



WISDOM | WEEK 3 | OCTOBER 19, 2025 | ELEMENTARY

## SOLOMON CHOOSES WISDOM

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**Bible Story:** Solomon Chooses Wisdom • 1 Kings 3:4-15

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### LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*How many times recently have you heard a celebrity or influencer promote "you do you" or "live your truth"?*

*Though it's true God has created each of us with unique gifts and desires, it all falls apart if we don't seek wisdom from God in everything we say and do. Our world is all about popularity, appearance, and intelligence, but in God's kingdom, wisdom is of far greater value. Jesus showed us perfectly what a wise life looks like: stay connected to God and seek God's best in every circumstance. Then follow through and do it!*

*As we continue to journey with God's people through the story of Scripture, we meet the kings of Israel and Judah—those who made wise choices and those whose foolish choices brought down a nation. Through the lives of David and Solomon, we also take a look at the Bible's wisdom literature in the Psalms and Proverbs. Kids will discover that true wisdom comes through constant connection with God, just as a well-rooted tree on river banks draws life from the water. And the best news of all? God wants us to ask for wisdom and delights to give it.*

#### **Pre-Service Check List**

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

#### **Morning Flow**

Doors  
Open  
9:15/11:00

Large Group  
Starts  
9:35/11:20

Small Group  
Starts  
10:05/11:50

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

**LGL:** “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

**(SLIDE: COSTUME DAY)** “Halloween is at the end of this month, and here in KidCity we like to dress up in family-friendly costumes on the last Sunday of the month! Feel free to wear your costume to church, just please nothing scary and no masks that cover your face.

**(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)** “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don’t dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

### LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

#### PROVERBS OR NOT

(No Supplies)

“Welcome to Wisdomland, everybody! Wisdomland is a theme park, but you don’t just ride roller coasters—you become wiser! God, the wisest, wants to go with you through every up and down of your life and help you make choices to help you live well. Let’s define WISDOM....

**(SLIDE: KEY APPLICATION) Wisdom: Finding out God’s best and doing it.**

“The Bible says wisdom is more precious than gold. When you find it, it helps you live a better life.

“Let’s check out our memory verse for the month.

**(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE) It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver. Proverbs 16:16 (NirV)**

*Take a minute to explain that ‘Psalm’ is a book in the Old Testament, and that the first number means ‘chapter’ and the second one means ‘verse’. ‘NirV’ is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn’t originally written in English! There are different translations.*

“You’ll have more time to practice this month’s verse, but for now let’s play a game!”

**(SLIDES: PROVERBS OR NOT)**

## HOW TO PLAY

- Explain that the book of the Bible that is filled with nuggets of wisdom written by King Solomon is called 'Proverbs'. Solomon was the wisest person ever to live, and he wrote down his wisdom.
- Kids will have to guess if the saying on the screen is a proverb from the Bible or if it is not.
- If they think it's a proverb, then they stand up. If they think it isn't, then they sit down.

"That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let's worship God!"

## WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: I THANK GOD, FOR YOUR GLORY)

## BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

"I'm curious if this has ever happened to you before. Let's say it's Christmas and you get a stocking FULL of candy. I'm talking sour patch kids, chocolate bars, marshmallows, lollipops, rock candy, Swedish fish....all the good stuff! Naturally, you have to sample everything and see if it's good, right? So you chow down and eat half of your candy right then and there.

"Now, in the moment, it probably feels pretty *awesome*! You're riding that sugar high and having the time of your life! But then....you start feeling funny. Maybe a bit tired. Maybe your stomach is pretending like it's the ocean in the middle of a storm, and you just feel ILL. How many of you have felt that feeling before? *(Pause)* Yeah, we all make decisions that we regret.

"We all have moments we wish we could redo, or choices we wish we could 'trade in' for something better. But here's the good news:

"God actually wants us to ask for help, for guidance – for wisdom – *before* we get stuck in a decision that we regret. Sometimes we think we know what's best. Sometimes we just follow the crowd, or grab the first thing we see. But what if you had the chance to ask God for *anything*? What would you ask for? Money? Stuff?

"Today's true story from the Bible is about a guy who got that chance—Solomon. God offered him *anything* he wanted. What do you think he chose? Let's find out together."

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 4 MIN)

"So, what's the point of this whole story? Why does it matter that Solomon asked for wisdom, or that he got it?

"Here's the thing—Solomon's story isn't just about being smart, or making one good decision, or being a famous king. It's about knowing he didn't have all the answers. It's about *asking* God for help.

“The Bible says:

*Open the Bible to James 1:5 (NIRV) and read.*

*“If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone.”*

“God promises that He will give you wisdom when you ask. Wisdom isn’t about looking perfect on the outside. It’s about trusting God enough to admit you need help, listening for His answer, and having the courage to act—even when it’s hard.

“Imagine if, before every big choice—before every regret, before every ‘I wish I could redo that moment’—you paused, turned to God, and asked: ‘God, what’s the wise thing to do?’ We don’t have to have it all figured out. In fact, the wisest people you’ll ever meet are the ones who keep asking God for help, who pause before big decisions, who slow down enough to listen for His voice.

“This week, you’re going to face moments that require wisdom—maybe at home, at school, with your friends, or even just inside your own thoughts. You might feel the pressure to figure it out on your own. But you have the same invitation Solomon did: *Ask God for wisdom. Trust Him to answer. Listen for His leading. And don’t be afraid to talk it out with people you trust too.*

“It’s like our Basic Truth says...

**(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.**

“Let’s go to our Key Question for today.

**(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) ‘When do you need wisdom?’**

*Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don’t try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.*

“Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1....

“I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let’s pray.

“God, thank You for loving us so much that You want to share Your wisdom with us because You want us to live wisely and well. Help us remember to ask You for wisdom—not just when we’re desperate, but every day. Give us the humility to ask for help, hearts that listen, and courage to follow what You say. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

## DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS







## SMALL GROUP

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**Consider praying before you start small group to set the tone. It is just as important as the activities.**

### TALK ABOUT IT (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

*There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.*

#### Key Question: When do you need wisdom?

*(Answers will vary; when I'm doing something new, when I'm confused or not sure what to do next, when I'm having a hard time with a friend, always, etc..)*

### LOOK IT UP (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

*Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.*

#### Look Up: 1 Kings 3:4-15

**Say:** 1 Kings (Old Testament) tells how Israel's kings followed (or failed to follow) God after David died, starting with wise King Solomon. The kingdom eventually splits in two, and the story shows how turning from God leads to big consequences.

### PRACTICE IT (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

**("Proverbs" Activity Page, precut 1 set per group, blank paper – 1 per kid, markers, tape - optional)**

#### What To Do:

- Tell kids that Solomon wrote many wise proverbs. Some of them were longer, but a lot of them were like 'wisdom nuggets'. Short sentences that packed in a LOT of meaning!
- Explain that the kids will have an opportunity to illustrate some of them.
- Pass out the "Proverbs" activity slips – 1 per kid – and blank paper with markers.
- Have the kids read their proverb and draw it out. If they need help understanding their proverb – it is WISE to ask you for help!
  - *K/1<sup>st</sup> Adaption: Read each slip out loud and hand it to the kid that wants to draw it.*
- After drawing, have each kid share their proverb and what they drew.
- *Optional, hang their finished pieces in the hallway so parents can see their 'Hall of Wisdom' when they walk in.*

## GET STRONGER (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

("New Testament" Activity Pages precut – 2-4 sets per group [1 Thessalonians-Revelation], Prizes [like DumDums], Bibles)

*From September – November we will be focusing on kids learning the Books of the Bible. September will focus on the Old Testament. October will focus on the New Testament, and November will review both. Encourage kids to memorize the books by giving prizes to those who do. Kids can do it every week if they want! (without help, of course)*

### What To Say:

"This is the Bible. (Open to the Table of Contents) This is the Old Testament – it tells the story of how the world was broken by sin, but because of God's great love for us He promised to send a Savior. This is the New Testament. It tells us the good news of the promised Savior – Jesus! Jesus died on the cross and came back to life – defeating sin and death. Because of Him, we can have a right relationship with God again."

### What You Do

- Pass out Bibles –3-4 kids per Bible.
- Open to the Table of Contents.
- Point out the list of Old and New Testament.
- Share with kids that this month we are going to work on memorizing the Books of the New Testament.
  - *There will be a prize for everyone who learns all the New Testament Books.*
- We focused on Matthew-Colossians last week and today we will on **1 Thessalonians-Revelation.**
- Give each group of kids a set of New Testament books. On 'GO', have the teams put the books in order. Play 5 rounds of speed sorting, encouraging them to say the books out loud and in order after each round...and of course encouraging them to beat their previous time!
- Repetition is the key to memorizing. Have fun, make it a game and your kids will follow your lead.

## PRAYER

### What You Say:

"Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus and giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for promising to always be with us. When we feel nervous, unready, or scared, please remind us that you're right there! Please fill us with courage. And remind us that we can face anything with you. We pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen."