



LESSON 10: GOD GIVES SOLOMON WISDOM

OBJECT LESSON: PROBLEM SOLVED

Supplies:

- “The Hardest Problem Ever” handout [DOWNLOAD HERE](#)
- Pencils
- Timer

Give the Problem

1. Cut the handouts in half
2. Give only the top half of the handout to the kids

Okay problem solvers, see if you can figure out this equation in 60 seconds READY? GO! (start the timer)

Give the Decoder

I admit; I knew that you would need my help. I have these decoders. Here’s how they work. (Now give them the second half of the handout) use these decoders to reveal the surprise answer. (help them put the decoder on the top of the problem so that the surprise answer, “wisdom” is revealed.

Talk about it

What was it like to be given a problem that you didn’t know how to solve? We might feel frustrated, too young, or annoyed when we don’t know how to come up with a solution to a problem. Leaders might feel that way when they are faced with a big challenge and they don’t know what to do. How did the decoder help you? In our Bible story, Solomon faced a big problem, but he didn’t solve it on his own. Like the decoder helped you discover the surprise solution, God helped Solomon and gave him wisdom to know what to do. **God knows we need his help.** He doesn’t want to frustrate us or make us feel silly. We can trust that even when the answer isn’t clear, he’s with us and will help us find a way.