

**Upper Elementary
Large Group**

SEPTEMBER 2025



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.

God View

The connection between truth and God's character, as shown through God's Big Story

Insight

God's Message/Truth

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.

HEADS UP



About Wisdom David and Solomon are referred to as Israel's greatest kings, and Solomon is often referenced as one of the wisest men to ever live. Truth is, they were both deeply flawed men and, especially toward the end of their lives, made many unwise choices. While you do not need to detail this for kids, you can point out that even the seemingly wisest, smartest people can make foolish choices when they fail to stay connected to God.

About Turning to God We cover a lot of territory in this month's stories—especially in Week 4 where we talk through all the kings of Israel and Judah following Solomon. Don't worry about trying to help kids remember every single name. Instead focus on the repeated pattern of God's people to turn to God for a time and then slide back into old, foolish pattern and choices. We will fall into the same trap unless we rely on the Holy Spirit to enable us to continue making wise choices.

September Monthly Overview

Week	Bible Story	Bottom Line	Conversation Starter
1	Samuel Anoints David 1 Samuel 16:1-13	God helps you make the wise choice.	What does it mean to be wise?
2	David and the Psalms Psalm 1:1-4 Supporting: Psalm 23:1-2; 8:1; 18:2	If you want to be wise, focus on God.	How do you know what's wise?
3	Solomon Chooses Wisdom 1 Kings 3:4-15 Supporting: Proverbs 15:1; 3:5-6; 17:17	You can ask God for wisdom.	When do you need wisdom?
4	The Kings 1 & 2 Kings	Be wise because your choices matter.	Why do your choices matter?

Core Insight

God's Message / Truth

Key Application

Wisdom

**It is much better to get wisdom than gold.
It is much better to choose understanding than silver.
Proverbs 16:16, NIV**



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Week 2



Notes

- Yellow highlighted text are cues for audio and visual slides.
- Game, Worship, and the Bible verse from the stage
- Intro and Bible story are on video.

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible

WORSHIP

- Lions
- Beautiful

Today's Bible Story

David and the Psalms

Psalm 1:1-4

Supporting: Psalm 23:1-2; 8:1; 18:2

Conversation Starter

**How do you know
what's wise?**

Bottom Line

**God can help 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 NIV

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OPENER

(Welcome kids)

Hey, everyone! I'm thrilled that you're joining us here at Flatirons Kids!

Show Series Graphic: Wisdomland

We are just starting a brand-new month with adventure in Wisdomland—where you learn to make choices that help you grow wise! And God wants to help you get wise! He is the wisest! Are you ready to hang out in Wisdomland today? Great let's start with a game.

GAME TIME

Show: Emoji Bible Stories

The Bible is full of amazing stories. Let's see if you can guess the stories from these emojis!

Show: Emoji clues & Answer 1-4

Great Guessing! Today's Bible story is about a man who wrote a part of the Bible. But first, let's stand up and worship together!

WORSHIP

One of the ways we worship is by giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. Now, is your time to jump in and give all you've got as we worship! You can follow along to the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs.)

Show Worship Song: Goodbye Yesterday

Show Worship Song: Gratitude

Thanks everyone! I love worshipping God with all of you. Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Wisdomland

We're doing something cool this school year. We're going through the entire Bible to learn more about God. **(Hold up Bible)** One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is so we can know Him. So as we go through some of the key stories in the Bible this year, we'll learn about God!

Today, we're digging into the story of someone who was wise—not because he was perfect, but because he kept turning to God. He was always, always honest with his friend, God. Sometimes this person was angry, sometimes he was grateful, and sometimes he really, really messed up. He wrote songs about his honest feelings in songs, and God loved those songs so much, He put them in the Bible.

His name? David. And he wrote many of the psalms that are part of the book of Psalms in the Bible. Let's check out our video.

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK2_So&SoShow

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Wisdomland

Here's what David and the other writers of the psalms discovered:

Show Graphic: WK2_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] If you want to be wise, focus on God!

Every day! Not just on the good days, but when things are confusing, when you feel left out, when you don't know what choice to make. That's what the psalms are for. They remind us to bring everything to God—our happiness, our sadness, our worries, our thanks—and let Him shape our

hearts and our choices. When we think about David and the psalms, we can remember that being wise is about staying close to God.

Show Graphic: Virtue

Wisdom is finding out God's best and doing it.

David started as a shepherd boy, just doing his everyday job, and he ended up as a king. He faced giants, won battles, made friends, lost friends, hid in caves, celebrated victories, and sometimes even made really big mess-ups. But through all of it, David kept coming back to one thing: he focused on God.

Now, you and I may not be kings or shepherds, but we all have choices to make every day. We can focus on God. That means we spend time learning about Him—reading or listening to the Bible, talking to Him in prayer, asking Him for help, and being honest about what's going on inside.

Here's what the Bible has to say about wisdom:

Show Verse: Proverbs 16:16 (NirV)

“It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.” Proverbs (NirV)

Let's say it together! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

As you go to your small groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: Wk2 Conversation Starter

How do you know what's wise? Start by doing what David did: focus on God. Ask Him for help. Look for wisdom in His Word, in the example of Jesus, and in people you trust who are following God, too. So—what's our part in the story? It's to keep asking, 'How do you know what's wise?' It's to keep showing up, keep being honest, keep coming back to God—even when you're not sure. Let's pray.

PRAYER

God, thank You for being with us in every moment. Thank You for the stories in the Bible, for all of the psalms, and for showing us what real wisdom looks like. Help us remember that You are always there, ready to help us, guide us, and give us strength—no matter what we're feeling or facing. Teach us to be Your close friends, like David was. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.
