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life on another level

# Student Workbook

**YEAR 3**

**God's People**  
**Kings and Prophets**  
**– Solomon**

**Bible Readings**  
1 Kings 2-3



### Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Understand the true source of wisdom.
- Realise the importance of obeying God.
- Know that often, if we put wisdom as our priority, the material goods will follow.

### Notes from Bible Reading

**Scripture** A word or phrase that stood out to me:

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**Observation** What is happening in this Bible reading?

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**Application** Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

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**Prayer** What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

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**Key Question** How can we increase our wisdom?

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### Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

#### Five Fast Facts about Solomon:

1. He was the author of Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, as well as many of the proverbs and a couple of the Psalms.
2. He was a diplomat, trader, collector and patron of the arts.
3. He had gold valued at over \$1 billion and silver valued at over \$2 billion.
4. He had 700 wives and 12,000 horsemen.
5. He reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel for 40 years.

### Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

**Read together:** 1 Kings 3:1-15

Solomon was the third king of Israel, David's chosen heir and is recognised as the wisest man who ever lived. He will be remembered for the building of God's temple in Jerusalem. This was his father's (David) dream but David was not allowed to build it as God said he had innocent blood on his hands.

However Solomon's life still had weaknesses and he still made mistakes. Many of his foreign agreements were sealed by marrying pagan women and they affected his loyalty to God. He heavily taxed people and drafted them into a labour and military force.

Three of the lessons we can learn from Solomon's life are:

- Effective leadership can be cancelled out by an ineffective personal life.
- Solomon failed to obey God but did not learn the lesson of repentance until late in life.
- Knowing what actions are required of us means little without the will to do those actions.

The defining moment of Solomon's life comes in 1 Kings 3:1-9 when he asked God for wisdom – to which God added wealth and honour (verse 13).

### Explore – Express

Draw a collection of things that symbolise wisdom to you – share with a small group (3-5 people).

### Explore – Integrate

- Where does society believe is the source of wisdom today?
- What have you done so far in your life to gain wisdom?
- Is there a difference between wisdom and knowledge? If so what are those differences?

### Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need, or to work together on any shared projects that you have.

#### Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

### Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

*Lord, you are the source of wisdom. Help me to receive from you the wisdom I need to make right choices, to live the life you would want me to live by doing the things you desire me to do.*

*Amen.*