

## LESSON 2 • Talent/Gifts



## TALENT/GIFTS

**I Kings 3:5-12**

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. "Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king a place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and

to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be."

**1 Key Concepts**

- Talents/Gifts
- Teach the children about spiritual gifts.
- Teach the children that not all of our gifts are the same.
- Teach the children that God has given us these specific gifts to further His kingdom

**2 Teacher Preparation**

- Have the children open their bibles to **I Kings 3:5-12**
- Write the list of spiritual gifts on the board.
  - (Prophecy, service, teaching, exhorting, sharing, leading, mercy, love, enthusiasm, hope, prayer and hospitality.)

**3 Lesson**

- Read **I Kings 3:5-12**
  - What kind of person do you think Solomon was?
  - Why do you think Solomon didn't ask for wealth or riches?
- Do we always realize what we REALLY need?
- Why does it sometimes take us longer to realize what God really wants us to have or do?
- Do we always make God happy by our choices?
- Solomon pleased God with his asking for wisdom and not riches.
  - Solomon was given the gift of wisdom to further God's kingdom.
  - How did Solomon further God's kingdom with wisdom?

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### Lesson (continued)

- What gifts has God given you?
  - (Go around the room and write down their gifts)
- Why do you think God has given you these specific gifts and not something else?
- Look at the list of spiritual gifts.
  - Which of these gifts do you have?
  - How can you use these gifts in your future?
- Once you have a spiritual gift and know what you want to do with it, how will you use that gift to better God's church?

### 4 Conclusion

Not all of us has the same gifts. Not all of us know what we want to do with those gifts, but we all play a part in building His church.

### 5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving EACH of us a spiritual gift. Help us to use those gifts to help your church grow. Amen.

### 6 Resources

- [Bible](#)
- [Webster's New World Dictionary](#)
- [Brittain, Bill. All The Money in the World](#)

A boy wishes for all the money in the world and his wish comes true. He finds out that having all of the money in the world isn't as fun as he thought it would be.

- [www.twopaths.com](http://www.twopaths.com)

Go to wordsearch and scroll down to Wisdom of Solomon

### 7 Vocabulary

**Talent:** natural gifts

**Spiritual Gifts:** Gifts that God has given us

**Prophecy:** to predict

**Service:** to aid, to help

**Teaching:** to provide with knowledge, to instruct

**Exhorting:** to urge, to advise strongly

**Sharing:** to receive, give a portion

**Leading:** guiding

**Mercy:** to forgive or be kind

**Love:** strong affection for or liking for someone or something

**Enthusiasm:** eager interest, zeal

**Hope:** a feeling that what is wanted will happen

**Prayer:** a humble request, as to God

**Hospitality:** friendly toward guests