

**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 3

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
- 2 sets of assorted building supplies:(ex masking tape, paper cups, craft sticks, pipe cleaners)

- Lions
- Beautiful



WOF

Today's Bible Story

Solomon Chooses Wisdom

1 Kings 3:4-15

Conversation Starter

When do you need wisdom?

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



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering

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OPENER 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hello, my friends! It's always great to be here with you at Flatirons Kids.

Welcome back to our new series, Wisdomland—where you learn to make choices that help you grow wise! Are you ready to hang out in Wisdomland today? Great, let's start with a game.

GAME TIME

Today, we're going to kick things off with our very own theme park challenge. But instead of riding roller coasters, we're going to build one! Well ... not a real one. We are going to compete in the 'Wisdomland Ride Design Competition! I need 2 volunteers. (Choose 2 kids or leaders to participate. For younger grades, choosing leaders may be a better option.)

Okay, now competitors, you can build a different ride than a roller coaster if you want to! But you are going to compete in the 'Wisdomland Ride Design Competition!' Here's how it works: You'll each get a pile of building supplies—cups, craft sticks, tape, and a few other things. Your mission is to build the biggest, best, and most creative 'ride' you can. "You can call it anything you want—maybe 'Trust Tower,' 'Kindness Coaster,' or 'Wisdom Whirl!'

Now, here's the twist: You only have 2 minutes to build your ride. So you have to work fast! We'll cheer you on and see who has the largest ride at the end.

Give each person a set of supplies

Are you ready? Let's count down 3....2....1....BUILD!

The host encourages kids and leaders to cheer on the builders.

Shout out when time is up.

Wow! Look at these incredible rides! Let's take a look at them.

Ask to share information about their rides if they want to—the names of their rides, how a person would ride them, etc.

Let's clap for which ride we think is the biggest!

Let's give a big Wisdomland cheer for everyone! I want all of these rides at my theme park!

They're so amazing! Great job, everyone! Now, let's all get ready to tell God that we love Him with our worship!

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 1 minute

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We're going through the entire Bible to learn more about God. One of the most important reasons God gave us the Bible is so that we can learn about who He is. (Hold up Bible) We're moving right along through the Bible. This week, we're examining the third king of God's people and a

particularly wise thing he asked God. We're going to take a closer look at part of King Solomon's story! Let's check out our story!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

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APPLICATION

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Solomon could have asked God for anything, but he chose wisdom because he knew he needed God's help. The best part? That same promise is for us, too! God loves it when we ask Him for help. He isn't bothered or too busy. He wants to give you the wisdom you need, whether you're at home, at school, or anywhere! Here's what we need to remember:

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[Bottom line] You can ask God for wisdom.

Say that with me! *(Repeat with leaders and kids)*

You might not be a king or queen, but every day you face choices - some big, some small. Maybe you have to decide how to respond to a friend, whether to do what's right even when it's hard, or how to handle your feelings when things don't go your way.

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

Maybe you feel stuck sometimes. Maybe you worry you'll make the wrong choice, or you're not sure what's wise. That's okay! God is ready to listen whenever you call out. You can stop, pray, and trust that He'll lead you. Now, because of Jesus, God gives us His Spirit to help us make wise choices every day. And the Bible is full of wisdom to guide us.

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: Wk3 Conversation Starter

“When do you need wisdom?” When you feel lost, confused, or just need help—pause, turn to God, and ask: ‘God, what’s the wise thing to do?’ “He promises to listen. He promises to give you what you need. Let’s talk to God about that right now.

PRAYER

God, thank You for giving Solomon wisdom when he asked. Thank You for promising to give us wisdom when we ask for it too. Every day, we want to go through life with You and follow Your wisdom. Help us remember to stop and ask You for wisdom whenever we need it—when we’re happy, sad, confused, or even when we think we already know the answer. Teach us how to listen to You, and give us the courage to do what You show us. We trust You and we thank You for loving us so much. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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