

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:1-14

10 Then David **slept with his ancestors**, and was **buried** in the city of David. 11 The time that David reigned over Israel was **forty** years; he reigned **seven** years **in Hebron**, and **thirty-three** years **in Jerusalem**.

12 So Solomon **sat on the throne of his father** David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

3:1 Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt; he took Pharaoh's daughter and **brought her into the city of David**, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the Lord and the wall around Jerusalem. 2 The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the Lord. 3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. 4 The king went to **Gibeon** to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 At Gibeon the **Lord appeared** to Solomon **in a dream** by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." 6 And Solomon said, "**You have shown great and steadfast love** to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in **faithfulness**, in righteousness, and in **uprightness of heart** toward you; and you have kept for him **this great and steadfast love**, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is **in the midst** of the **people whom you have chosen**, a great people, **so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted**. 9 Give your servant therefore **an understanding mind** to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Word - I, Math - B, Body - S, Music - I, People - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic MWD	The books of Kings are theological history - the story of people with	Use this definition of wisdom, according to Stan Mast at Center for Biblical	

	<p>God's presence permeating the whole thing.</p>	<p><u>Preaching:</u></p> <p>“Wisdom has a relational component; the heart of it is the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7, et al). It has an ethical component; Solomon prays for the ability to discern between right and wrong. And it has an emotional component, the ability to govern one's emotions and desires. With wisdom, we might live in relational harmony, ethical correctness, and emotional control.”</p> <p><i>WORD for exploring the definition of a common word.</i></p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>			
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>3:1 - marriage with Pharaoh's daughter Vs. 4 - sacrificed at Gibeon</p> <p>Both go against Deuteronomic law - yet Solomon is considered a great king. Hm.</p> <p>Debi Thomas at Journey with Jesus presents the two sides of Solomon's reign - and character</p>	<p>Did Solomon ask for wisdom to reign with justice and righteousness or to learn how to out-think rival kingdoms?</p> <p>Was this a chess move? Or actual piety learned from his ancestors?</p> <p>This video shows three types of paradox (doxes?) I recommend the whole thing but the part that clicks with Solomon begins at 13:00 mark.</p> <p>Solomon's request for wisdom may have been an example of antinomy [<i>an TIN o mee</i>] (10:15 in the video) - a true request on the face of it or a request that would satisfy his own future plans. Which is true? Yes.</p>	<p>If you were starting up a business, you would make a business plan that would include a list of the assets you would need to get the business going and steps to acquiring those assets. Draw a chart of an imaginary startup with needed assets, both physical and personnel. Then imagine a benefactor came and asked you what you need for your company. What would you ask for?</p> <p><i>MATH for chart, logical assessment of need</i></p>

		<p><i>MATH for logical ambiguity</i> <i>Perhaps also some PEOPLE for possible shrewdness</i></p>	
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p>			<p>When it comes time for the prayers of the morning, invite people to consider the humility of Solomon and pray with a physical as well as spiritual posture of humility.</p> <p><i>BODY for posture</i> <i>Also some SELF for internal awareness of dynamics of humility</i></p>
<p>Musical</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p><u>Singing from the Lectionary</u> - information overload!!!</p>	
<p>Natural</p>			
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>“Information is fast, loud, superficial, numbing. We can’t get away from it. Wisdom is slower, deeper, lasting, more elusive.” ~ Heidi Husted, <u>Living By the Word</u> (This essay is about Proverbs 9 but fits here, too!)</p> <p>As above in MATH, is Solomon being <u>Shrewd or Manipulative</u>? Or is he genuine? <u>Here is a story</u> about a shrewd thief that might work as an illustration by which we might judge Solomon. P.S. - What do you think of the moral they draw at the end of this video?</p> <p><u>Here</u> is another updated version.</p> <p>Perhaps both are based on</p>	<p>Information is knowing about; wisdom is knowing. It is much more intimate.</p> <p>What ways does your congregation support learning “about” versus “knowing”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Each other ● Your community ● The faith <p><i>PEOPLE for relational knowing</i></p>

		<p>Aesop's fable, the Fox and the Crow.</p> <p>But even if Solomon was being shrewd with God, I think we can assume God is not taken in, but participates graciously in spite of such shrewdness. <i>PEOPLE for knowing how to push someone's buttons</i> <i>Some WORD for the storytelling</i></p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>		<p>In spite of any questionable motives in the hearts of kings or preachers, God is still faithful and will work through the people called to serve God's purpose. We may get horribly distracted by the world's riches and beauty, or secretly harbor envy and resentment, but God works with all of us regardless. This is good news. Recognizing it is wise.</p>	<p>From a Living By the Word article by April Yamasaki (August 4, 2015)</p> <p>The author makes a daily list of five things she is grateful to have received that day and offers it to God.</p> <p>"I don't know that my gratitude practice is making me any wiser. It may or may not prevent me from collapsing from exhaustion myself someday. But it seems to be a step in the right direction, toward greater well-being, wonder, and wisdom. And it's something anyone can begin to learn..."</p>