



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 29

SOLOMON (1 KINGS 3)

Scripture: 1 Kings 3:1-15, 16-28

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Doll, graham crackers, frosting or melted white chocolate, various candies, milk cartons or small boxes

Ask:

- What did we learn about last week? (David's sin)
- God was gracious to forgive David, and he actually went on to have a son with Bathsheba. Today, we're going to talk about him. His name is Solomon
- If you were given a wish, what would you wish for?

Read: 1 Kings 3:1-15

Explain:

Solomon could have asked for anything, and he asked for wisdom. God was pleased with this answer, because God knows how much we need him. And guess what? He promises us wisdom if we ask for it. Let's see Solomon's wisdom in action.

Act it Out:

Have two girls pretend to fight over a baby doll, both saying it's their toy. Then bring them to a kid pretending to be Solomon. Have the girls present their case to him. See what he says to do to solve the problem. Then, see how Solomon solves this same problem.

Read: 1 Kings 3:16-28

Explain:

That was a wise answer, wasn't it? Because of this, his name and word of his knowledge grew. But the thing Solomon is maybe most remembered for is building the Temple. David had longed to build a house for the Lord, but God told him no. Instead, he said his son would build it.

Activity:

Let's build our own "gingerbread" Temples.

Using Graham Crackers (you can enforce them with milk cartons or boxes), stick pieces together with frosting. Allow the kids to decorate their Temples however they want. If they want ideas, you can read them descriptions of Solomon's Temple from 1 Kings 6.

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids draw something they want to remember about Solomon. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

Memorize: 1 Kings 3:9

Close in Prayer

**Graham Cracker Temple:**

How great are these?

They looked at a diagram and got creative. The Ark of the Covenant was a tootsie roll. They had a place for burnt offerings and the great sea. They had pillars and a Holy of Holies. I love it!

