

CROWN THE KING *(review the Bible story)*

WHAT YOU NEED: “Crown” Activity Page below, markers, scissors, tape

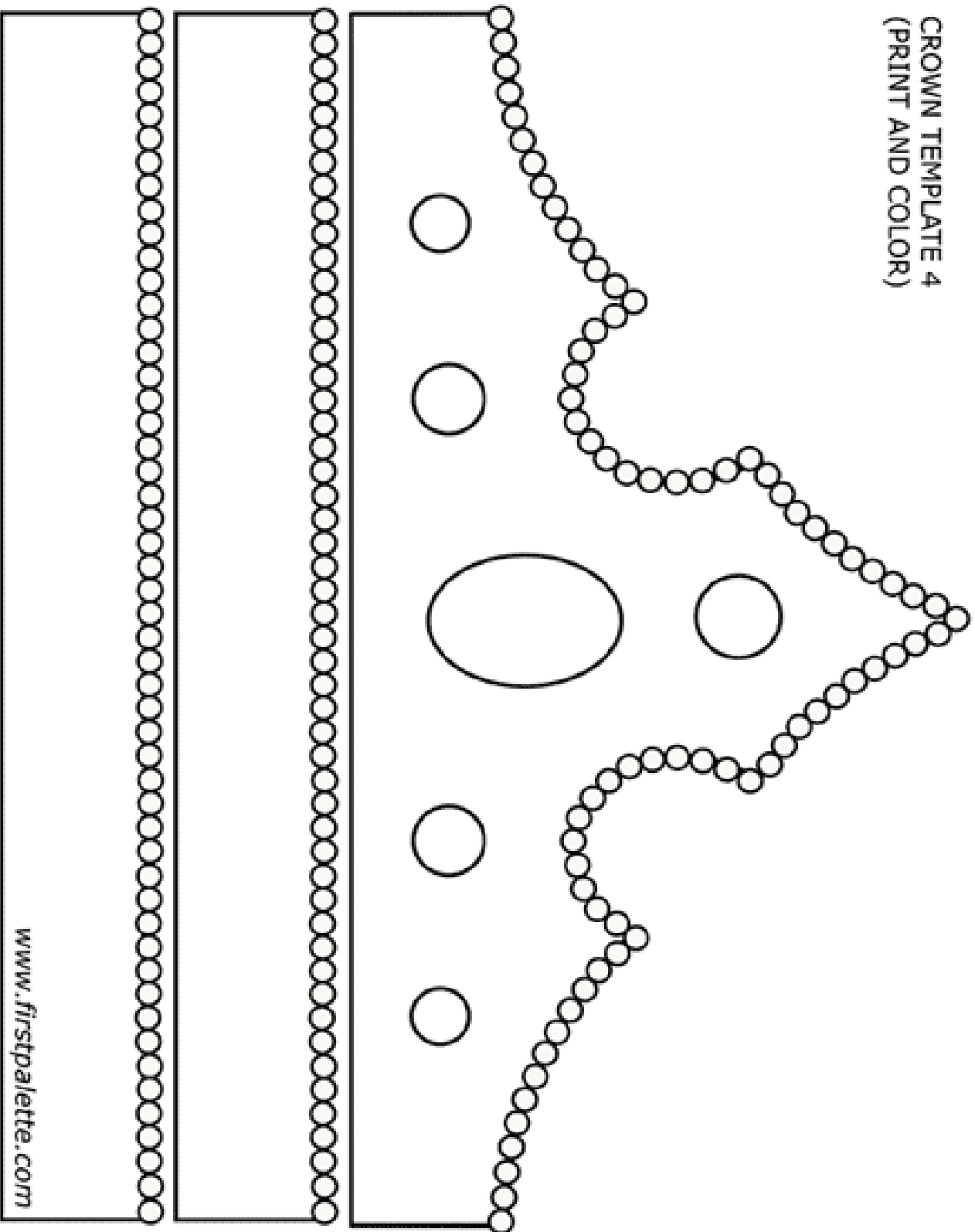
WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a crown to color. (The strips are to make a headband so the crown can be worn)
- As kids color, ask them the following review questions:
 - o What was the name of Solomon’s father? *(David)*
 - o When Solomon went to Gibeon, how many sacrifices did he offer to God? *(1,000)*
 - o What did God tell Solomon in a dream? *(“Ask me for anything you want me to give you.”)*
 - o What did Solomon ask God to give him? *(Wisdom)*
 - o How do we get wisdom? **[Bottom Line] If you want to be wise, ask God for wisdom.**
 - o Why does God want us to be wise? *(so that we will make good choices and please Him)*
 - o Is wisdom better than money? Why or why not?
 - o What did God give Solomon? *(great wisdom and great riches)*
 - o Why do you think the Bible calls wisdom a “treasure?” *(it’s valuable; it’s better than money, gold or silver)*
- When the kids have finished their crowns, adjust the band to fit and secure each crown with tape.

WHAT YOU SAY:

God wants us to be as wise as Solomon. Why? Because when you have wisdom, you’ll make better decisions. For example, it’ll be easier to choose to be kind instead of being rude or acting annoyed all the time. You’ll see chances to help others when they need it even when you feel like doing something else. You’ll share, pray, and obey. Wisdom comes from God, so **[Bottom Line] if you want to be wise, ask God for wisdom.**”

CROWN TEMPLATE 4
(PRINT AND COLOR)



KING IN A RING (*application activity*)

WHAT YOU NEED: Hula-hoop, “Wisdom Rhymes” below, crown from “Crown the King” activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use hula-hoop to represent a king’s throne.
- Have your child be the “king” and have him/her sit on the “throne” (center of the Hula-hoop). If you did the “Crown the King” activity, have him/her wear their crown.
- Read one of the situations from the “Wisdom Rhymes” below, and have the “king” answer by making a “W” (raising both arms in the air) if the statement shows someone exercising wisdom or cross his arms and shake his head “NO” if the statement shows someone not using wisdom.
- If you have more than one child have them switch out playing king. If just one child let them answer all the situations.

WHAT YOU SAY:

You did a great job sitting on the ‘throne’ and figuring out what was wise and what wasn’t. Most of the time, we know what the wise thing is to do but it’s just hard for us to do it. This week, you might face some situations just like the ones in our ‘Wisdom Rhymes.’ When that happens, put on your crown, like wise King Solomon did, and then stop and think about the choice you need to make. If you don’t know what to do, ask a parent or other adult for help to make the wise choice. Most of all, stop and pray because **[Bottom Line] if you want to be wise, ask God for wisdom.** He will help you know what’s right and good. He will help you think things through and make wise choices.”

Wisdom Rhymes

1. Brooke saw a sweet treat. Mom said, “Please don’t eat.”

When Mom left the room, Brooke ate the cookie very soon.

2. Joe saw some big kids fighting. He knew it wasn’t right.

He ran to get a teacher, who came and stopped the fight.

3. Evan’s baby sister is playing with some keys.

She throws them in the trashcan, While Evan pretends, he doesn’t see.

4. Liz likes to ride her bike, In the middle of the street.

She doesn’t watch for cars. She’s busy staring at her feet.

5. Dad says, “Please, clean your room.” Keesha’s watching her favorite show.

But she quickly puts her toys away, Instead, of saying, “No!”

6. It’s thundering and lightning. The wind is blowing things away.

Peter’s scared and worried, so he kneels down to pray.

7. Pam never does her homework. She never wants to read.

She only wants to play a game or sit and watch TV.

8. Cam broke his mother’s clock. He knocked it off the shelf.

He told the truth. He didn’t lie or blame it on someone else.

9. Jaden makes jokes and giggles. He pokes and kicks and burps.

He never pays attention whenever he’s in church.

10. Eliza reads her Bible. She reads it every day.

She wants to make wise choices and follow all God’s ways.

WHO HAS THE COIN? *(memory verse activity)*

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, Hula-hoop, coin

WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand kids a Bible. Ask them find Proverbs 8:10.
- If they need help guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Proverbs in the list under “Old Testament.” When they find Proverbs, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Proverbs. Help the kids find the page. When they find Proverbs, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Let them find chapter 8. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Let them find verse 10 in chapter 8.
- Read the verse aloud several times and then invite the kids to repeat it after you.
- Help kids understand the meaning of the verse by explaining that the words “my teaching” and “knowledge” are talking about wisdom.
- Hold up a coin to illustrate that God says wisdom is even better than silver or gold. Pass the coin and let the kids take turns naming things that are valuable to them. Remind them that wisdom is even more valuable than ANYTHING.

WHAT YOU SAY:

You know that things like silver and gold are really valuable, right? But did you know that wisdom is even more valuable than all the money, toys, or fancy gifts in all of the world? It’s true. Wisdom is a very important thing to have, but it’s not something we can buy. **[Bottom Line] if you want to be wise, ask God for wisdom.** We become wise as we read God’s Word and listen to people who love God. Memorizing Bible verses helps us grow wiser too. So, let’s say Proverbs 8:10 one more time to help us remember how valuable wisdom is.

‘Choose my teaching instead of silver. Choose knowledge rather than fine gold,’
Proverbs 8:10.”

PICK SOLOMON’S BRAIN *(application activity) older kids*

WHAT YOU NEED: “List of Proverbs” below, pen, pencil or markers, Bibles, index cards

WHAT YOU SAY:

Wouldn’t it be great to have a brain like Solomon’s, filled with wisdom from God? It sure would. Well, I’ve got good news. Solomon wrote down many, many wise sayings in the book of Proverbs in the Bible. So, when we read Proverbs, it’s like we are picking God’s wisdom right out of Solomon’s brain!”

WHAT YOU DO:

- Explain that these are just a few of Solomon’s Proverbs. Let them read through the list below and pick out a verse or two that is special to them. Explain that there are many more to choose from if they want to look.
- Have them write it out on an index card and put it on their dresser, bathroom mirror, or refrigerator, somewhere they will see it every day.

WHAT YOU SAY:

God is the source of wisdom and He poured out a bunch of wisdom on Solomon. Today we can benefit from God’s wisdom by digging deep and reading the many wise things that Solomon wrote. Use your bible to transfer some of God’s wisdom from Solomon’s brain to your brain! I’m so glad we don’t have to wait for a dream or a vision to speak to God and get God’s wisdom like Solomon did. Solomon wrote down many of the wise things that God taught him and we can study them in the Bible. And remember: **If you want to be wise, ask God for wisdom.** A great place to dig deep for God’s wisdom is in the Bible.

Proverbs 8:10-11, "Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her."

Proverbs 17:27, "The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered."

Proverbs 17:1, "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife"

Proverbs 16:21, "The wise in heart are called discerning, and gracious words promote instruction."

Proverbs 12:10, "The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel."

Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs."

Proverbs 26:11, "As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly."

Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding"

Proverbs 13:20, "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

Proverbs 12:15, "The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice."