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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word and transform (Change) our lives.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

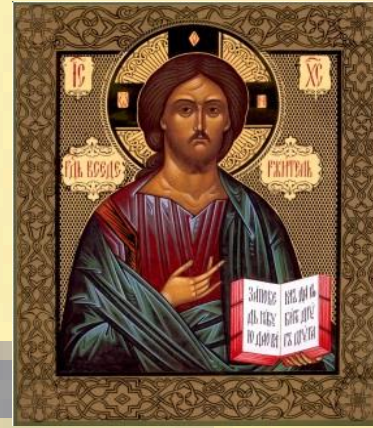
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



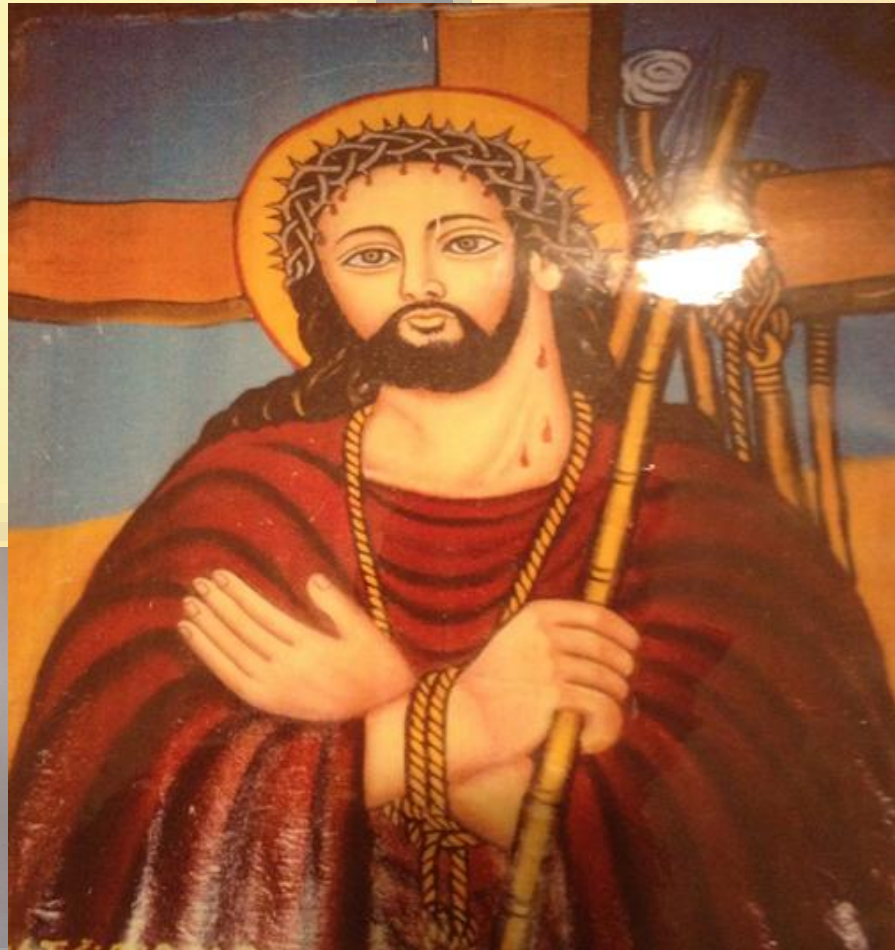
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



# MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me  
last week's  
memory verse???**




# Recite Last week's memory verse

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want”  
(Psalm 23:1)





# Class Covenant

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my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

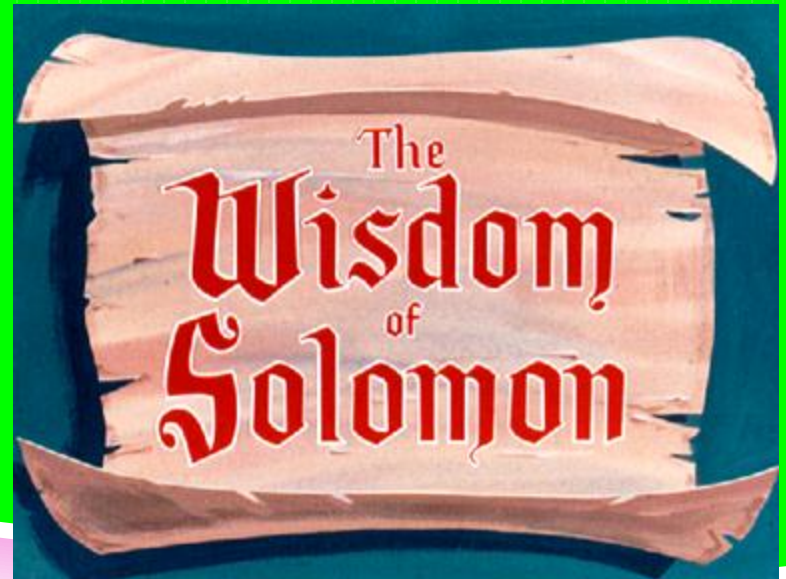


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**Memorize today's Verse**

**“The fear of the Lord is the  
beginning of wisdom”**

**(Psalm 111:10)**



**Purpose:**

**To teach that the greatest treasure we can have is God-given wisdom; and that all wisdom is found in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

**For forty years King David had ruled the people of Israel. When the time came for him to die, he called his son Solomon to his bedside, and he gave the rule of the kingdom into his hands.**



**It was a heavy task for the young prince, for Israel was a great nation, but his father reminded him that the Lord would give him wisdom and understanding.**



**David said, “There is much work for you to do, my son, but above all don’t forget to walk in God’s ways and obey His commandments.”**



**It was a happy day for the people of Israel when Solomon was made king. Trumpets blew and the people shouted. Solomon was a good king, and remembering his father's words, he asked God to guide him.**





**One night the Lord appeared to Solomon and said, “Ask what I shall give you.” Solomon was filled with wonder, but he didn’t hesitate.**



**He told the Lord he wanted to be a good, upright king like his father David, but he didn't know how to rule a great nation, so he asked God to give him wisdom to do what was right.**



**God was pleased when Solomon asked for wisdom rather than riches, and promised him great wisdom and an understanding heart. God also promised to bless Solomon with honor and wealth if he obeyed His commandments.**



**Solomon realized that truly the Lord had spoken to him, and he praised God. “Happy is the man that finds wisdom and understanding,” he said. Soon Solomon’s new wisdom was put to the test.**



**One day two women were ushered into the court and stood before the king. They were crying and quarrelling. One was holding a baby in her arms.**



**The other woman pointed to her. “This woman has taken my child!” she said. “She rolled on her own son in the night and smothered him.”**



**Then she took my child and put the dead one beside me.”**



**“That’s not true!” the second woman said. “This child is mine and the dead one is hers.” “No! The child is mine!” the first woman said to the king.**





**King Solomon looked at them – and they stopped arguing.**



**Everybody in the court was quiet, waiting to hear what Solomon would say. “Bring me a sword!”**



**The women and all the people looked at him in surprise. Quickly a soldier sprang forward his sword.**



**Then the king said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other.” Then he watched the two mothers closely. The first woman shrugged. “That’s fair enough...then the child will be neither mine nor hers.”**



**But the other woman threw herself at the king's feet. "O my lord king, do not kill the child! I'd rather you gave him to the other woman than kill him."**



**Then Solomon knew the answer. He said, “Give her the child!” For the king knew that she was the real mother.**



**King Solomon was talked about in all the land, because he was kind and just, wiser than any king before him and all his people were happy.**



**Solomon built a magnificent temple for the praise and worship of God. He also built courts and palaces in Jerusalem. His fame spread far and wide.**





**In the distant court of Sheba, in Ethiopia, merchants told their queen of the wealth and wisdom of Solomon, but she could hardly believe their stories. She wanted to see for herself.**



**So she travelled a thousand miles across the harsh desert, followed by camels bearing gifts for the king – gold, spices and jewels.**



**At last she stood in Solomon's magnificent court! There were many things she wanted to see, many questions she wanted to ask this wise man. Solomon showed her the temple where his people worshiped God and took her to see his palace.**



**As the Queen of Sheba sat at Solomon's table and listened to him, she realized that his people loved and served him because he was a wise and good king.**



**She said, “Happy are your men. Happy are your servants that hear your wisdom!”**



**But Solomon knew that his wealth and earthly possessions would not last forever, for he said, “Riches make themselves wings.”**



**Solomon knew that his magnificent temple, which had taken thousands of men and seven years to build, his great palace with columns of carved stone, the jeweled courts, the ivory throne and all the riches of his great kingdom would pass away some day.**



**The glory of Solomon has long since departed.**





**But the wisdom God gave him survived the passing years, and has been strengthened with each test of time.**



**And today, we can find blessing in the wisdom of God, as spoken by His servant Solomon, recorded in the Book of Proverbs. He “that has friends must show himself friendly.”**



**“A wise son hears his father’s instructions.”**



**“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.”**



**Solomon's greatest treasure was the wisdom which God had given him.**



The **Bible** tells us that we can find the treasure of real wisdom too by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and following Him. For we read that He is the One....

### **Colossians 2: 2-3**

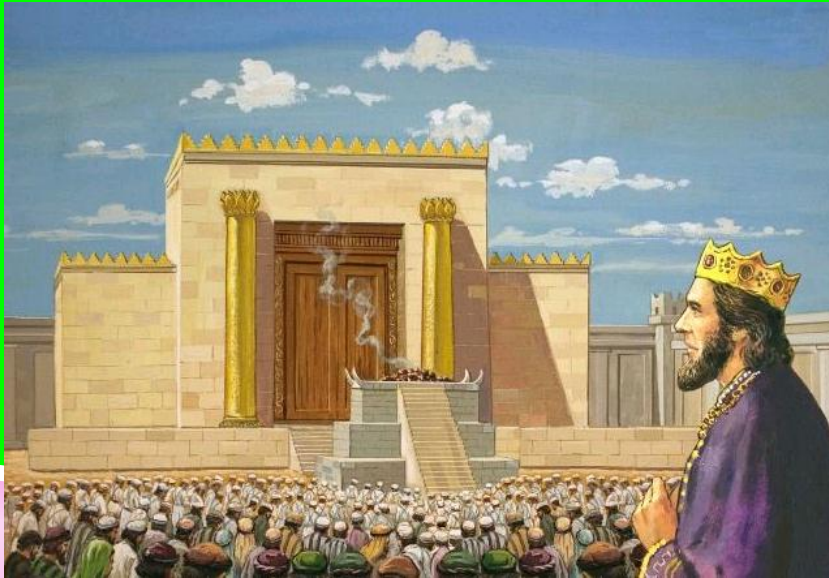
So that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, **Christ**, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

# Conclusion

- ▶ **Ask the Lord to give you wisdom before you do anything such as studying or playing.**
- ▶ **How lovely Solomon's request was! He did not desire wealth. He only asked for wisdom.**
- ▶ **Wisdom is necessary for the spiritual road and for everyday life. Pray to the Lord, the Father of Lights, to grant you wisdom.**

# Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.





# Pop Quiz



1. Who was Solomon's father?
  - a) David.
  - b) Saul.
  
2. Solomon's father told him not to forget
  - a) to be kind to the people of Israel.
  - b) to walk in God's ways and obey His commandments.
  
3. Solomon asked God for
  - a) wealth and victory over his enemies.
  - b) wisdom to do what was right.

# Pop Quiz



4. God was pleased with Solomon's request and granted it to him.
  - a) True.
  - b) False.
5. God also promised to bless Solomon with honor and wealth
  - a) if he obeyed His commandments.
  - b) if he defeated his enemies.
6. When two women argued over which one was the mother of a baby, Solomon
  - a) decided to give the baby up for adoption.
  - b) threatened to cut the baby in half.

# Pop Quiz



7. The real mother was happy to divide the child with the other woman.
  - a) True.
  - b) False.
  
8. Who travelled a long distance to ask Solomon her questions?
  - a) The Queen of Sheba.
  - b) The Queen of Babylon.
  
9. Why did Solomon's people love and serve him?
  - a) Because he gave them lots of money.
  - b) Because he was a wise and good king.
  
10. We can find the treasure of real wisdom by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and following Him.
  - a) True.
  - b) False.

The End

# Next Week

We will learn about  
Elijah and the Prophets  
of Baal.



## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know  
the truth, and the  
truth shall make you  
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

