

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 | I Can't Hear You

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, play [construction sounds](#) loudly in the room during this activity. Prior to the session, put play tools into a toolbox. Let a kid pick a tool from the toolbox and hide it behind their back. Then have them tell you about the tool. Make sure to laugh and keep it silly!
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Sit on the floor with the toddlers and model for them how each tool is used. Then, let the toddlers explore the toy tools and pretend to build things.
- Pick a tool to tell me about but don't let me see the tool you picked. Let's see if I can hear you over these loud sounds.
- What? I can't hear you. Those are loud sounds at the construction site! Wow! **Can you be super loud and tell me again?**
- When things are loud, it's hard to hear each other. But did you know there is someone who can hear us all the time, no matter how loud it gets? It's God!

ACTIVITY | Cone Driving

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prior to the session, make a masking tape road and add small plastic cones 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.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Remember, toddlers are prone to falls and bumps. When a toddler gets hurt, snuggle them close and pray a quick prayer that God will help their hurt go away.
- 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! Additionally, have a sound bite of [construction noise](#) playing in the background and decorate your space with items like caution tape, construction signs, and blueprints. 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:** Before the session, put the poster of the Big Idea (available in the Graphics folder) at the bottom of a sheet pan and cover the poster with dried black beans. Let the kids use toy construction vehicles to push the beans off the "road" to see the poster underneath.
- 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](#).

ACTIVITY | Gift Hop

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, have adhesive gift bows ready for the session. Peel off the backing and give each kid a bow to stick as high as they can on the wall of the classroom. Demonstrate how to hop up and stick a bow up high. Retries are welcome.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Toddlers may not want to give up a bow if you hand it to them. Provide blank boxes or boxes wrapped in plain paper. Allow toddlers to design their own wrapping paper using stickers and stamps.
- I love to get presents! You can pretend to stick a bow on a present in our game. Who can stick their bow way up high?
- In our Bible story, God asked Solomon to ask for any gift he wanted. **What gift did Solomon ask for?** He

asked for wisdom. He wanted to be a wise ruler to his people. God listened when Solomon asked to be wise. Isn't it amazing how **God listens to our requests?**

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

SNACK | Construction Mix

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Be sure to plan for kids with allergies. Let the kids help you mix up a big bowl of candy corn, pretzel sticks, and cereal. Serve a small scoop on construction-themed party plates or napkins.*
- Our snack is made up of things that look like they belong at a construction site!
 - **Which snack looks like long sticks of wood for building?** *Pretzel sticks.*
 - **Which snack looks like bright orange traffic cones?** *Candy corn.*
 - **Which snack looks like rocks and gravel?** *Cereal.*
- God's wisdom helped Solomon build his kingdom even more than wood or rocks could. Just like God heard Solomon's prayer, **God listens to our requests**, too.

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sit in a circle together. Put a variety of play tools on the floor in the middle. 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?**

ACTIVITY | Wise Crown Craft

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Prior to the session, cut empty toilet paper rolls into crowns like [this](#). Provide markers and stickers for the kids to decorate their crowns.*
- You get to make your own crown today.
- **Who was the king who asked God to make him wise?** *Solomon. Was that a good request?* *Yes, that was a great request! God heard him and gave him even more good things!*
- **God listens to our requests.**

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.

ACTIVITY | Hammers And Nails

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide long, thin boxes for the kids to hammer golf tees into. Demonstrate how to hold the tee with one hand and bang the toy hammer with the other hand. If the cardboard is particularly hard, pre-poke a few holes with the tip of a golf tee.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Golf tees may be a hazard to toddlers. Use a toy like [this](#) instead.

ACTIVITY | Construction Zone

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill a kiddie pool with playground sand or shredded tan paper and bury small or toy items like plastic cones, construction vehicles, construction hats, shovels, and buckets. Feel free to save this for later weeks.