



WISDOM | WEEK 4 | OCTOBER 26, 2025 | ELEMENTARY

## THE KINGS

**Key Application:** Wisdom: Finding out God's best and doing it.

**Bible Story:** The Kings • 1 & 2 Kings

**Key Question:** Why do your choices matter?

**Basic Truth:** I am made by God to reflect His Image.

**Memory Verse:** It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver. Proverbs 16:16 (NIRV)

### 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



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## 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: 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)

#### CANDYSAURUS REX

(Packing Tape, Allergy safe candy – 14 pieces, Buckets – 2, T-Rex Hats – 4, Floor Tape)

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 ‘Proverbs’ 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!

**(SLIDE: CANDYSAURUS REX with MUSIC)**

#### HOW TO PLAY

- PREP: Place two tape lines parallel to each other about 7 feet apart.
- Choose two teams of two (4 players). One will be throwing, and one will be catching.



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- Have each contestant hold their elbows down at their sides with their hands raised up to their shoulders. Then, take your packing tape and start wrapping it around your contestants so their arms are stuck in a T-Rex-like position. One wrap around is sufficient.
  - OPTIONAL (But FUN!): If you have T-Rex hats this would be the time to place them on your contestants' heads.
- Once your contestants have finished this preparation process, have them stand across from each other behind their tape lines. Scatter the wrapped candy in the open area between the teams.
- When the game begins, contestants must enter the playing area, collect 7 pieces of candy, return to behind the tape line, and then try to toss the candy to their teammate. Their teammate will try to catch the candy with their bucket. Candy can only be tossed and caught behind their respective lines.
  - EITHER: First team to catch all 7 pieces wins or whichever team has the most caught by the end of time (to be determined by you) wins.

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

## WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: FOR YOUR GLORY)

## BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

We are continuing through the Bible. Last week we learned about King Solomon – the wisest person to ever live. But would the kings who followed after him be able to show wisdom? Let's find out!

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 7 MIN)

As we saw today, the kings of Israel and Judah changed history with their choices, for better or worse.

"You might wonder, 'What about me? I'm not a king or queen.' It can be easy to think their choices were way bigger or more important than ours. But God's Word reminds us that our choices matter just as much. Every word you say, every action you take, every time you decide to help or hurt, to forgive or hold a grudge, to listen or ignore—each one is a decision door that shapes your story and even shapes the world around you.

"When you choose to help a classmate instead of laughing at them, that's a wise choice. When you tell the truth, even if it means getting in trouble—that's a wise choice. When you forgive someone who hurt you or include someone who feels left out, those are wise choices. Every time you choose kindness, honesty, or patience, you're showing the world Jesus. He is kind. He is patient. He is good. And you are being just like Him. It's like our Basic Truth says...

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) **I am made by God to reflect His Image.**



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“God hasn’t called you to be perfect. He hasn’t promised you’ll never mess up, or that every decision will be easy. What He has promised is that He will go with you every step of the way and show you the wise way to go.

“And what you choose in the quiet, in the conflict, in the moments nobody else sees—those choices are the story you’re writing with your life.

Let’s go to our Key Question for today.

**(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) Why do your choices matter?**

*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 never giving up on Your people, for always working in the mess and the mystery. Thank You for Jesus, who shows us what wisdom looks like and who gave His perfect life to rescue us. Please help us remember that our choices really do matter—to You, to others, and to ourselves. Give us Your wisdom when we need it. Help us to walk with You every step of our lives and choose Your wisdom at every Decision Door we face. We want to go with You through everything. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen

## DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS





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### 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: Why do your choices matter?** *(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: Proverbs 16:16

**Say:** The book of Proverbs comes after the book of Psalms. King David wrote a lot of the Psalms and his son, King Solomon, wrote the book of Proverbs. Proverbs is one of the 'Poetry' books of the Old Testament. The 'Poetry' books are: Job (Joe-buh), Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes (ee-clee-see-as-teas), and Song of Solomon.

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

*(Memory Verse Poster, "Trick or Treat" Activity Page – precut – 1 per group, Opaque lunch bag – 1 per group)*

#### What You Do:

- Prep by putting the "Trick or Treat" activity in the bag. Give it a good shake to mix it up.
- Review the Memory Verse.
- Have kids sit in a circle.
- Explain that you are all going to say the verse while passing the bag around the circle (like hot potato). When you get to the end, the person who is holding the bag will reach in and pull out a piece of paper.
- If they get a picture of a "treat" then they are safe this round and don't have to do anything.
- If they get a picture of a "trick" (something undesirable), then they have to stand up and run around the circle and sit back in their spot. The catch is that the rest of the group will start saying the verse really quickly. If they finish before the person sits back in their spot then the runner loses. Don't worry, they aren't out, they just weren't successful. Keep it light!
- If they make it back before the rest of the group finishes saying the verse then they get to choose who starts passing in the next round.



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## PRAYER

### What You Say:

“Dear God, thank You for showing us how important our choices are. Thank You for Jesus, who not only showed us how to live wisely, but also gave us a way to be close to You! We want to live like Him! Please fill our hearts with Your wisdom. Remind us to read Your Word, and surround ourselves with others who follow Your Son, Jesus. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## JUST FOR FUN (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

(Smarties – at least 2 per kid, Allergy Sign for door – 1 per classroom)

### What You Do:

- Place a pile of wrapped smarties in the middle of the group. Each kid starts with one package.
- Challenge the kids to see who can build the tallest tower of unwrapped smarties in 60 seconds.



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