



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Grow as We Go

Jesus Grows in Wisdom
Luke 2:41-52

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Wisdom is worth searching for.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault.
James 1:5, NIV

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE - WISDOM
 - Shares stories each week with your groups that showed someone who was wise.
- **L@K WEEK -- : 9; C'H9; C'<J AN= '>F 9D'**
; GDD=; LAGF -- **EXTENDED ONE WEEK %**
[gd] [lā _ 'backpacks. Next Week we will celebrate how many we collected!

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it

WORSHIP:

- THE BEST IS YET TO COME
- GOOD GRACE

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

SMALL GROUP

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MIN



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AUGUST 2021

LARGE GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Worship Leaders enter .

WORSHIP LEADER: "What an awesome day so far at [name of your environment]. I am so ready to join our voices together to sing praise to God.

AUDIO: THE BEST IS YET TO COME

AUDIO: GOOD GRACE

Host enters, dressed like Indiana Jones™.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

AUDIO: "THE RAIDERS MARCH (A.K.A. INDIANA JONES THEME)" BY JOHN WILLIAMS

HOST: "Hey, everybody! It's great to see all of you! This month, we're 'digging deep' to find something really important. It isn't something that you'll find in a cavern or a secret underground palace . . . but it IS a treasure worth finding! Do you want to know what it is? (Pause for response.) Well, I've got a fun way for us to find out.

AUDIO: FADE OUT MUSIC

"I need [one or two] kids from each small group to join me on the stage.

Choose one or two volunteers from each small group. (Ideally you want about six to eight kids total for the game.) Have them stand behind the pool(s) on the stage while you explain the game.



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(to contestants) "Each of you will dig through the sand to try to find eggs like these. (Hold up one of the plastic eggs.) When you find an egg, crack it open to find the letter that's inside, then shout out the letter so we can all hear.

SLIDE: WISDOM LETTERS

"If you find one of the letters that you see on the screen, bring the letter to me, and I'll put it up on the wall. (Hold up the large letter posters.) Once we have all six letters, we'll spell out the treasure that we're searching for this month.

"If you find a letter that's not on the screen, toss it aside and keep digging! Are you ready? (to audience) Audience, are you ready to cheer them on? Let's count it down: three, two, one, DIG!

AUDIO: "THE RAIDERS MARCH (A.K.A. INDIANA JONES THEME)" BY JOHN WILLIAMS

Cue the contestants to dig through the sand to find the plastic eggs. Make sure they stay at the back or sides of the pool(s) so the kids in the audience can see.

Listen as the contestants shout out the letters they find. Cue them to bring the letter to you if it's one that's on the screen.

Place the letter posters on the wall, in order, as the kids bring them to you. For example, if a kid brings you D, put the D poster on the wall, leaving space for the other posters so you can spell out "WISDOM."

Keep going until the kids have found all the letters for WISDOM. When they're done, congratulate them and dismiss them to their seats.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

"You did it! You found all the letters! That was amazing teamwork. Great job, everyone. (Reference the 'WISDOM' letters on the wall.) So what's this amazing treasure we're searching for? (Pause for response.) Right! The treasure is . . . WISDOM!

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

"Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"If we want to find wisdom, we have to search for it. All wisdom comes from God . . . so if we grow closer in our relationship with Him, we'll be able to **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** in any situation. God's wisdom is more valuable than diamonds or gold!



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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus returned to Nazareth with His parents.

"Jesus obeyed everything His parents asked of him. And that's not all.

Open the Bible to Luke 2:52 (NirV) and read.

"Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.

"Jesus was spending time in the temple because He knew it was important to search for wisdom—to ask questions and listen to the teachers. He knew it was important to grow in wisdom as He got older.

"It's important for us to grow in wisdom, just like Jesus did. We need to find God's wisdom and put it into practice. We need to find out what we should do, and do it!

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Wisdom is worth searching for.

"God's wisdom is a treasure. It can help us make all kinds of important choices in life. **[Basic Truth] We can trust God no matter what**—and we can put His wisdom into practice as we make choices every day.

"So how can we grow in wisdom? We can search for wisdom as we read God's Word, the Bible. We can talk with other people who follow God—like our church leaders and people in our family. We can ask good questions! And we can always talk to God and ask Him for the wisdom we need.

"That's what our memory verse is about for this month. It's James 1:5. Check it out.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault, James 1:5. (NirV)

"Isn't that amazing? We can ask God for wisdom, and He'll give it to us! Let's pray before we head back to Small Group where you will talk more about how we can search for wisdom."

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You so much for this story about Jesus. It's so cool to know that Jesus searched for wisdom! We know that Your wisdom is always worth searching for. Help us search for wisdom like Jesus did, and to keep growing in wisdom every day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

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