



WEEK FOUR - AUGUST 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

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. I Found a Treasure Chest

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Direct kids to sit in a circle.
- Say, "I opened a treasure chest, and inside I found _____" (name an item you might find in a treasure chest).
- Cue the child beside you to say, "I opened a treasure chest, and inside I found (item you named) and _____ (item of child's choosing)."
- Continue around the circle, guiding each child to name the previous items in order and then add an item of their choice. (Don't hesitate to provide help as necessary.)

What You Say:

"Wow! You guys found a lot of valuable things inside your treasure chest! [Transition] In Large Group, we'll hear about something that's more valuable than all the treasure in the world. Let's go hear about it."

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 'N Stuff

[Application Activity]

Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy & facilitates biblical application through role-play

What You Need: "Wisdom 'n Stuff" Activity Page; a variety of stuffed animals

What You Do:

- Guide kids to get into groups of two or three.
- Read a "Wisdom 'n Stuff" scenario to each group, and then invite the group to choose stuffed animals for a "puppet" show of their scenario.
- Give kids a few minutes to plan and perform their shows within their groups, and then invite each group to present their scenario for the other groups.
 - **NOTE: Be very careful not to force any child who's shy to perform in front of other**

What You Say:

*"Proverbs 3 tells us to trust God and to always obey Him. And you know what? Trusting God and obeying Him is the best kind of wisdom there is, because God loves us and knows what's best for us. And when we do what God says is best, we know we're doing the right thing because God knows best. So remember, **[Bottom Line]** if you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom."*

2. Wisdom Above All!

[Memory Verse Activity]

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

What You Need: Bibles; toy crown

What You Do:

- If any kids have this month's memory verse memorized, let them say it completely from memory!
- Then help kids look up James 1:5a using the navigation tips from Week 1 if needed, and then read the verse with the kids.
- Direct kids to sit in a circle.
- Give one child the crown.
- Guide her to say the first word of the verse and then pass the crown to the child beside her, who says the second word of the verse.
- Play continues until kids say the entire verse and reference. Provide as much guidance and help as necessary.
- As kids get the hang of the game, add variety by inviting them to say the verse like a wise king or queen, or even like a baby prince or princess!

What You Say:

"When Solomon first became king, He asked God 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. In fact, Solomon became one of the wisest people who ever lived. It's just like James 1:5 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, don't we? We need wisdom to know what's right and what's wrong. And we need wisdom to know what God wants us to do.

*"When we need wisdom, the first place you should go—the BEST place you can go—is to God. Sometimes God will give you wisdom quickly, and sometimes it'll take some time. But here's the thing: when you ask God for wisdom, you have His PROMISE that He'll give it to you. And does God always keep His promises? Yes, you bet He does! So **[Bottom Line]** if you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom."*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: "Treasures of Wisdom" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Give each kid a set of "Treasures of Wisdom" cards.
- Read the verses aloud, guiding kids to point to the words as you read.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into a time of prayer.

What You Say:

"This month, we've been learning all about wisdom—finding out what you should do and doing it. Is wisdom important? Yes! The Bible even tells us that God's wisdom is more valuable than gold and silver and jewels! (Proverbs 3:13-16; 8:11)

"So right now, let's do what James 1:5 says and ask God for wisdom. Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You for Your promise to give us wisdom when we ask for it. And so, Lord, right now we ask for wisdom to help us know the difference between right and wrong. We ask for wisdom to trust You with all our heart and obey You in all our ways. Thank You, Lord, for Your gift of wisdom—a gift that's more valuable than jewels or treasure. We love You so much, Lord. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, prompt kids to tell their parent who they can trust to give them wisdom.