



## Future-proofing our children

Religious Instruction Class 1

Lesson Title	Godly wisdom - Solomon
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**A Parent's Guide**  
Sunday School Home Schooling



# Dear Parent

Welcome to the “**Godly wisdom - Solomon**” Religious Instruction 1 lesson.

This document provides you with a minimum guide on how to present the lesson.

## How to prepare and present the lesson

Below are some tips on how to go about preparing and presenting the lesson:

Step	Action
1.	<p>Access the New Apostolic Church Website by keying-in or clicking on the following link from WhatsApp:</p> <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS">https://bit.ly/3NACSSHS</a></p>
2.	<p>Gather the following tools to ensure that you are ready for the lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible</li> <li>• The PDF lesson that is already prepared</li> <li>• Child’s workbook and pencils, crayons, etc.</li> <li>• The Video Clip which is an additional optional resource tool</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>2.1: An ideal time preferably to present the lesson is after the Sunday morning service in line with the normal Sunday School time to maintain the routine.</p> <p>2.2. Please keep the lesson as concise as possible, bearing in mind the retention span (to focus on the lesson) of our children – you know your child best. <i>Sunday School normally does not exceed 45 minutes.</i></p> <p>2.3: The lessons are class specific (i.e. SS, RI or Confirmation).</p> <p>2.4: Please contact your SS teacher if you need any of the above resources.</p>
3.	<p>Pray (see the prayer at the end of this document) and ask God to use you as a tool to present the lesson the way He would want us to present it.</p>



# Present a Sunday school Lesson at Home

## How to prepare and present the lesson

We continue to share some tips on how to go about preparing and presenting the lesson:

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4.	Create a pleasant (disturbance free) learning environment where you and the children are at the same level <b>Example:</b> Sit on the mat or at a table
5.	Read through the lesson. Re-read the lesson so that you understand it. Watch the video clip of the lesson to get a better understanding of the lesson.
6.	Make notes for yourself on important points that you would like to remember.
7.	Understand the objective of the lesson that your child must remember.
8.	Present the lesson to your child by telling the story. You can even read the story if you like.
9.	Show your child the video and recap on the meaning/purpose of the lesson.
10.	Refer your child to the activity in the child's workbook.
11.	Pray, or ask your child to pray and close the lesson.

## Available tools in terms of Home Schooling

Herewith some tools to enhance the quality of the lesson:

1. WhatsApp chat the lesson with another Religious Instruction family.
2. Discuss with other parents to obtain clarity regarding the lesson before it is presented.
3. Feel free to conduct your own research for additional information.
4. Your congregation Sunday School Coordinator and RI Teacher.



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<b>Text</b>	1 Kings 3
<b>Lesson Objective</b>	The children comprehend what it means to be wise.

## Lesson Summary:

We know that the dear God is almighty. If he wanted to, he could fulfil all our wishes.

Imagine God were addressing us directly now and asked us, "I will fulfil one wish for you. What do you wish for?" What wish would you have? (Allow the children to answer)

When David had grown old, he appointed his son Solomon, who at the time was a little more than 20 years old, to be king. The young man was faced with difficult tasks. He also became the head of state, the highest judge and commander-in-chief.

God appeared to the young king in a dream and said, "Ask what I shall give thee" (1 Kings 3:5).

Read 1 Kings 3:9–12 with the children.

Solomon knew that it was a great responsibility to lead and judge the people of Israel. He was a God-fearing man and asked God for a heart which could understand what is good and bad.

God gave Solomon a wise and understanding heart, but over and above that, he also gave him great riches and honour.

- In order to be wise, we must be able to listen with our heart in order to recognise what is good and evil.
- Solomon was aware that he was to be a tool in God's hand in order to lead the people of Israel according to God's will. He needed a wise heart to understand what God was
- Even Jesus spoke about Solomon's wisdom (cf. Matthew 12:42). One example of his wisdom is the judgement he pronounced when two women were arguing about a child.

Solomon made a very wise decision here. By means of his command to divide the child, it became clear who really was the mother. This enabled him to pronounce a just judgement.

At that time Solomon also received the commission to erect the temple which was an unimaginable task. To give the children some idea about this, read the corresponding section "The Construction of the Temple" p56 in the workbook.



## What does this lesson teach us?

- The fear of God is the prerequisite for being wise.
- To have wisdom in the godly sense, it is firstly necessary to hear God's timely word and move it in one's heart.
- This is the condition for understanding what God wants.
- His word is truth. Knowing godly truth leads us to knowledge. From this develops the ability to act wisely.
- As human beings we often judge rashly by not listening properly with our heart.

**This week practice using what you have heard during this lesson to act wisely.**

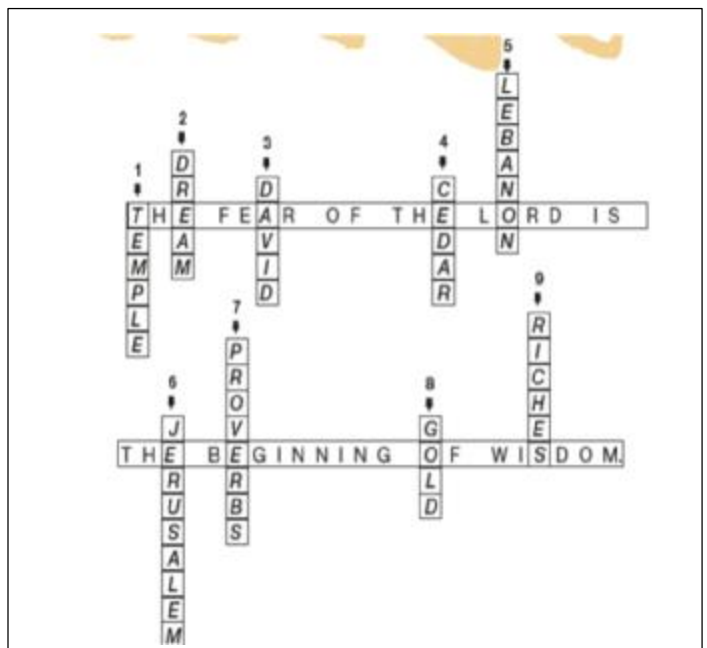
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Wise are those who
- heed God's word.
- understand what God wants.
- make decisions that please God.

### Do the Exercise with your child.

### Answers to Exercise





### Some questions we can ask:

1. What is the fear of God?

**Answer:** The fear that we will disappoint God through our actions.

2. Where do we experience God's word?

**Answer:** In the divine service, in Religious Instruction class, in the Bible.

### A Prayer for Daddy and Mommy to pray before the lesson:

*Dear God, thank you for this day*

*Bless all parents and children*

*May we feel your presence*

*Bless the lesson we will have*

*Please teach us how to serve you*

*And help us to do your will*

*So that we grow closer to you*

*Send Jesus to fetch us*

*And may we be ready to meet Him*

Amen



### A prayer after the lesson:

*Dear Heavenly father*

*Thank you for keeping us safe.*

*Help me to be kind to everyone.*

*Thank you for being the Good Shepherd who loves and guides us.*

Amen