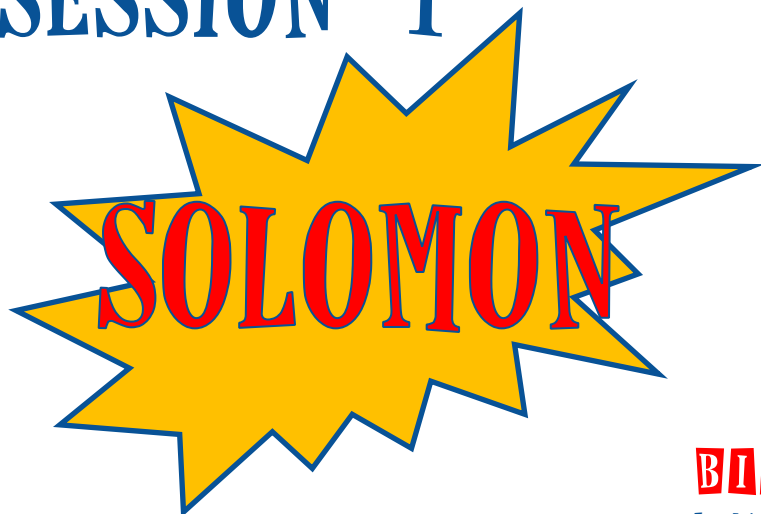


# SESSION 1



## TAKE HOME PACKET: #HTLCSUPERHEROES

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Videos & additional resources can be found at  
[www.holytrinityankeny.org/VBS.html](http://www.holytrinityankeny.org/VBS.html)

### KICK OFF VIDEO

Anne & Kelly introduce and this week's Bible story and activities— find the video on the VBS web page.

### MEMORY VERSE

WORK ON MEMORIZING THIS VERSE AS A FAMILY

For the Lord gives wisdom; from God's mouth comes knowledge and understanding. *Proverbs 2:6*

*PS: This is our memory verse because Proverbs was written down by King Solomon!*

MEET OUR SUPERHERO:

**KING**  
**SOLOMON**  
WHOSE SUPERPOWER IS  
**WISDOM**

### BIBLE BACKGROUND

#### KING SOLOMON'S WISDOM AND THE TEMPLE

- King David really wanted to build the Temple where God could live. While David was an excellent king, God said that King David's son, Solomon would build the Temple. After King David died, Solomon became the new king.
- One night while King Solomon was sleeping, God asked Solomon what he wanted most. Solomon answered that he wanted wisdom to be a good king! God was so impressed with this request that he granted it!
- Solomon became a good leader for his people and he also organized the work of building the Temple.
- Solomon not only built the Temple, he also wrote three books of the Bible: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon.
- The Temple took 7 years and many people to build. Solomon used only the best materials and covered many surfaces with gold. He wanted only the best for God.
- Today we don't talk about God living in one particular place or needing a "home". Especially now, when gathering in churches is hard to do safely, we need to remember that God is present wherever people are gathered in God's name! Jesus promised that God would be present if we asked!

## SHARE THE STORY

### YOUNGER KIDS:

Spark Story Bible: Solomon Builds the Temple, page 136

Fun Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nON6iE3n3O>

- *This video is basically retelling of the building of the Temple story. It's really well done. Well worth the watch.*

### BIG KIDS

Bible (NRSV): 2 Chronicles 3

Fun Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTnq6l3vUbU>

- *This video is meant for parents and older kids. It's about how to think about the Temple today.*

Questions to ask after sharing the story: (note answers vary on kids ages!)

- King Solomon's superpower is wisdom! Do you think he used it when he was building the Temple? How?
- What sort of things do you need to know to build a building, especially a Temple?
- The Temple is supposed to be a building where God lives. Does God need a house like people do?
- Only a small part of the original Temple still exists. Where do you think God lives now?

## SONGS—GET UP AND DANCE!

HERE ARE SOME SONGS WE LOVE! YOU WILL FIND LINKS TO EACH OF THEM ON THE VBS WEB PAGE.

My God is So Great: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDCTNhYqEKo>

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T1CLIMjiTw>

## CRAFTINESS

### SUPER NECKLACE

Find the Solomon Craft in your bag and put together a fun necklace to remind you God is Super! You could also shorten the string and make a keychain or zipper pull if a necklace isn't your thing!

## MISSION

### EVERYDAY WISDOM

The Temple was a beautiful and sacred place, just like our whole planet. The temple would have been tidied and cleaned often. Take a trash bag with you on a walk around your neighborhood. Pick up any trash you see. Keeping our planet clean is part of our everyday wisdom!

## SNACK TIME SUGGESTION

### BUILD AN EDIBLE TEMPLE

Using the coloring sheet of the Temple included in this packet, can you build the Temple out of graham crackers and icing or other snacks in your kitchen?

Pro Tip: put yellow food coloring in the icing (or get gold icing) to represent all the gold Solomon used to build the Temple. And you can color the picture of the temple after you are done with your snack!

**Pro Tip: Take a picture and have an adult post it on social media with the hashtag #htlcsuperheroes**

# SCIENCE STATION

## GROWING WISER

Solomon wanted to be a good king for his people. He wasn't born knowing what to do so he asked God for wisdom. As we grow and learn, we can become better at many things. Learning about God and the stories of the Bible helps us become wiser superheroes for God! While you are growing wise, let's see if you can grow some beautiful flowers too!

### Supplies Included:

- Section of cardboard egg carton
- Baggie of soil
- Envelope of wildflower seeds
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### Instructions:

- 1) Fill each of the wells in the egg carton about 1/2 full with soil.
- 2) Open the seed envelope and sprinkle a few seeds into each of the four wells.
- 3) Cover the seeds with more soil.
- 4) Place the whole thing on a glass or plastic plate in case water leaks out bottom.
- 5) Add water to each well. You can spray them with a spray bottle, pour a little water into each one or keep water on the plate below and let the carton absorb the water. They don't need to be muddy wet but shouldn't dry out at any time either.
- 6) Set the carton in a sunny place and check on it regularly.
- 7) Once the seeds have grown into small plants, you can plant the whole carton in the ground or in a bigger pot of soil. The roots of the plants can grow through the carton and the carton will decompose in the ground. You can cut the wells apart and plant individually or plant the whole thing.



# LET'S MOVE ACTIVITY

## EVERYONE CAN BE LEADER

Give everyone about the same amount of playdough. Remind them of any playdough rules in your home (this is a good one to play at the table!). Pick the first leader (don't worry, everyone gets to be the leader!)

Say: Solomon was a very powerful king. He was building a huge temple for God. He had to make a lot of decisions and give a lot of instructions to keep his workers safe and happy and to make the Temple be all he wanted it to be. It was easy for Solomon, right, because what's his super power? (*Wisdom!*)

The leader in this game will tell you what to do with the playdough. As leader, you can choose anything safe and fun. You could tell us to flatten it like a pancake, or poke holes in it, role it into a snake, make different shapes, hold it up high! Listen to the leader. If you do anything other than what your leader says, you'll have to step out of the game.

Switch leaders every now and then. Everyone can get back in the game when you switch leaders. When everyone has had a turn and you've run out of things to turn playdough into, reflect by asking:

- As leader in our game, how did you decide what to do with the playdough?
- What's it like to be a leader?
- Why does a leader need wisdom?
- Where does wisdom come from?

# BONUS CONVERSATIONS

## TRICKY QUESTIONS

This is a good one for dinner time or a car ride!

Say: We know that King Solomon's super power was wisdom. He could answer hard questions! Nothing was too hard for him. Let's see if we can answer some tough questions.

Ask the following silly questions one at a time, and let kids have fun grappling with answers.

- Why does round pizza come in a square box?
- If the earth is round, why don't people on the bottom part of it feel like they're upside down?
- Why is it called a funny bone, when it's not funny to hit it?
- Why do people drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?
- What hair color do they put in the driver's licenses of bald men?  
(or do a round of trivia from your favorite trivia site!)

Reflect on the silly questions:

- Which of these questions was the hardest to answer?
- Can you think of time when hard time answering a question or knowing what to do?
- What kinds of wisdom do you think God wants us to have?
- How has wisdom from God helped you know what to do in tough situations?

# PRAYER TIME

## PRAYER BOX

Find the Solomon Prayer bundle. There is a small box and you can use the stickers inside of it to decorate it. Cut some small slips of paper and use them to list people or things you want to pray for. Store the slips in the box. At prayer time, you can pull out the papers as reminders of what to pray for. Or, put the slips of paper in the box after you pray for them and know that God is holding those things with Love!

God please give me wisdom  
So I can walk your way.  
I want to do what pleases you  
Every single day.  
In Jesus' name, amen.



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