



WEEK FOUR - AUGUST 2018 - SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Don't Stop Believin' • Proverbs 3:5-6*

Bottom Line: *If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.*

Memory Verse: *"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you." - James 1:5a NIV*

Life App: *Wisdom - Finding out what you should do and doing it.*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: In Week Four, we finish up the month with another one of Solomon's proverbs in Proverbs 3:5-6. This familiar passage talks about trusting God's plan rather than our own. When we lean on our own understanding, we will never consistently make the wise choice. It's through trusting in God that we can find true wisdom for our life.

8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines & working as a group

What You Need: Playing cards; plastic spoons

What You Do:

- Teach kids how to play the card game "Spoons":
 - Instruct them to sit in a circle.
 - Arrange the spoons in a small circle in the center of the circle.
 - Deal four cards to each player. Keep the rest of the deck in front of you.
 - Explain that the goal is to make four of a kind.
 - Take a card off the top of the deck, remove one card from your hand, and pass it facedown to the left.
 - The person on your left will then take that card and discard one facedown to the left. This continues around the circle.
 - The last player places his discard into a trash pile.
 - If at any time the deck runs out, shuffle the trash pile and keep going.
 - Cards should be picked up and passed quickly around the table until someone gets four of a kind and takes a spoon from the center.
 - Once the player with four of a kind takes a spoon, anyone can take a spoon.
 - The player left without a spoon is out, and play starts over again. Always leave one fewer spoon in the middle than the number of players.
- After showing kids how to play, you can divide the group into two smaller groups if necessary.
- Play as long as time and interest allow.
- If kids who are "out" want to start a new game and there are sufficient cards, let them do so to keep them occupied

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom. God is the author of wisdom. We can grow in wisdom as we read God's word and discover His plan for our life. We pray that kids will put their trust in Jesus and discover how they can grow in their relationship with Him.*

don't have to fear anything that happens. God can give us the confidence to trust Him no matter what.

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. Wisdom in the Word

[Bible Story Review]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding & application

What You Need: "Scripture Search" Activity Page; pencils; Bibles

What You Do:

- Hand out Activity Pages and pencils.
- Tell kids to look up Proverbs 3:5-6.
- Ask them to recap what the verse means and what they learned about it in Large Group.
- Explain that the verses on the page are pieces of wisdom found in the Bible.
- Encourage them to look up the verses and write out at least two of them (or write them in their own words).
- They should choose the two they think would help them the most when they need wisdom or they need to be reminded of the importance of wisdom.

What You Say:

"If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom. And where's the best place to get that wisdom? The Bible! Yes, God's Word has so much wisdom. You can find help for almost anything you need in the Bible. If you're not sure where to look, you can ask a trusted adult to guide you to verses or to help you look some up online. God will ALWAYS give you wisdom when you ask for it. God is the author of wisdom. Trust that He will direct your path and get you where you need to be in life." [Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a verse or two that have helped you when you needed wisdom.)

2. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding & application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Call kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Ask them to close their eyes and think of something they need wisdom for right now.

- They might need to know how to deal with a difficult friend or family member, or maybe they are struggling with a certain subject in school.
- Then guide them to silently ask God for wisdom to help with that issue or problem.
- Tell them to ask God to help them discover that wisdom through His Word and the wise people He has put into their lives.
- Close with the prayer below.

What You Say:

"God, we know that You are the author of wisdom. Thank You for sending us Jesus and for giving us the Bible so that we can know what's wise and what's not. We know we can always trust You to give us the wisdom we need. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, tell kids to read them one of the verses they wrote down today and how that verse can help them.