



GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- 10 pieces of paper for kids to make paper airplanes
- Masking tape

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Upbeat music to play during the game

Large Group Visuals:

- "The Hunt" Theme Slide
- Wisdom Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

What You Do:

- Tape a line on one side of the room that's long enough for all the kids in the room to line up and throw their paper airplanes.
- Tape a line on one side of the stage as well.

2. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Bible

Large Group Visuals:

- Bottom Line Slide
- Proverbs 3:5-6 Slides—the full verse, and slides with each sentence highlighted

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

3. Worship

What You Need:

- Alive
- Never Gonna Stop Singing

Don't Stop Believin'

Bible Story: Don't Stop Believin' (Trust in the Lord) • *Proverbs 3:5-6 (Supporting: 1 Kings 10:1-10)*

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.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

CG: "The Hunt" Theme Slide

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

Host is on stage, welcoming the kids as they enter.

HOST: "Hi, everybody! How are you feeling? Good? I'm so glad!

"I'm [Host's name], and I'm so glad you're here at [your environment's name]. All month we've been on the hunt for wisdom, because wisdom is worth searching for! What is wisdom?"

CG: Wisdom Slide

"Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it. Let's say that together."

HOST AND KIDS: "Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it."

HOST: "Does anyone think they can say what wisdom is WITHOUT reading it from the screen? Who wants to give it a shot?"

Allow two or three kids to try to say the definition while turning them away from the screen.

"That's right! Wisdom doesn't just come to you. If you want to be wise, you've got to search for it. You've got to find out what you should do AND do it. The great news is that God will help you along the way. You can ask Him for wisdom anytime. That's what our memory verse says. It's James 1:5. Will you say it with me?"

CG: Memory Verse Slide

HOST AND KIDS: "If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you," (NIV).

HOST: “That is SO cool! If we ask God for wisdom, we KNOW He’ll help us **[Basic Truth]** make the wise choice!

SFX: *Upbeat game music*

“You know what that music means? It’s time for our game: ‘Path Problems.’ This is a great game for us to play today, because we’re talking about what we can do to have smooth and straight paths in our lives. I know that’s the kind of path I want for MY life!

“So how do you play ‘Path Problems’? Easy! First, You need to grab a piece of paper and make the best airplane you can. We’re about to find out whose airplane has the smoothest and straightest path.

Move to the tape line on the side of the room while Leaders hand out their kids’ paper airplanes.

“Everyone stand behind this line, and get ready to throw your airplane as straight and smooth as you can. We’ll all throw at the same time.

Pick up your paper airplane.

“Just a little tip: It’s not about how hard you can throw.

Enthusiastically throw your airplane into the ground.

“It’s about how well you can get it to fly.

Pick up your airplane and loft it gently.

“Sound good? I’ll keep track of how far your airplanes fly. Then we’ll take the top five planes and have a final competition on stage. Are you ready?

Depending on the size of your group, you may have to divide the students up into one or two waves of competition so everyone has the chance to throw from the same distance.

“On your marks, get set, FLY!

Cheer for all the kids. Choose the five planes that went the farthest, and read their names out loud. Have those students come up on stage, and give them back their planes.

“That was amazing! *(To audience)* All of you did a great job, but up here on stage, we have our top five smoothest and straightest pilots. Let’s do one more round and see which one of them will take home the victory! *(To contestants)* Contestants, stand behind the line, please. Are you ready?

(To audience) “Audience, are you ready? Let’s count down from five. Five, four, three, two, one, and LAUNCH AWAY!”

Cheer for all the kids. Pick up the plane that went the farthest.

“Wow—what a flight! *(To the winning kid)* [Kid’s name], congratulations on being our straightest and smoothest flyer. Thank you to ALL of our contestants. You can head back to your groups.

Dismiss contestants. Walk into the audience with the plastic bin.

“Everyone grab an airplane and put it in this bin for me. You don’t need to find your own plane right now. We’ll get yours back to you after Large Group is over.

Collect all the airplanes. You can pass them back out to the kids at the end of the service before pick-up.

“Great job! Thanks for helping me clean up. Now let’s stand up to sing to our God who makes our paths smooth and straight!”

Worship Leader enters. Host exits.

Worship

Alive

Never Gonna Stop Singing

Storyteller enters. Worship Leader exits.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, friends! I’m so glad I get to be here with you today. We’ve had a pretty incredible month talking about wisdom. We’ve talked about people who made some wise choices . . . and some who made some not-so-wise choices.

“Can I tell you a secret? We’re all going to do that. There will be times when we **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** and follow what we know God wants us to do. Sometimes, though, we might mess up and make unwise choices. God knows that it can be hard for us to choose wisdom. But when we feel stuck, or we’re not sure what to do—or something happens that we don’t understand—we can remember these verses. They’re in Proverbs, chapter 3, verses 5-6.

“Read them with me.

Open the Bible to Proverbs 3:5-6 and read.

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide

KIDS AND STORYTELLER: *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight” (NirV).*

STORYTELLER: “Any guess who wrote those verses? *(Pause.)* Wow! You sure know your stuff! It’s King Solomon. We’ve talked about how Solomon was one of the wisest people who ever lived. People came from all over to talk to him and learn from his wisdom. God revealed amazing things to Solomon—like the verses I just read to you—and Solomon wrote them down. We can read them today in the Bible.” *(Hold up Bible.)*

SENTENCE 1

STORYTELLER: “Let’s break down these verses together so we can really understand them. Maybe we can even come up with a few fun motions to help us remember what they say.

“I’ll give each section of this room one sentence from Solomon’s verses.

Indicate the sections in the room, so the kids know which one they’re part of.

“We’ve got section one here, section two here, section three here, and section four here.

“While we’re reading the verses, you and your Small Group Leaders can be coming up with ideas for a motion that will help you memorize what your part says. Don’t worry. We’ll give you time at the end to figure it out. Right now, let’s just talk about what each part really means.

“Let’s start with just the first part.

Nod toward section one.

“Section one, this part is for you. Everyone read it with me.”

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide, with sentence 1 highlighted

KIDS AND STORYTELLER: *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, (NirV).”*

STORYTELLER: “Okay. What does it mean to trust someone? It means you can lean on them. It means that you can always turn to them for help. In this verse, it says that you can trust God like that. **[Basic Truth] You can trust Him no matter what!**

“When things get hard at school, you can pray to God. When things get hard at home, you can read God’s Word. When you just don’t know what to do, you can ask God to give you wisdom. No matter what, you can trust God.

“Good! Let’s keep moving.”

SENTENCE 2

Nod toward section two.

“All right, section two, this next sentence is for you. But let’s have everyone read it first.

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide, with sentence 2 highlighted

KIDS AND STORYTELLER: “*Do not depend on your own understanding, (NirV).*”

STORYTELLER: “All this means is that God knows more than we do. Sometimes things might happen that don’t make sense to us. But this verse tells us that that’s okay. We don’t know the ending to every story God is writing. We can trust Him even when we don’t understand.”

SENTENCES 3 & 4

Nod toward section three.

“Are you ready, section three? This next one is yours. Let’s all read it together.

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide, with sentence 3 highlighted

KIDS AND STORYTELLER: “*In all your ways obey him, (NirV).*”

STORYTELLER: “That one sounds pretty simple, right? Obey God. Obey Him with your words, your thoughts, and your actions. It’s easy to understand that one, but it can be tough to do. Sometimes you might think you want YOUR way instead of God’s way. But trusting God means choosing to believe that His way is best.

Nod toward section four.

“Section four, you’re up! You get the last sentence. Everyone read it with me.”

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide, with sentence 4 highlighted

KIDS AND STORYTELLER: “*Then he will make your paths smooth and straight, (NirV).*”

STORYTELLER: “That means God will help us when we trust Him. Things might go the way we want them to . . . or they might not. But when we trust God, we can believe that He’s in control of everything in our lives. He has a good plan for us, whether or not we can see it right now.”

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Here’s what Solomon was saying.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

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

“Are you ready to put it all together? We’ve got our four sections so we can remember this awesome verse.

Point to each section as you say their line.

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide, with sentence 1 highlighted
CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide, with sentence 2 highlighted
CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide, with sentence 3 highlighted
CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide, with sentence 4 highlighted

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIRV).

“Everyone take a minute to talk with your section and decide what motion you want to do for your part of the verse. Raise your hands when you’ve got it.

Keep an eye on the four sections. Move on when all four of them are ready.

“Okay! Stand up, and let’s see what you’ve got. We’ll read through our verse three times. Each of you will say your sentence and do your motion when it’s your turn. Here we go!

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide; leave up

Point to each section to cue them to say their line and do their motion.

SECTION #1: *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart.”*

SECTION #2: *“Do not depend on your own understanding.”*

SECTION #3: *“In all your ways obey him.”*

SECTION #4: *“Then he will make your paths smooth and straight.”*

STORYTELLER: “Great job. Let’s do it again!

Guide the audience to repeat it two more times.

“That was the best! You can have a seat as we talk to God together.”

Pray

STORYTELLER: “God, it’s so good to know that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.**

Please help us to trust You with all our hearts. Help us not to depend on our own understanding but to obey You. We know that You have a good plan for our lives. We know that You can make our paths smooth and straight, whether things seem good or bad in our lives. Help us to trust You each day as we grow in Your wisdom. We love You, and we pray in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Host enters. Storyteller exits.

Closer

HOST: “Wow, you all did a GREAT job learning those verses!

“What Solomon said is true. God really does have a big plan for our lives. We can only understand a little bit, but God sees it all. You and I can learn to be wise like Solomon. We can trust God with everything in our lives instead of worrying about the little piece we can see right now.

“It might take time. We might have to wait before we can see the bigger picture. But in the meantime, we can trust God with the future. We can trust Him to give us wisdom.

“Here’s the one thing to remember today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.

“Here’s what you can do as you continue to grow and learn about God. Read your Bible. Pray to God. Talk to people who love God and follow Him. You can grow in wisdom when you trust God every step of the way.

“You’ll get to talk some more about that in Small Group. Have a great time!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.