



SEPT 20

AT HOME LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

We can ask God for the right words.

THE BIBLE

Solomon's Wise Ruling: 1 Kings 3:16-28;
(Proverbs 18:4-8, 21; 21:23)

MUSIC | Trust

Spend some time in worship with your kids! You can choose any song, but you might want to check out the following:

- [Really Awesome Plans](#)
- [Trust](#)
- [Journey](#)

PRAYER

After you sing the songs, pray together. Ask God to teach you and open your heart to God's Word. Thank God for giving us wisdom!

ACTIVITY | Going on a Trip

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** One family member starts and says, "I am going on a trip and I will bring. . . (insert item)." The next person says what the first said, and adds something of their own. For example, the first says, "I am going on a trip and I will bring carrots." The second says, "I am going on a trip and I will bring carrots and books." This goes on until someone can't remember what to say.
- It's can be challenging sometimes to remember the right things to say!

THE BIG IDEA | We can ask God for the right words.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Tell the kids any story you want but pause throughout the story and say you can't think of the word. Prompt kids to help you fill in the missing words by describing the word you want to say. For example, "Once upon a . . . hmm, what's the word?" Kids might shout, "Time!" "Oh right, time. There were three. . . um, animals. They're kind of big. They like honey?" "Bears!"



- Sometimes, we might find it hard to find the right words. Today, we will be talking about how to find the right words, and use them in kind, loving ways.
- Our Big Idea for the day is: **We can ask God for the right words.**

VIDEO | Wise, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's [teaching video](#).

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 3:16-28

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read this passage aloud and encourage the kids to follow along.
- Wisdom helps us know we can go to God for the right words. When we know what words to use, it can help us in almost every area of our lives.
- **What was the problem King Solomon had to solve?**
- **How did he use the right words to find the truth?**
- This was an incredibly difficult situation for anyone to figure out, but Solomon was calm because of the wisdom God had given him. He had no intention of hurting the baby! But he knew that by saying what he did, he would be able to figure out who the real mother was. King Solomon knew what words to use, so the truth came out!
- **How did Solomon know who the real mother was?**
- **Are your words kind and wise when you are in a difficult situation?**
- **Re-read Proverbs 18:21. Our words hold a lot of power. What is one way we can use our powerful words wisely?**
- **What do you think it means to use the "right words?"**
- **Did you ever find yourself in a situation where you couldn't find the right thing to say?**
- **Why should we use words that are kind?**

ACTIVITY | Words vs. Actions

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Line up the kids on one side of the room. Yell out different instructions for the kids to follow as they try to reach the other side of the room. The catch is, they have to do an action that is the opposite of what they're being told to do. Here are some examples:
 - Run! (Walk.)
 - Jump high! (Crawl.)
 - Walk backwards! (Walk forward.)
 - Hop on one foot! (Hop on two feet, or don't hop at all.)
 - Shout! (Whisper or say nothing.)
 - Wave your arms up high! (Wave them low.)
 - Walk with super speed! (Walk in slow motion.)
- It was kind of strange for actions not to match words, right? When we ask God for the right words, we are also asking God to help us to follow up our words with the right actions, too.

CRAFT | Wisdom Chest

Take some time to put together the craft provided. As you put the craft together, talk about how God gives you wisdom. Ask your kids what they might need wisdom for in their lives.



PRAYER

Close your time together with prayer. Pray something like:

- Dear God, Help us to use wise words to speak kindly to others. Help us to be like Solomon, remembering that our words are powerful, and we should use them the right way. Thank You for helping us to have wisdom in everything we do.