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Teacher Notes for 1 Kings 3

Objective:

- Help students understand the key events of 1 Kings 3, focusing on Solomon's request for wisdom and his judgment.
- Encourage discussions on wisdom, decision-making, and compassion.

Pacing Suggestions:

- Introduction (5 minutes): Briefly introduce King Solomon as the son of David and the third king of Israel. Explain the setting and main characters.
- Reading and Discussion (15 minutes): Read key passages from 1 Kings 3. Pause to discuss important events, breaking it into two sections: Solomon's dream and the wise ruling.
- Activity (10 minutes): Conduct an activity to illustrate the concept of wisdom.
- Conclusion and Reflection (5 minutes): Summarize the lesson, ask reflective questions, and clarify any doubts.

Explaining Difficult Concepts:

1. Wisdom:

- Simplify by comparing wisdom to having a "superpower" for making great choices.
- Use real-life examples they can relate to, like choosing between right and wrong.

2. Dreams and visions:

- Explain that in the Bible, God sometimes spoke to people through dreams.
- Ask if they've ever had a dream and how it might feel to get a special message while dreaming.

3. Judgment:

- Define it as making a fair decision based on understanding.
- Use a story-based approach with everyday scenarios they face, like sharing toys or resolving conflicts.

Guidance for Managing Student Engagement:

- Interactive Reading:

- Encourage students to act out parts of the story to maintain interest.
- Use expressive tones and visual aids (pictures of Solomon, the temple, or related symbols).

- Questions and Predictive Thinking:

- Pause the story to ask "What do you think will happen next?" or "What would you do?" to keep them engaged and thinking critically.

- Hands-On Activity:

- Have students create a simple "crown of wisdom" using paper, decorating it with words or pictures illustrating wise decisions.

- Discussion and Sharing:

- Use open-ended questions like "Why is wisdom important?" or "Can you think of a wise decision you made?" to provoke thought and sharing.

- Reflective Conclusion:
- Ask students to draw or write one sentence about what they learned about wisdom and decision-making.

This lesson plan will help foster understanding of key biblical events and concepts while promoting critical thinking and classroom interaction.