

Sola Publishing Children's Message 2 nd Sunday after Christmas – Year A		SOLA 
Be Wise – Ask God for Help!		
Readings	1) 1 Kings 3:4-15 2) Ephesians 1:3-14 3) Luke 2:40-52	
Scripture Focus	1 Kings 3:6-14	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	These are good illustrations for this story. https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/solomon-moody/	
Message We talk about King David a lot. Do you remember him? In the whole history of the Bible, David was the best king. They called him: a man after God's heart. H listened to God and did what God told him to do. He let God be the boss. And, when he made a mistake, and he made some big ones, he admitted that he sinned and asked God to forgive those sins. That's important to God. Well, David got old, and his son, Solomon, was chosen to be the next king. He wanted to be a good king like his dad, but he was nervous because he was young. After he became king, he was sleeping, and God came to him in a dream. God said, "Solomon, ask me for whatever you want me to give you." Woo hoo! [If you have kids old enough not to take this too far, ask, If God said that to you, what would you ask for?] Solomon didn't ask to live forever, or be super rich, or to have the power to make everyone do what he says. Does anybody know what he asked for? Solomon thought for a minute and said, "Well, you already made me king, and I want to be a good king like my dad, but I'm just a kid and don't know how to be a king. Please give me wisdom to know what to say to people and figure out problems with people and other kings. There's a difference between being smart and being wise. Does anybody know what it is? [Smart means you know a lot of things. Wise means you know the best way to use the things you know.] And God said, "Solomon, because you didn't ask for anything silly, I will give you what you asked for. You will be so wise that there will never be anyone as wise as you are. Also, because you didn't ask for it, I'm going to give you a lot of money, and all other kings will respect you. If you trust me and do as I say, as your dad did, I will also give you a long life." Sometimes, just like Solomon, somebody asks me to do something I'm not sure I can do. If I'm wise, I pray and ask God to help me, if it's something He approves of. I mean, God's not going to help me be mean to somebody at school or anything, right? I ask God to help me be wise to do what He wants all the time, and, YOU SHOULD TOO! Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, You will always / help us / if we don't / ask for silly things. Please help us / be wise like Solomon. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	