



## WEEK TWO - AUGUST 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

**Bible Story:** *Danger Zone • Proverbs 22:3*

**Bottom Line:** *If you want to be wise, look before you leap.*

**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 need to make the wise choice.*

**Summary:** This week, we look to something Solomon wrote in Proverbs 22:3. Wise people see danger and go to a safe place, but childish people keep going and suffer for it, (NIRV). Without thinking, people can rush into a situation and soon discover that they are in trouble. Solomon warns us to make sure we know what we're facing before we move forward with a decision.

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

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### **1. Early Arriver Idea**

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

**What You Need:** "N/A"

#### **What You Do:**

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the container.
- Guide kids to line up side by side.
- Call out the choices below, guiding kids to jump forward if their answer is yes or backward if their answer is no.
- Would you jump into a pool if it were full of:
  - Stuffed animals
  - Alligators
  - Porcupines
  - Jell-O®
  - Marshmallows
  - Baby skunks
  - Puppies and kittens
  - Cotton candy
- How would you jump into a pool full of cotton candy? A pool full of Jell-O? A pool full of puppies and kittens?

#### **What You Say:**

*"[Transition] In Large Group today we'll hear about a way we can keep ourselves safe from trouble. Let's go learn more."*

**Lead your group to the Large Group area.**

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

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#### **OVERVIEW:**

**Bottom Line:** *If you want to be wise, look before you leap. Kids face all sorts of decisions where they have to decide if they will keep going or pause to evaluate the best option. This happens as they learn to navigate friendships, technology, and priorities. We hope that kids discover that pausing to ask, "What's the wise choice in this situation?" can save them from getting hurt.*

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

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## 1. Leapfrog

### [Bible Story Review]

*Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

**What You Need:** "Leapfrog" Activity Page; pencils

### What You Do:

- Give each child a "Leapfrog" Activity Page.
- Guide the kids to help the frog cross the pond by jumping to the safe lily pads.
- Encourage kids to look before they leap. They don't want to jump their frog to any lily pad that's guarded by an alligator!

### What You Say:

*"Frogs have to look before they leap, don't they? (Yes!) Why? (They need to stay safe.) Yes, frogs need to look before they leap so that they can be safe. God wants US to look before we leap, too. Are we frogs? No! But like frogs, we need to look before we leap. We need to make the wise choice to stop (stand or sit tall and freeze for a beat) and think (point to your head) about what God wants us to do. Why do you think God wants us to stop and think before we act? (to keep us safe; so we don't do things that hurt ourselves or hurt others; so we do things that show others what God is like)*

*"So if you're tempted to cheat when you're playing a game, look before you leap. Stop and think what God would want you to do. If you're tempted to push someone who cuts in line, look before you leap. Stop and think how YOU would want to be treated. And when you're tempted to tell a lie, look before you leap. Stop and think about what Jesus would do. So remember, [Bottom Line] if you want to be wise, look before you leap."*

## 2. Look Before You Leap

### [Application Activity]

*Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through reenactment*

**What You Need:** "Look Before You Leap" Activity Page

### What You Do:

- Lead kids in a frog-ific variation of "Mother May I?"
  - Guide kids to line up side by side at one end of your environment.

- Ask kids what it means to “look before you leap.” (to stop and think before you do something; to think about what might happen if you do something; to think about whether something is good or not before you do it)
- Read a scenario from the “Look Before You Leap” Activity Page.
- If the child in the scenario looked before they leapt, kids (as a group) leap forward the designated number of times.
- If the child didn’t look before they leapt, kids jump backward.

**What You Say:**

*“God loves you! And because God loves you He wants you to make the wise choice. One way you can make the wise choice is to look before you leap. What does it mean to look before you leap? (to stop and think before you do something; to think about what could happen if you do something; to think if something is good or not before you do it) Yes, to look before you leap means that you stop (stand or sit tall and freeze for a beat) and think (point to your head) before you do something.*

***[Make It Personal] (Talk about an age-appropriate time when you made the choice to look before you leapt. Tell how your choice helped you, how you learned more about God, and—if possible—how it helped show others what God is like.)***

*“So if you’re tempted to disobey your mom or dad, look before you leap. Stop and think what God would want you to do. If you and your friend are having an argument, look before you leap. Stop and think how you would want your friend to treat YOU. And when you’re tempted to tell a lie or cheat in a game, look before you leap. Stop and think what Jesus would do. So remember, **[Bottom Line]** if you want to be wise, look before you leap.”*

**3. Pray and Dismiss**

**[Prayer Activity]**

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

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Guide kids to gather around you.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead them into prayer.

**What You Say:**

*“When God told King Solomon to ask for anything, what did he ask for? Yes! He asked for wisdom. Solomon said: Give me a heart that understands. Then I can rule over your people. I can tell the difference between what is right and what is wrong (1 Kings 3:9 NIV).”*

*"Wow! Did God give Solomon what he asked for? Yes! God gave him LOTS of wisdom. Just like James 1:5a says: If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you.*

*"You and I aren't kings and queens, but we still need wisdom to make the wise choice. Let's pray and ask God to give us the wisdom we need.*

*"Dear God, thanking You for giving Solomon wisdom. Please give us the wisdom we need to make wise choices and to look before we leap. Thank You for the wisdom You promise to give us. We love You, Lord. Thank You so much for Your goodness to us!"*

***As adults arrive to pick up, prompt kids to tell their parent today's Bottom Line: [Bottom Line] if you want to be wise, look before you leap.***