

## 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 each one of us has been given a special talent from God.
- Teach the children that God has given us these gifts to further His kingdom.

**2 Teacher Preparation**

- Have the children turn 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**.
- Talk to the students about the kind of person Solomon seems to be.
  - He asked for wisdom.
  - He didn't want wealth or riches.
  - He wanted to be a wise leader.
  - He wasn't sure what he was doing and realized he needed help.
  - Solomon made God happy and later he used his wisdom to rule the best way that he could.
- Read **I Kings 4:29-34**.
  - This shows just how much wisdom God had given him.
  - How did Solomon use his wisdom to help others?

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**Lesson (continued)**

- What is the purpose of having spiritual gifts?
- God has given each of us spiritual gifts to help build His church.
  - Not all of our gifts are they same.
- Look at the board and talk about the spiritual gifts listed there.
  - Are there other things that could be spiritual gifts?
  - Talk about the meanings of these words.
- See some of the things that the children think they are good at.
  - Once they find what they like, see what jobs they could have in the future that would help them use their spiritual gift.
- When you are done discussing, talk again about how God wants us to use our gifts.
  - We need to use the gifts that God has given us

**Conclusion**

- 4 Not all of us have the same gifts. Each one of us has a gift. God wants us to use our gifts wisely, to further His church.

**Echo Prayer**

- 5 Dear Lord,  
Thank you for all of the gifts you have given us. Help us all to use our gifts wisely and to serve your church.  
Amen

**Resources**

- 6 • **Bible**
- **Webster's New World Dictionary**
  - **Brown, Marc. *Arthur's Pet Business***  
Arthur wants a pet and he wants to prove to his parents that he can handle it.
  - **Polacco, Patricia. *Chicken Sunday***  
The children in this book do something nice for someone who makes them wonderful chicken dinners. Talk to the children about the gift of hospitality.

**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