

BIG IDEA:	Wisdom comes from God.
BIBLE BASIS:	2 Chronicles 1:1-13
KEY VERSE:	"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

THE BIG BIBLE STORY—DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE

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A lot of people think wisdom and knowledge are the same thing, but they are not! Knowledge is how much stuff you know. Do you know who our first president was? Do you know what five times five equals? Do you know what pronouns are?

Wisdom is knowing what to do with your knowledge. Wisdom is making good choices based on what you know. Wisdom is knowing to do the right thing - and doing it!

We aren't born with wisdom. It's something we gain through experience and teaching. There are many places we can gain wisdom, but today, we're going to start with the best.

READ

2 Chronicles 1:1-13

MAIN POINT

King Solomon was the son of King David. He wanted to be a good king like his father, and he wanted to please the Lord. Solomon showed his desire to do the right thing by the sacrifices he made to the Lord. When the Lord offered to give Solomon anything he desired, Solomon chose wisdom.

Solomon could have chosen wealth, power, just about anything. So why wisdom? Because Solomon wanted to be a good king. He wanted to rule his people honestly, fairly, and justly. Solomon knew he couldn't do it alone, so he asked God to give him the wisdom he needed to be a good king.

DRIVE IT HOME

Solomon's wisdom served him well. His people trusted his judgment because they saw his wisdom in action. Other world leaders and rulers trusted Solomon and sought him out, hoping to learn from him. God also blessed Solomon with great wealth, greater than any king before or after him in Israel.

While none of us may ever achieve the fame of King Solomon, we can all tap into the same source of wisdom Solomon used. God gave us his Word, the Bible, so we could learn what his plans are for our lives. By learning what God has to say, we can make better choices. We do the right thing, when everyone else makes the wrong choice. We treat others fairly. We choose honesty over dishonesty.

Something else happens when we seek God's wisdom. We become known as wise people. People know they can trust us. They trust our judgment and will ask for our advice. They will see the fair and loving way we treat others. Most important, they will see Jesus in our lives.

God wants us to ask for wisdom. He wants us to choose wisdom and make good choices with our lives. God wants to use us to show other people that he is the source of all wisdom. It all starts with asking God to give us that gift that he gave to Solomon.

Ask God to make you wise. Ask for wisdom. Seek his wisdom in the Bible. It's the first wise choice of many in a lifetime of living by God's wisdom.

BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

For Preschoolers:

- What did Solomon ask for?
- What should we seek and ask God for?

For Elementary:

- What was your favorite part of this story?
- If God told you to ask for anything, what would you have asked for?
- Why do you think Solomon asked for wisdom?
- How can you gain wisdom?

BIG BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES

Prayer: Write a prayer to God asking Him to give you wisdom.

Journal: Write about the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Then, write down ways that you can live with wisdom.

Bible: Read it for yourself: 1 Chronicles 1:1-13. Write to God your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

Art: Draw the word "Wisdom" in the most creative way you can think of. Around the word wisdom draw situations or instances that you could use wisdom to act, think or speak.