

Sunday School Family Sheet: The Good Neighbor

Sunday, April 18, 2021

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

For this lesson: You will need either:
1) a Bible, or
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers
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(Call the church office 9715-848-7286 for help getting one)

1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud 1 Kings 1:28-3:28 or pp. 132-133 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, share the following: “Solomon was one of many sons of David. However, Solomon was chosen by God to be the son who would build a Temple to the Lord. Solomon started out as a good king, asking God only for wisdom. To be a king of a great nation like Israel, you need to be smart and wise. Soon after becoming king, Solomon would have to use his God-given wisdom when two women came to him arguing over a baby. Who did the baby belong to? Using the wisdom God gave him, Solomon found out quickly who the real mother of the baby was.” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind as you read. *After reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:*
 - a. Why was Solomon the next king after David?
(Because God chose him to be the king)
 - b. Why did Solomon ask God for wisdom? *(To be a good leader, and a good neighbor, we must use the brains God has given to us! Leaders, like kings, need an extra measure of wisdom to help them help others.)*
 - c. How did Solomon find out who the real mother of the baby was? *(He told them they should cut the baby in two. The real mom could not allow that to happen, even if she would never see her baby again.)*
 - d. What did Solomon’s wisdom do for the people of Israel? *(It brought much peace as he removed his father’s enemies from Jerusalem. And it brought much peace because the people were led by someone who loved them, loved God, and wanted to be wise to help God’s people.)*
2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: Like his father David, Solomon started out as a really good king. This is because he asked God to give him wisdom, something far more important than money. Wisdom brings peace to our homes, peace to our neighborhoods, peace to our lives. Wise people make other people better and are kind to those who might not be as wise as them.
3. **Pray.** Have the children cross themselves and say, “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Also, lead them in this prayer: “Gracious Lord, there is so much about life we do not know. There are so many things that are hard to understand. Yet we know this much; you care for your Church more than we could ever know. Give us wisdom that we might care like you, bringing the peace only you can give. Amen.”