

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON1!  
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GET WISDOM

In this week's lesson we are going to study about Solomon's request for wisdom. Here is a story about a boy who is granted the dream of his choice.

Devin Wilson was a dreamer. That's what Mrs. Rivers, his teacher, called him. His mind wandered as he sat in class. He dreamed of being really rich – not just so he could do cool things, but so he could help other people too. He dreamed of accomplishing great things, such as curing cancer, or being really famous or being a great hero or inventor.

One day, Mrs. Rivers got mad at Devin for his day dreaming. She had asked him a question – twice. Devin hadn't even heard her asking because his mind had wandered so far away.

Later that night, when he had gone to bed, Devin had the strangest dream. He was back at school again, but he was the only one there. It was the same school that Devin knew so well but somehow it was totally different. Then Devin looked and realized he was still wearing his pajamas! *OH MAN!* He thought. And suddenly Mrs. Rivers was there. It was as if she appeared from nowhere. She said, "Devin, I know you like to daydream, but of all the things you've dreamed about, choose one and it will come true." Then she vanished as quickly as she had appeared.

Devin's ideas flashed through his sleeping mind. Would he choose having lots of money? Being famous? Curing cancer? Being incredibly smart? Suddenly his dream was interrupted by a ringing sound, his alarm clock. He had to wake up!

Can you imagine being faced with a choice like the one Devin had to make? It would be a tough choice to make, especially since you could only choose one thing. What might you do in Devin's place?

What kinds of things do you dream about doing or having some day?

If you could choose only one of your dreams to come true, what would you choose?

Most of us are never going to have to make a choice like the one Devin had in his dream. Still, it's fun to think about what we might choose. There was a young man in the Bible who actually did face a choice like Devin's. A lot of people probably wouldn't make the request he did. But he made such a good choice, he was given what he didn't ask for along with that he did ask for.

Following David's death, Solomon, David's son, became king of Israel. Solomon went to the prophet Gideon and made sacrifices at the high place – a holy place, where the tabernacle had been placed. While Solomon was there God appeared to him in a dream.

Read 1 Kings 3:5.

What were some of the things Solomon might have asked for?

What would you have asked for?

Read 1 Kings 3:6-9.

What do you think a "discerning heart" is?

A "discerning heart" is the ability to make wise decisions influenced by God.

Why would Solomon ask for this?

Read 1 Kings 3:10-14.

Why do you think God was pleased with Solomon's request?

Why did God also give Solomon what he didn't ask for?

What are the advantages of wisdom over wealth or a long life?

Here is an example of some of Solomon’s wisdom. Two women lived together and each one had a baby. During the night one baby died. His mother swapped babies while the other mother slept. Each mother claimed the baby was hers. So they brought the living baby to Solomon so he could choose who the mother would be.

Read 1 Kings 3:24-27.

How did Solomon’s plan reveal who was the real mother?

Read 1 Kings 3:28.

Where did Solomon’s wisdom to make hard choices come from?

Solomon became known as the wisest man in the world. He wrote many of his wise teaching in the book of Proverbs.

Read Solomon’s advice in Proverbs 4:7 and Proverbs 24:14.

How do these wise words apply to you today?

How can God’s wisdom help you when you face a difficult choice?

Read James 1:5-6 in the New Testament.

How can you get wisdom?

Do you think Solomon made the best choice? Why?

A lot of people may try to influence you or impress you with what they know. But if you want to find true wisdom start in the right place – God’s word.

If you want to “wise up”, hunt through the book of Proverbs and complete these statements of King Solomon. Match the scripture in the first column with the words in the next three column to complete the verse.

1. Proverbs 1:7 <b>The fear</b>	Lord	comes the	advice
2. Proverbs 2:5 For the	wise	gives	wisdom
3. Proverbs 10:31 From the mouth	the wise	listen to	<b>of knowledge</b>
4. Proverbs 12:15 The	<b>of the Lord is</b>	his father’s	fruit of wisdom
5. Proverbs 13:1 A wise	gives heed	<b>the beginning</b>	wise
6. Proverbs 13:20 Walk with	of the righteous	to instructions	prospers
7. Proverbs 16:20 Whoever	son heeds	and becomes	instruction

I will write the first one out for you.

Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

Can you find other wise sayings in Proverbs?

How can knowing these proverbs help you see God’s wisdom?

In our Bible lesson we have seen how Solomon needed to be wise, so he asked God for wisdom. As a young man he realized that he needed wisdom in order to rule Israel well, and God gave him the wisdom he needed.

There are other ways we can gain wisdom: by getting to know the Bible well, taking advice from godly, wise people; learning from our own experiences and deciding how to make wise choices next time; and studying to get information needed to make wise decisions. But even with those, it is God who gives us the ability to put it all together in wise ways.

When do you need to be wise? Think of decisions or situations that tend to bring out the unwise side of you.

How can you gain wisdom for those times?

What other good things could being wise lead to?

Let's close with prayer. Heavenly Father, help us to make wise decisions this week, especially in difficult situations give us a discerning heart. Keep us mindful that you are always with us to guide and help us. Keep us safe and healthy. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.