happy about God's answer that he went and made thank offerings, then had a big feast to celebrate.

Scene 3: (End)

Solomon's wisdom was soon put to the test when two women brought their case before him. One woman's baby had died and the other woman said that the first woman had switched babies in the night so that she would think that it was her baby had died. God gave Solomon wisdom to reveal the truth. He called to have the baby cut in two. The real mother cried out for mercy for the baby, while the other woman asked it be cut in two. Solomon gave the baby to the woman who wanted to save the baby's life. She must be the real mother, because she would want to save the baby's life more than keep him for herself God had indeed given Solomon wisdom to rule well the people. Solomon became known throughout the world for the wisdom God gave him by His Holy Spirit. Solomon wrote down some of the wise things God taught him. We can read them today in our Bibles, such as in the book of Proverbs.

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King Solomon's Crown

Description

The children will make a crown using cardboard and various decorating supplies.

Materials

1 cereal box per child

Decorating supplies, such as craft jewels, glitter/glitter glue, sequins, foam shapes, etc.

Stapler or packing tape

Preparing the Craft

1. Print out the three patterns for the crown and tape them together, end to end.
2. Cut the cereal box down one side, causing it to open up into a long rectangle.
3. Use the pattern to cut out the crown from the cardboard.
4. Set out decorating supplies
5. Make a sample of the craft for the children to see.

Making the Craft

1. Show the sample of the craft you have made.
2. Fit the crown to each child's head and staple or tape in place. (You may need to cut off excess cross before stapling/taping, depending on size of child's head.) Make sure that the plain side faces outward.
3. Have the children decorate the crown using the supplies.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Craft Presentation

If you are presenting the craft to other children or parents the children can hold up their crafts (or your model craft) and read their Bible Truth Connection answers to explain the importance of the craft.

CASE CRAFT**Discussion Guide****Instructions:**

As the children are settled into making their craft, ask them these questions to help them understand the craft's significance. Use the answers provided to guide the children's answers.

Discussion Questions

1. Who was to be the next king after David? *His son, Solomon.*

2. What did Solomon know that he would need to be a good king? Who alone could give him this? *Wisdom. Only the LORD could give him the wisdom he needed.*

3. What did Solomon do to ask for wisdom? *He offered a thousand sacrifices to the LORD and prayed to Him.*

4. What is Bible Truth that we are learning? *The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom.*

5. What does our craft have to do with our Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom. *It is one thing to be crowned a king and another thing to rule wisely as a king. Solomon knew that only the LORD could give him the wisdom he needed to rule Israel well.*

6. What can our craft help us remember? *No matter how big or how hard the task God calls His people to, He will always give them the wisdom they need, by the Holy Spirit, to do what He wants them to do.*

TAKING IT TO OTHERS**Craft Presentation****Instructions:**

Have children hold up your model craft/their crafts. Choose five children (or you say) the five sections below to explain the craft's importance.

Presentation:

1. Our craft is: King Solomon's Crown.

2. In Gibeon, Solomon offered a thousand sacrifices and prayed to the LORD for wisdom after being crowned the king of Israel because he knew that only the LORD could give him the wisdom he needed to be a good king for the people of Israel.

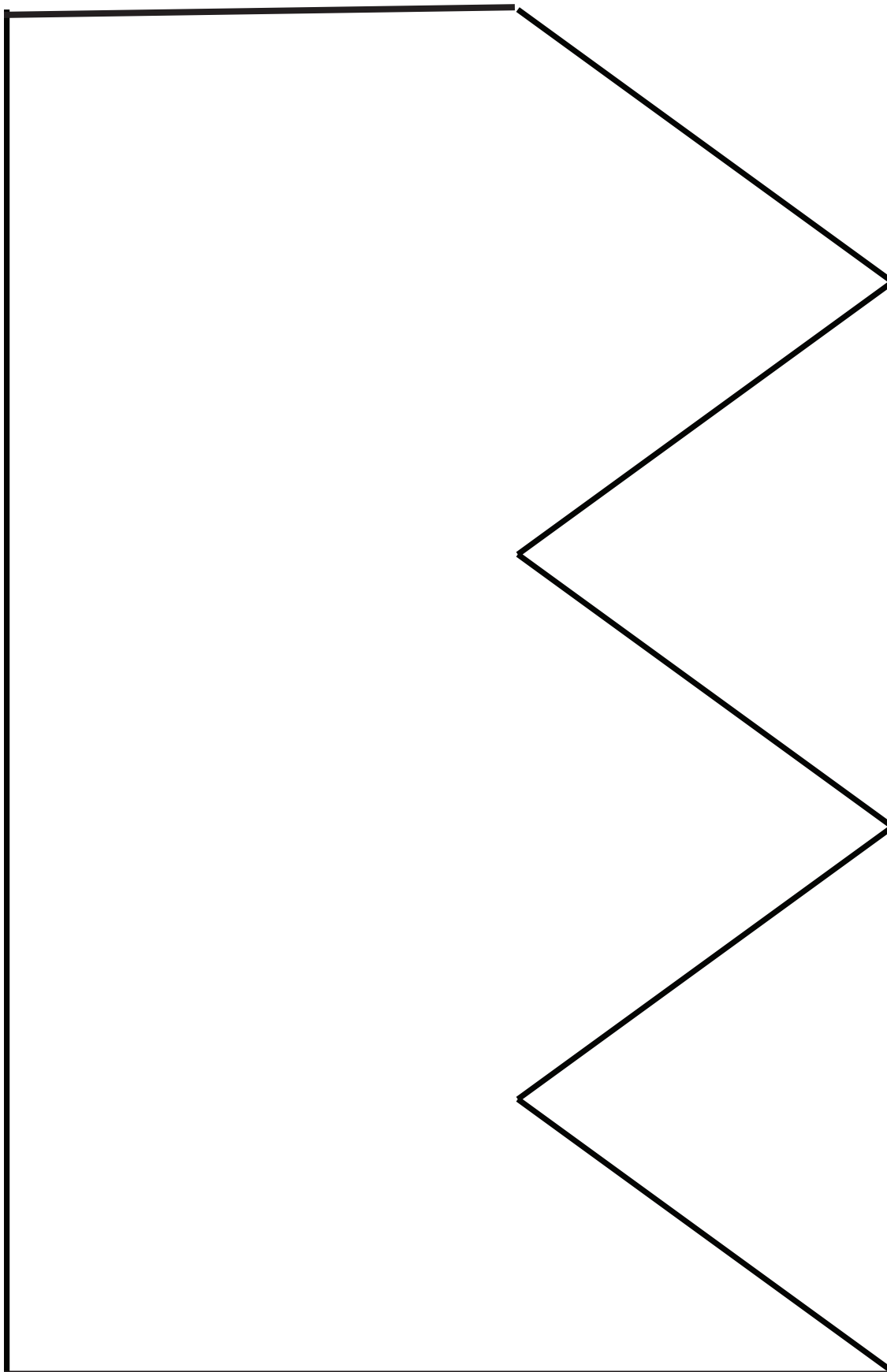
3. Our Bible Truth is: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom.

4. It is one thing to be crowned a king and another thing to rule wisely as a king. Solomon knew that only the LORD could give him the wisdom he needed to rule Israel well.

5. Our craft can help us remember that no matter how big or how hard the task God calls His people to, He will always give them the wisdom they need, by the Holy Spirit, to do what He wants them to do.

Note: Even non-readers can participate in presenting the craft, if you will whisper what they are to say in their ear and let them say it aloud for the others to hear.

Crown Part 1



BEFORE CLASS:**1. PICK YOUR PERSON**

VIPPs can be anyone in your church! Typically, they fall into 6 categories: Church staff, Elders, Deacons/deaconesses, Special Volunteers (people who aren't paid, but spend a lot of time helping out in particular ways), Supported Workers (aka missionaries), and Church Members.

2. GATHER YOUR FACTS

Use the VIPP Information Sheet to write down the facts about your VIPP. The information on this worksheet is used in the VIPP activities, listed in the "Choose an Activity" section below.

DURING THE ACTIVITY:**1. INTRODUCE YOUR VIPP**

Introduce your VIPP to the children, using the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. If desired, you can even have the actual person come into class for the children to meet.

Need help describing what someone does for the church in a kid-friendly way? Check out the list of common VIPPs on the Praise Factory website in the PFI resources. There are lots of kid-friendly descriptions for common VIPP's, such as pastors, elders, deacons and a lot more.

2. PRAY!

Lead the children in praying for the VIPP. Ask the children if they would like to pray for one of the VIPPs prayer requests. Even non-readers can pray for the VIPP if you whisper the prayer request in their ear, then let them say it aloud. Never force a child to pray!

3. CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

There are two activities you can use to help the children learn about the VIPP:

VIPP Clue Cards: These are nine coloring sheets in which children fill in the nine things they learn about the VIPP from the VIPP Information Sheet. Photocopy a set of each child. Use as few or as many of these Clue Cards as you desire.

VIPP Game: This is a game that uses a set of Clue Cards for one or two VIPPs.

Choose a VIPP and fill in his/her information on the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. Tell the children about the VIPP, having them fill in the VIPP Clue Cards with the key facts as they learn them. Write any words the children need to write on a white-board or other piece of paper so they can see how to spell them. Help younger children write these words on their clue cards. Ideas for how to tell the children about many common VIPPs are listed at praisefactory.org with the resources for this Bible Truth.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Introduce and Pray for the VIPP

If you are presenting the VIPP to other children or parents you can assign children to hold up the 10 clue cards and say what each card tells about the VIPP. (Or, you can have the children hold them up as you tell what each one means.) Then lead the children in praying for the VIPP.

Game: Crabbin' Around

Materials

Information Sheet for two VIPPs

2 Sets of Clue Cards

Tape

A Bag

Preparing the Game

1. Fill in one set of clue sheets for the VIPP you are using.
2. Put all the Clue Cards in a bag, except for the ones with the names and pictures of the VIPPs.
3. Tape the picture and name of each VIPP to the wall, about 3 feet from the ground.

Playing the Game

Reveal: Tell the children about the VIPPs, showing them your filled-in clue cards as you tell about them.

Review: Put the Clue Cards for both VIPPS put in one bag. Mix up. Have children sit down, with their legs in front of them and their hands propped behind them. Show them how to get in crab position and try moving around. (Moving on hands and feet, with front side facing up). Tell them that you will pull out a clue, tell them what it is and they are to crab-crawl their way to the picture of the person who it belongs to. Give them the answer after everyone has run to their guessed person. Continue until all clues have been used up.

VIPP INFORMATION SHEET

VIPP NAME:

WHAT VIPP LOOKS LIKE

Man or Woman? _____

Hair color? _____

Eye color? _____

FAVORITE ANIMAL

FAVORITE FOOD

FAVORITE FREE TIME ACTIVITY

WHAT VIPP DOES DURING WEEK

VIPP GROUP OF SERVICE:

Church Member

Deacon

Elder

Church Staff

Special Volunteer

Supported Worker
(Missionary)

3 WAYS VIPP SERVES CHURCH

3 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE VIPP
