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An online search the most intelligent people in history yields interesting results. The most mentioned names include scientists like Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Galileo Galilei, Charles Darwin, and Nikola Tesla. Others on the list include Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, William Shakespeare, Alexander the Great, Ben Franklin, and Thomas Edison. Contemporary smart guys include Stephen Hawking, Terence Tao, Kim Ung-Yong.

The same search also results in some controversial and disturbing names. Military historians might include notorious leaders like Adolf Hitler and Osama Bin Laden among their most intelligent.

Interestingly, one list of the smartest people in history includes Jesus Christ. The authors of this list cite His use of parables to communicate theological principles to the common people. The authors say that Jesus' intelligence is measured not by His scientific contributions to mankind but by His teachings and influence, which have succeeded long after His time.

### **Discussion Questions**

- Which name from these smartest people lists surprised you most? Why did it surprise you?
- Who is the smartest person you know? Why do you consider that person so smart?
- Today, we'll talk about the wisdom of Solomon. How does Solomon put the wisdom God has given him to good use?