

Overview

In Chapter 11 the students learned how Saul became Israel’s first anointed king and King David transformed Israel. In this chapter they will learn about the reign of King Solomon.

Doctrinal Content		For Adult Reading and Reflection <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>
The students will learn:		Paragraph
• Solomon’s reign was a time of peace and prosperity.	2501	
• Solomon gained fame for his wisdom.	1831	
• The Temple was built in Jerusalem.	2580	
• The psalms teach us how to pray.	2586	

wisdom
psalm

Catechist Background

Do you ever find yourself trying to fix something that isn’t broken?

Have you heard the expression “can’t leave well enough alone”? It refers to the human temptation to sabotage our blessings or to overlook them while grasping for more, or to tinker with something that is not broken. The two most famous kings of Israel, David and Solomon, are good examples of people who could not leave well enough alone.

David succeeded King Saul and went on to be a very successful ruler. With God’s help he won many victories, expanded the borders of Israel, and unified the nation, making Jerusalem his capital. King David administered justice and enjoyed the admiration of his people. But one day he sinned against God by taking the wife of another man and then arranging for the husband to be killed in battle. Once the prophet Nathan pointed out to David the gravity of his sin, David repented. But the damage had been done, and David’s reign was never the same.

Solomon took the throne after his father, King David, died. Relative peace and immense prosperity

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

marked Solomon’s reign. Shortly after being anointed king, Solomon had a dream in which God instructed him to ask for anything he wanted. Solomon asked for “an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong” (1 Kings 3:9). God granted his request; and because he did not ask for riches and glory, God gave Solomon these as well. Solomon, however, did not leave well enough alone.

Toward the end of his reign he violated the covenant to worship God and God alone by turning to other gods. Because of his lack of fidelity as well as other excesses, Solomon’s kingdom split at the time of his death in 922 B.C. His wisdom, however, lives on in many verses of the Book of Proverbs.

What might God be asking you to “leave alone”?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation


Materials

1 WE GATHER

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 Prayer

 Focus on Life


- Listen to Scripture.
- Pray for wisdom.

 Discuss a world where everyone works for peace.


For the prayer space: Bible opened to James 3:13; the word *wisdom* printed on a scroll

2 WE BELIEVE

page 144–145
Solomon's reign was a time of peace and prosperity.


- Read about King Solomon's reign.
-  List ways to work for peace.

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Solomon gained fame for his wisdom.

- Present the wisdom of King Solomon.
-  Identify situations in which people call on God for wisdom.
- Read about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in *As Catholics*.


- dictionary

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The Temple was built in Jerusalem.

- Read about the Temple in Jerusalem.
-  Plan a sacred space.
- Distribute Reproducible Master 12.


- copies of Reproducible Master 12


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The psalms teach us how to pray.

- Read about and discuss the psalms.
-  List psalms the students know.

3 WE RESPOND

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 Sing "Psalm 122: Qué Alegría/ I Rejoiced."

 "Psalm 122: Qué Alegría/I Rejoiced," Jaime Cortez, #16, Grade 6 CD

pages 152–153
Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 12 (back of book)

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Chapter 12 Test

- Complete **Chapter 12 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 12 (back of book)