



WEEK ONE – SEPTEMBER 2025 – KINDER/FIRST

Bible Story: *Samuel Anoints David | 1 Samuel 16:1-13*

Bottom Line: *God helps you make the wise choice.*

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. Thank God for choosing David to be king and for wanting to be close friends with each kid who walks into your room today. Ask God to help them know that He sees them, loves them, and is ready to help them make wise choices. Ask God to help them hear His voice. Ask God to help them trust Him, even when they don't feel big or strong or ready!**
- *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: “Wisdomland Corners” Activity Page; Wall Tape

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.
- Select a kid to go first as the “Park Attendant.” Instruct them to stand in the middle.
- Show everyone the corners and their names (Carousel, Ferris Wheel, Roller Coaster, and Popcorn Stand).
- Explain how to play:
 - The “Park Attendant” is to close their eyes and count out loud from 1-10.
 - While they count, everyone else will pick a corner to stand in.
 - When the “Park Attendant” says “10!” they are to call out a corner name.
 - The kids in that corner must sit down until the next game.

- Continue playing until only one kid is left standing!
- Let the last kid standing be the “Park Attendant” next.
- Play as long as time and interest allow.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Before each round, review the corner names again for repetition and clarity.
- For an option with less movement, let the kids point to their chosen corner instead of running to it.

What You Say:

“That game was so fun! Running around and choosing corners felt like picking the best ride at an amusement park. But this game was all about guessing. You really didn’t know what corner the Park Attendant would call next.

“In real life, we make lots of choices every day about what to say, when to act, or when to be quiet. The amazing thing is that we don’t have to ‘guess’ what the right choice is. We can use God’s wisdom! God is wise and loves to share His wisdom with us!

“Today, in our true story from the Bible, we’ll meet a man named Samuel. God gave him wisdom to make a really big choice, and helped him see what really mattered. Samuel learned some important things, and so can we. Let’s go hear more!”

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

We’ll start off the month with God sending Samuel to choose Israel’s next king. Even though David was the youngest and least important of Jesse’s sons, Samuel listened to God and wisely chose to anoint David. We immediately see the wisdom of Samuel’s choice, as David relied on wisdom from God to defeat Goliath with only a slingshot and a stone.

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

WHAT’S THE WISE CHOICE?

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: “Wisdom Choice Cards” Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a circle on the floor or around a table.
- Place the Bible in the center with the sticky notes already marking the verses.
- Place the cards from the “Wise Choice Cards” Activity Page in a face-down stack.
 - *Imagine Together:*
 - Invite one kid to start by choosing a card and handing it to you.
 - Read the scenario out loud and ask, “What would you do if that happened to you?”
 - *NOTE: Let the kids respond in their own words. You aren’t looking for the right answer, just an honest one!*
 - Allow several kids to respond.
 - Repeat this process until every card has been answered.
 - *Reflect Together*
 - Return to the first card, and invite a different kid to look up the verse on that card.
 - Read the verse aloud.
 - Ask, “What does God’s Word say is the wise choice?”
 - Gently guide the kids if their earlier answer didn’t line up with what Scripture teaches.

- Repeat this process until you've connected a Scripture with each scenario.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Give possible answers to the scenarios and let the kids respond with a thumbs-up or thumbs-down.

What You Say:

“Thank you for sharing, friends! I loved hearing what you would do. Sometimes, our first reaction might be to yell when we're angry or walk away when we're afraid. But, when we remember God is always with us, we can stop to pray to God or talk to others who follow Jesus before we respond. God always wants to give us wisdom to make wise choices!

“I think of the Bible as a flashlight: If I turned all the lights off in here, it would be SO dark, but a flashlight would give us light to see where we needed to go. That's what the Bible, God's Word, does for us! And when we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to help us choose what's best, even when it's tough. That's how **God can help you make the wise choice**, just like He helped Samuel!”

HOP TO IT

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Activity]

What You Need: Bibles; “Memory Verse Words” Activity Page

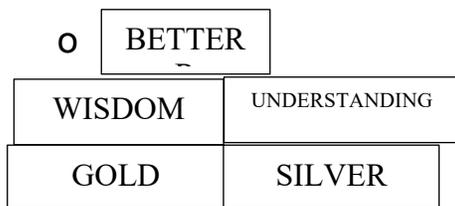
What You Do:

- Invite the kids to form groups of 2-3.
- Give every group a Bible and direct them to look up Proverbs 16:16
- Repeat the verse aloud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
 - ***Finding verses with kindergartners:** Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number*

on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.

- Ask:
 - “What are silver and gold?” *(Share that they are valuable metals. Think about your favorite toy.)*
 - “Why do you think wisdom and understanding are more valuable than silver or gold?”
 - *(Guide kids to consider that silver and gold can be lost or stolen, but wisdom and understanding stay with us and help us make good choices.)*

- Lay out the “Memory Verse Words” Activity Pages in the following pattern (NIRV):



- Invite the kids to form a line.
- Demonstrate how to hop on the words as you recite the verse.
 - For example, for the NIRV, “It is much better (**hop**) to get wisdom (**hop**) than gold (**hop**). It is much better to choose understanding (**hop**) than silver (**hop**).”
- Invite each kid to take a turn. As the kid moves from word to word, encourage the rest of the group to recite the verse with them!

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Celebrate every attempt at reciting the verse. Some kids might not remember every word, but they’re still engaging!
- Lead the kids to point to the words instead of hopping to them.

What You Say:

“Way to go, friends! I love how you moved your bodies and used your brains to remember Proverbs 16:16. The Bible, God’s Word, tells us that wisdom and understanding are better than anything—better than our favorite toy, or the best sweet treat. All of those things can be lost or taken away, but understanding stays with us and helps us make choices that honor God for the rest of our lives.

“God has wisdom and He loves to share it with you. God wants to give you a precious thing! Remember, **God can help you make the wise choice!**”

PRAYER TIME

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to sit with you in a circle.
- Let them know you’re going to pray using a call-and-response style (you say a line, they repeat it back).
- Remind the kids that, “**God can help you make the wise choice.**” Praying is one way we can seek godly wisdom!
- Invite the group to share any prayer requests.
- Close the group in prayer.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Allow the kids to pray silently if they aren’t ready to speak aloud.

What You Say:

“Leader: Dear God,

Kids: Dear God,

Leader: You are an awesome God!

Kids: You are an awesome God!

Leader: We are so grateful

Kids: We are so grateful

Leader: that all wisdom comes from You,

Kids: that all wisdom comes from You,

Leader: and You like to share it with us!

Kids: and You like to share it with us!

Leader: When I don't know what to do,

Kids: When I don't know what to do,

Leader: help me to stop and ask,

Kids: help me to stop and ask,

Leader: because You love to help me

Kids: because You love to help me

Leader: make the wise choice.

Kids: make the wise choice.

Leader: We love You, God.

Kids: We love You, God.

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray

Kids: In Jesus' name we pray,

Leader: Amen.

Kids: Amen.

[As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to point out their playdough mats and talk about how God can help you make the wise choice!]