FAITHFUL Followers

Memory Verse: ***"God chose you to tell about the wonderful things He has done. He called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9b***

Big Idea: ***God calls His people because He loves.***

Bible Story: Solomon Asks for Wisdom | 1 Kings 3

Gear Up - Arrival

Greet children as they enter the classroom. Mark them present using your iPad and/or paper roster.

Opening Activities: Engage with the kids in your room as they play and interact with designated games and activities as time allows. Use this opportunity to ask kids about their week, discuss their interests, and encourage them to connect with one another!

Memory Verse Game – Disappearing Verse

What you'll need: memory verse written on a dry erase board or use verse cards from last week's team activity

How to Play:

With the entire verse visible, read it together as a class.
Next erase or take away the last word of the verse and read it together.
Ask the kids what would disappeared.
Repeat by erasing or taking away the final word each time until all words have disappeared and the kids are saying the verse from memory.

Get-To-Know-You Game – Wise or Foolish

What you'll need: No supplies needed

How to Play:

Read different scenarios out loud. Have the kids move to one side of the room for their choice.
One side of the room indicates **"wise choice"**
The opposite side of the room indicates **"foolish choice"**
Let kids explain *why* something is wise or foolish.

Example scenarios:

Your friend drops books and you help.
You cheat on a test.
You tell the truth even when it's hard.
You yell at your brother.
You pray before making a decision.

Gear Up - Welcome – 5 minutes

Begin 10 minutes after the service time starts (Ex. 9:40 at the 9:30 experience).

Gather kids together in a space where they can see the TV.
Take a moment to **welcome** the kids to KXP and let them know how glad you are that they are here!

PRAY FIRST! We want to model this for our kids. Take a moment to pray for the time together and for the kids in your room.

Lesson Introduction – 5 minutes

Share the Lesson Intro with the class before starting the **KXP lesson video**. Challenge them to listen and pay attention during the Bible Story.

Say: *"Hey KXP! I'm really glad you're here today! We've been learning about the kings of Israel in the Old Testament. First, we learned about King Saul who God called to lead His people. Saul was the very first king of Israel. Then we learned about a young shepherd boy named David. He defeated the mighty warrior named Goliath to lead his people to victory over their enemy. That same young boy was anointed to become king one day."*

Play the KXP lesson video in your classroom.

Bible Story – 10 minutes

Leaders, please read the Bible story below before Sunday to prepare for discussion.

Solomon Asks for Wisdom | 1 Kings 3

After many troubles and a lot of hiding, David finally became the king of God's people. King David was an awesome king, but he wasn't perfect. No king was until Jesus! David wanted to honor God and always give God the credit for the good things that happened to Israel. He had plans to build a temple where the Israelites could worship God. David also had a son, named Solomon.

As David grew old, he told Solomon that he would be Israel's next king. Solomon loved God, but he knew being king was a huge job. He had to lead thousands of people, make fair decisions, and keep the nation safe. One night, while Solomon was sleeping, God spoke to him in a dream and said ***"Ask for anything you want. I will give it to you."*** **(1 Kings 3:5)** Solomon thought carefully. He didn't ask for gold, a big army, or to defeat his enemies. Instead, he said ***"I am young and don't know how to lead. Please give me wisdom so I can tell right from wrong and take care of your people."*** **(1 Kings 3:7-9)**

God was very pleased with Solomon's humble answer. God told him ***"Because you asked for wisdom and not selfish things… I will make you wiser than any king before or after you. I will also give you riches and honor."*** Wow! God saw Solomon's heart like He had seen David's heart. God gave Solomon what he asked for, and he became known as the wisest king to ever live.

Soon after God blessed Solomon with wisdom, two women came to him. They were arguing over a baby. Both said, *"This baby is mine!"* Solomon listened carefully. Then he said something shocking - *"Cut the baby in half and give each woman a part."* What!!! That sounds like a terrible thing to do. Did King Solomon really want the women to do that? (Pause) I think he probably had a plan to settle the argument. Let's find out. One woman said, *"Okay."* She was willing to cut the baby in half. But the other woman cried out, *"No! Let her have the baby! Please don't hurt him!"* Solomon knew right away that the woman who wanted to save the baby was the true mother. This showed how wise Solomon was. He understood people's hearts, not just their words.

King David had wanted to build a temple for God but didn't live long enough to see that happen. God chose Solomon to do it instead. Solomon made careful plans. He asked for cedar wood from Lebanon, which was strong and smelled good. He gathered skilled workers like builders, stone cutters, and artists. He prepared huge stones for the foundation. The temple took 7 years to build, but it was incredibly beautiful. Can you imagine if you had to wait seven years for your house to be built or a new church building to be built?! That's a long time, right? The walls of the temple in Jerusalem were lined with pure gold. There were carvings of flowers, palm trees, and angels. Special rooms were built, including the Most Holy Place.

Inside the Most Holy Place, they placed the Ark of the Covenant, a sacred chest that reminded people of God's promises. When the temple was finished, everyone gathered to celebrate. Priests carried the Ark into the temple, and Solomon prayed a long prayer to God. He thanked God and said, ***"Please hear the prayers of your people when they come to this place."*** Then something amazing happened! A thick cloud filled the temple, so bright and powerful that the priests couldn't even stand up to do their work. This was God's presence in the temple! How Amazing!

King Solomon's life teaches us that wisdom is better than riches and that making good choices matters most. It is so important to be humble and admit to God that we need His help. Wise people listen and want to understand like Solomon did. God wants our best. Solomon didn't just build an "ok temple," he built the very best temple for God that he could possibly build. King Solomon faithfully followed God.

God blessed the kings of Israel but the One, True, Perfect King was on His way. He would come from the family tree of David and Solomon. He would have wisdom. He would be patient and kind. He would listen to God's people and live with them to understand. He would lead and teach them. He would love them. Most importantly, as the King of Kings, He would die for God's people-for ALL people who would believe in Him. His name is Jesus!!! If you want to know more about our amazing King Jesus, just ask your KXP leader. They would love to tell you more about His life.

Lesson Recap –15 minutes

After the video has ended, **share the Lesson Conclusion** with the class.

Say: *"Thanks for joining me today! Next week starts a new month, so we'll see you in KXP in June. Bye y'all!"*

Direct the kids to the **Memory Verse** and **Big Idea** posters in your room. Have your class read them together out loud. Celebrate the kids for paying attention and listening well!

Close in Prayer – 3 to 5 minutes

Ask the kids in your room to share any **prayer requests** they have. Give them a moment to **fill out prayer cards** or **choose a prayer prompt** to take home. Then **pray over them**!

- **P**RAISE - *Open with adoration.*
- **R**EPENT - *Recall and connect the Big Idea from the Bible Story to yourself and the kids.*
- **A**SK - *Petition the Lord on the kids' behalf.*
- **Y**IELD - *Close by giving thanks to God for His perfect plan.*

Live It Out – 5 to 8 minutes | **God Gave Solomon Wisdom Craft**

What you'll need: Supplies provided

What to do: Leaders see examples below

Leave No Trace – End of the Hour

- As parents arrive to pick up children, have the **kids work together to clean up** the classroom.
- **Thank them** for coming and **encourage them to invite a friend** and come back next week!
- Children can **finish opening activities** while waiting on their parents.


1.
GOD GIVES ME WISDOM:
If anyone needs wisdom, ask God for it... James 1:5
COPY & CUT


2.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. PROVERBS 9:10
COLOR & CUT