



WEEK THREE – SEPTEMBER 2025 – KINDER/FIRST

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: Floor 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.
- Mark a tape line on one end of your group space and invite the kids to stand in a straight line (shoulder to shoulder), across it.
- Stand across from them on the other end of your group space.
- Demonstrate and explain how to play:
 - “Okay, friends, we’re going to play a game called ‘Leader, May I?’ Here’s how it works: I’ll call on someone and give you a fun movement to do like tiptoeing, jumping, or taking baby steps. But before you move, you must remember to ask, ‘Leader, may I take [number] [type of step]?’ Then I’ll say, ‘Yes, you may,’ or ‘No, you may not.’ If you forget to ask the right way, you’ll go back to the

starting line! We'll keep playing until someone makes it all the way to me!"

- Continue playing until someone reaches you. Play again if time and interests allow.
 - Suggested Movements:
 - Hops
 - Tiptoeing
 - Baby steps
 - Big steps

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Adapt the movement options to fit your group. Offer seated alternatives like wiggling your fingers, nodding your head three times, clapping your hands, etc.

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

WISDOMLAND MAP

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: “Map of Wisdomland Activity Page; “Wisdomland Verses” Activity; Coloring supplies; Glue sticks

What You Do:

- Give every kid a “Map of Wisdomland” Activity Page and a glue stick.
- Set out the coloring supplies and the four stacks of “Wisdomland Verses” Activity Page cards.
- Point out the four lands on the map and talk about what they mean:
 - Family Land: “Sometimes it’s hard to listen or get along at home. But godly wisdom helps us love our families and make good choices.”
 - Friendship Land: “Friendships aren’t always easy, but God can give us wisdom to be kind, patient, and loving.”
 - Emotion Land: “We all feel big feelings sometimes! Godly wisdom helps us know what to do when we’re angry or sad.”
 - Learning Land: “At school, we need wisdom from God to follow directions, ask for help, and do the right thing even when it’s hard.”
- Invite the kids to color their maps.
- Give each kid four “cards” with the four verses on them.
- Read the four verses aloud from the “Wisdomland Verses” Activity Page (or invite strong readers to help).

- As you read, help the kids match the numbers on the verse cards to the land on their map.
- Direct the kids to glue the card onto the correct land.
- Ask:
 - Who can help you make the wise choice? (*God can!*)
 - Can you ask God for wisdom today? What would you say? (*Yes! Answers will vary. Kids might ask for wisdom to know what to do, to do the right thing, etc. They could ask something like: ‘God, what should I do here?’*)
- Answers
 - 1. Family Land → Proverbs 1:8
*My son, listen to your father’s advice.
Don’t turn away from your mother’s teaching.*
 - 2. Friendship Land → Proverbs 17:17
*A friend loves at all times.
They are there to help when trouble comes.*
 - 3. Emotion Land → Proverbs 16:32
*It is better to be patient than to fight.
It is better to control your temper than to take a city.*
 - 4. Learning Land → Proverbs 10:17
*Anyone who pays attention to correction
shows the path to life.
But anyone who refuses to be corrected
leads others down the wrong path*

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Complete this activity in pairs if it works better for your group.

What You Say:

“I love your wisdom maps! We need God to share His wisdom with us in every part of our lives—at home, with friends, when we feel big feelings, and even when we’re learning new things. Wisdom comes from God. He made everything and

knows everything! He is the wisest! And because God loves you so much, He wants to share His wisdom with you.

“That’s why Solomon asked for wisdom, and God gave it to him! God will do the same for you. Ask God for wisdom when you pray. Ask Him to show you what He wants you to do. He wants to guide you to the best way to live!

“I want you to take your map home and hang it up somewhere special. When you see it, remember: in every situation, **you can ask God for wisdom.**”

PAT + CLAP VERSE

[Hear From God | Application Activity]

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Say, “Today we’re going to use movement to help us remember our Memory Verse, Proverbs 16:16!”
- Read the verse using the Bible (or invite a strong reader to help!).
 - ***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.*
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Discuss any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- *Move Together:*
- Teach the verse motions.
- For NIV, they are:
 - *It is (clap, clap)*

- *much better (pat, pat)*
- *to get wisdom (clap clap)*
- *than gold (pat, pat)*
- *it is (clap, clap)*
- *much better (pat, pat)*
- *to choose understanding (clap, clap)*
- *than silver (pat, pat)*
- *Proverbs 16:16 (NirV)*
- Repeat the verse a few times. Add a fun twist using various movement patterns like “stomp, clap” or “spin, clap.”

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Adapt the movements in a way that fits your group. Consider doing the verse sitting down.

What You Say:

“Way to go, friends! Proverbs 16:16 tells us how wisdom is worth more than gold and silver. God and silver are shiny and expensive. But God’s Word says wisdom is even better! You don’t have to buy wisdom. You don’t have to find it buried in the ground. You can ASK God for wisdom, and He will give it to you because He loves you! He is the great King, and He wants to give you wisdom! Remember, **you can ask God for wisdom** anytime.”

PRAYER TIME

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Gather the kids together in a seated circle.

- Explain to kids that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!
- Encourage kids by telling them, “**You can ask God for wisdom!**”
- Divide the kids into groups of two or three.
- Invite the groups to pray for each other.
 - *Thank God for His wisdom.*
 - *Ask God to give it to you and your friends!*
- Close in prayer.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

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

What You Say:

“God, we love You so much. Thank You for Your wisdom. Whether we are learning new things or feeling big feelings, help us remember to pause and ask You for help. Thank You for loving us and sharing Your wisdom with us. We want to follow You and Your ways! We pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

[As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show them their Wisdomland Maps. Encourage them to share something they will ask God for wisdom for this week.]