

# ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

## CHARACTER TRAIT:

**WISDOM**

## DEFINITION:

An understanding of God's truth that guides my actions

## MEMORY VERSE:

"But, the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere." **James 3:17**

## FINISH LINE:

God gives us wisdom when we ask

**READ:** 1 KINGS 3:3-15; JAMES 1:5; PROVERBS 3:5-6; HEBREWS 4:16

### WHAT DOES IT SAY?

#### (OBSERVATION)

1. How did God talk to Solomon?  
*(In a dream) What did God tell Solomon he could ask for?  
(Anything he wanted)*
2. **Look at 1 Kings 3:7-9.** What did Solomon ask for? *(Wisdom)*
3. What was the Lord's response to Solomon's request? *(He was pleased when Solomon asked for wisdom, so He gave it to him.)*
4. What else did God give Solomon besides wisdom?  
*(Riches and honor and power)*
5. **Look at James 1:5, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Hebrews 4:16.** What do these verses tell you about asking God for wisdom? *(If we ask, He will gladly give us wisdom. Trust the Lord's wisdom for everything. We can come to Him and boldly ask Him for what we need.)*

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

#### (INTERPRETATION)

1. What do you think Solomon believed was true about God? Why?
2. Why was God pleased when Solomon asked Him for wisdom?  
*(Solomon's request was not selfish. He did not ask to be rich and famous. He did not rely on his own understanding but realized he needed God to help him rule the country.)*

### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

#### (APPLICATION)

1. If God told you that you could ask for anything you wanted, what would you choose? Why?
2. When are you tempted to "lean on your own understanding" instead of asking God for wisdom? Why?
3. Where might you be tempted to search for wisdom other than God? *(Examples: Unwise friends, TV, movies, news, famous people who do not follow God, etc.)* How CAN you get godly wisdom? *(Examples: Pray, read the Bible, talk to godly friends, etc.)*