



**ELEMENTARY LESSON  
GUIDE  
WEEK 2**



**BIG IDEA**

God can be trusted.

**THE BIBLE**

**The Ark of the Covenant:** 1 Kings 8:1-21; Proverbs 3:1-7;  
(Exodus 20:1-20)

**WHAT? What are we talking about today?**

**POLL | Wise or Not-So-Wise?**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give your child a few scenarios and ask them to respond with "wise" or "not-so-wise." Allow them time to explain their decision and debate back and forth. Here are a few scenarios to get you started:
  - Labeling things that belong to you.
  - Eating ice cream right before bedtime.
  - Studying a little bit every day before a big test.
  - Lending a pencil to a classmate who forgot to bring theirs.
  - Waiting to finish a project at the last minute.
  - Reading the instruction manual before building/playing with a new toy.
  - Telling a friend, you think their new haircut is really nice when you don't really think it is.
  - Informing an adult when someone is doing something you think is dangerous.

**THE BIG IDEA | God can be trusted.**

- Here is our Big Idea for this week: **God can be trusted!**

**SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?**

**VIDEO | Wise, Episode 2 Watch this week's video.**

**SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 8:1-21; Proverbs 3:1-7**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Open your Bible and read 1 Kings 8:1-21, and encourage your child to read along with you or divide the passage into smaller sections and invite them kids to read a few aloud.
- King Solomon put a lot of time and effort into bringing the Ark of the Covenant to the temple.
- **What is the Ark of the Covenant and why is it important? What was inside the Ark?**
- The Ark of the Covenant was more than an object or container, it meant a lot to God's people to have a home for it. It meant they were in relationship with God.



- In verse 14, we see how grateful Solomon is to the Lord. **Why does Solomon say that God keeps promises?**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Now read Proverbs 3:1-7.*
- In Proverbs, there are many wise sayings. God can be trusted to guide us in the way we should go. **Why is it important to obey what God tells us to? What does Proverbs say about trusting God?**

**VIDEO** | **Solomon's Temple** Watch this supplemental video.

### **QUESTION** | **Other Famous Buildings**

- Solomon's temple is said to have been magnificent! **What are some other famous buildings you can think of?**

### **SCRIPTURE** | **Exodus 20:1-20**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Open your Bible and read the passage aloud, and encourage your child to read along with you.*
- When we read this passage, we see a very famous set of directions given. We've heard a lot about them, but what are the Ten Commandments? It meant a lot to finally have a covenant, or a relationship, with God. Why did God give the commandments to the people of Israel? God loved them and wanted to guide them through life. They had to learn God could be trusted.

## **NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?**

### **REFLECTION** | **The Ten Commandments**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Instruct the kids to choose one of the Ten Commandments they think is difficult to keep. Give them a moment to think about what they could do to make it easier.*
- **What do you think is the hardest commandment to keep?**
- **Why is trusting God so important when trying to keep the commandments?**

### **PRAYER**

- God, remind us You kept every promise You made to David and Solomon, and You will keep the promises You've made to us. We know You can be trusted. Help us to make wise decisions that make You happy.

### **DISCUSSION**

- **Why did King Solomon build the temple?**
- **What was put in the holiest place inside of the temple?**
- **Why did Solomon say God could be trusted?**
- **Read 1 Kings 8:23-26. God kept promises to David and Solomon. What is one-way God has kept a promise made to you?**
- **What can you learn from the one person who you trust the most?**
- **What makes it easier or harder to trust someone?**
- **How can we be trustworthy people?**

### **MEMORY VERSE** | **James 1:5 (NIV)**