



WEEK THREE – SEPTEMBER 2025 – SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Solomon Chooses Wisdom | 1 Kings 3:4-15 (suppt. Proverbs 15:1; 3:5-6; 17:17)*

Bottom Line: *You can ask God for wisdom.*

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

Insight: *God’s Message – What Jesus said and did impacts how I should respond to God’s Word in my everyday life*

Application: *Wisdom – Finding out God’s best and doing it*

Series Overview: This month’s theme —“Wisdomland: God can help you make the wise choice”—is inspired by all the ups and downs of a theme park roller coaster. The kings of Israel and Judah brought the nation to its pinnacle when they wisely chose to worship and honor God. And they led the nation down some stomach-dropping dips and ultimate derailment through their foolish decisions. Kids will discover that even though they may not be leading a nation, their choices matter deeply in their lives and the lives of the people around them.

8:45 - 9:05 | 10:45 – 11:05 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Connection Centers

Connect: a time that invites kids to share with others and leaders

What You Need: Activity Bins + Coloring Sheets (find on your shelves in space)

What You Do:

- *PRE-CONNECTION TIME*
 - **Before kids arrive, pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time when the Holy Spirit helped you make a wise choice. Thank God that you don't have to figure things out all by yourself. Pray that God's Spirit would help each kid in your group be bold and brave enough to ask for help. Ask God to show them that wisdom isn't just for grown-ups—it's how God shows how to follow His ways! Ask God to help you be ready to listen.**
- *DURING CONNECTION TIME*
 - Greet each child by name and with a high five or fist bump!
 - **Make sure to grab second sticker from the child + place it on your sticker sheet**
 - Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
 - Pull out your activity bins + set aside some coloring sheets for kids to partake in your small group space
 - Ask questions in order to connect with + get to know your few as you partake in activities alongside them...you can use these :
 - ***“If you could have any superpower for just one day, what would it be and why?”***
 - ***“What's the best thing you did this summer? (Could be big or small!)”***

- *“What’s something super cool or interesting you know how to do? (Like tie your shoes, draw a great picture, or tell a funny joke!)”*
- *“If you could invent a new ice cream flavor, what would it be called and what would be in it?”*
- *AFTER CONNECTION TIME*
 - *Use this time to review over how to be successful in small group time as well as Flatirons Kids by using the SG Structure 101 sheet featured on your activity shelf*
 - Go over each rule to create a great small group experience
 - Transition into the Opening Small Group Activity

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | OPENING SMALL GROUP

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: Beach ball

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high-five, fist bump, or a wave.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Invite the kids to stand in a circle.
- Select one kid to toss the beach ball to someone else.
- When a kid catches it, ask them a “Get to Know You” question.
- After answering, instruct the kid to toss the ball to someone new.
- Read another question aloud to the kid who has caught the beach ball.
- Continue until every kid has had a turn to answer a question!
 - Get to Know You Questions
 - What’s your favorite flavor of ice cream?
 - If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
 - What’s your favorite part of an amusement park? The food, rides, or something else?

- If you could have any animal as a pet— even a wild one—what would you pick?
- What’s your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?
- If you opened your own restaurant, what kind of food would you serve?
- What’s the funniest thing that’s ever happened to you?
- If you could switch places with a character from a book or movie, who would it be?
- What’s your dream vacation?
- What’s your favorite color?

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Repeat the questions several times to allow kids a moment to process and answer.
- Instead of throwing the ball, consider playing in a seated circle and passing the ball gently if that suits your group.

What You Say:

“I loved playing that game with each of you! You really had to listen carefully and remember the right way to respond. And, you couldn’t just do whatever you wanted. You had to ask!

“That reminds me of our true story from the Bible today. We’ll discover a king named Solomon who asked God for something before he started his journey of reigning as king. He didn’t want to do just whatever he wanted—he wanted to be a wise king. God doesn’t want to keep wisdom all to Himself, He wants to share it with us. Let’s go hear more about how we can get wisdom too!”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 | LARGE GROUP

In Week 3, we take a look at David’s son Solomon. Israel was a mighty nation when Solomon became king as a young man – and he knew that he couldn’t lead the people well on his own. So instead of fame or riches, Solomon asked God for wisdom. And wow, did God deliver! Solomon became known as one of the wisest men to ever live, in spite of later mistakes he made. During his life, Solomon collected wise sayings, many of which are recorded in Proverbs. We’ll take a look at Proverbs 15:1; 3:5-6; and 17:17.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 | SMALL GROUP

WISDOM FAST PASS

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: “Wisdomland Review” Activity Page; “Wisdomland Fast Pass” Activity Page; Tape

What You Do:

- Before you begin, place or tape the five “Wisdomland Review” Activity Pages around your group space like stations at a theme park.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Assign one team to begin at Land #1, and the other team at Land #5 to avoid crowding.
- Say, “At each Wisdomland, your team will read and answer the Bible Story questions! We’ll come together to discuss the answers at the end.”
- Direct the teams to rotate clockwise through the five lands until they’ve answered every question.
- Give every kid a “Wisdomland Fast Pass” Activity Page to celebrate their efforts when they’re finished!
 - Story Review Answer Key
 - **When God appeared to Solomon in a dream, what did He say to Solomon?** (God said, “Ask for anything you want me to give you.” —*1 Kings 3:5 NIV*)

- **What did Solomon ask for instead of money, strength, or chicken sandwiches?** (*wisdom—an understanding heart to know what is right—1 Kings 3:9*)
- **How did God respond to Solomon’s request for wisdom?** (*God was pleased and gave him wisdom, plus wealth and honor—1 Kings 3:10-13.*)
- **What book of the Bible includes many of Solomon’s wise sayings?**
(*Proverbs*)
- **How can we seek God’s wisdom in our own life?** (*Read the Bible, talk to trusted people who follow Jesus, pray, and keep learning about Him at church.*)

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Use a timer to share gentle reminders with the group for transitioning stations.
- Adjust to the mobility of your group by creating seated stations.

What You Say:

“Amazing job working together to answer questions from today’s true story from the Bible!

“Even though Solomon was a king, he knew that he didn’t have what it took to lead a kingdom on his own. Think about this: Solomon could have asked for ANYTHING. But he didn’t. He asked for wisdom. The kind of wisdom that helps you know what’s right, even when it’s hard. And that request made God so happy! God loves to share His wisdom!

“Friends, God isn’t far away. Just like Solomon asked for wisdom, we can ask for wisdom too. God is always with us, and He wants to help us make wise choices and live well. God is the source of all wisdom—He is the wisest! Remember, **you can ask God for wisdom!**”

STICKY PRAYERS

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: “Sticky Prayers” Activity Page; Sticky notes; markers; finished sticky prayers example

What You Do:

- Sit on the floor or around a table.
- Give every kid a “Sticky Prayers” Activity Page and six sticky notes.
- Set out the markers.
- Ask: “When is a time you’ve needed help making a wise choice?”
 - *Encourage kids to think about real-life situations like a conversation with a friend, a time they felt angry, or when they were unsure what to do.*
- Say, “We’ve been discovering all month long that true wisdom comes from God! He is the wisest, and He wants to give us wisdom so we can go through life well. Each of the prayers on your page are ways we can talk to God when we need His wisdom.”
- Point out the nine situations and feelings at the bottom of the page.
- Direct the kids to write (or draw) each situation on their sticky notes.
- Lead the kids to take each sticky note and place it on top of the nine prayer prompts on the page.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- If independent reflection feels overwhelming for your group, allow them to discuss in pairs.

What You Say:

“Awesome job with these Sticky Prayers, friends! These are real moments when we can stop, talk to God, and say: ‘God, will You give me wisdom?’ Maybe you need help figuring out what to say to a friend who’s sad. Or how to do the right thing, even when no one’s watching. These are all moments when we should lean in to God’s presence with us and ask God for help!

“Friends, following Jesus is THE best decision you’ll ever make. Why? Not only does Jesus give you a brand-new life where you can be close friends with God, but He gives you the gift of the Holy Spirit to live with you and guide you! That means you’re never, EVER, alone! When you ask God for wisdom, the Holy Spirit might give you a new idea, or help you understand what’s true!

“Take your Sticky Prayers home and keep them somewhere you’ll see them. You can use these prayers to start your conversation with God anytime. Let them remind you that **you can ask God for wisdom!**”

PRAYER TIME

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

What You Need: “Sticky Prayers” Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Give kids their Sticky Prayers page and invite them to find a quiet spot in your group area.
- Say, “This is a moment just between you and God! Look at the nine prayer squares on your page. Remember we connected them to different feelings—like sadness, excitement, frustration, or confusion.”
- Ask:
 - “Think about how you’re feeling today. What square matches that feeling the most right now?”
- Explain that they can ask God for wisdom in any situation.
- Direct the kids to read the prayer in that square quietly to themselves.
- Close in prayer.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- If your group desires personal connection, allow them to pair up with another kid.

What You Say:

*“Dear God, thank You for always being with us—no matter how we’re feeling or what’s going on around us. We are SO grateful that You understand each of our hearts, and You give us everything we need. Please help us to remember that You are the wisest and **we can ask You for wisdom.** We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”*

[As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share that we can always stop, pray, and ask God for wisdom, no matter what we’re facing because He is with us. Invite the kids to share their Sticky Prayers cards.]