



WEEK  
**TWO**  
AUGUST 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to give kids the patience to wait for wisdom to grow in them. Pray that kids would trust God to guide them as they make decisions about who to be friends with, how to spend their time, and how to interact with the people around them. Pray that God would meet kids where they are and give them the wisdom they need for whatever situations they're in.*

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Wildest Dreams

Solomon Asks God for Wisdom  
1 Kings 3:4-28

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Trust God to give you wisdom.**

### 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

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it**

### BASIC TRUTH

**I can trust God no matter what.**

### EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, hand sanitizer

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kid who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Direct kids to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- To get a good conversation going, ask:
  - What would you do if you were president for a day?
  - What would you do if you were principal of your school for a week?
  - What would you do with a million dollars that you had to spend in a month?
  - What would you do with a hundred dollars that you had to spend this morning?
  - What food would you happily eat every morning for breakfast if someone else made it or bought it for you? What about lunch or dinner?
  - If you could permanently remove one chore from your life and have someone else do it, what would it be? Who would do it instead?
  - If you could change one thing about your country, town, or neighborhood, what would you change?
- As you talk with the kids, discuss the good consequences of their answers and some of the problems those ideas could raise.
  - If you bought a pet giraffe with your million dollars, how would you feed it?
  - If you had pizza at school for lunch every day, what about kids who don't like it or have food allergies?
  - If you made homework illegal, how would teachers know you learned in class?
  - If you made your little brother empty the trash every day forever, would there be any negative consequences?





WEEK  
**TWO**  
AUGUST 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

**CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES**

### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



### GATHERING WISDOM

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Wisdom Cards" Activity Page, "Wisdom Vessel" Activity Pages, blank cardstock or poster board, glue sticks

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Create two teams from your group.
- Give each team blank cardstock or poster board and glue sticks.
- One by one, ask team members questions from the "Wisdom Cards."
- If a team answers correctly, give the team a piece of the mysterious "Wisdom Vessel" to put on their board.
  - Tell kids this vessel was created from ancient times, thousands of years ago, to seek out and collect wisdom.
  - If the team does not answer correctly, younger team members can ask older team members for help or older kids can ask a friend for help.
- When the teams have all of their pieces, let them race to assemble the "Wisdom Vessel."
- The first team to have a complete vessel glued to their cardstock or poster board, wins.
- Look up and read a few (or all) of the verses on the "Wisdom Vessel" pieces.
- Prompt older kids to quickly put the verse in their own words or talk about how the verse applies to the act of gaining wisdom.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Wildest Dreams

Solomon Asks God for Wisdom  
1 Kings 3:4-28

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Trust God to give you wisdom.**

### 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

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Who was surprised at the shape of the Wisdom Vessel? *(Invite answers.)* We want to think that wisdom comes from just our heads—from knowing enough stuff. But when you **trust God to give you wisdom**, it doesn't just mean knowing the right thing to do. It means doing it. That involves your head, your heart, your feet, hands, and eyes—your whole self!

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it**

**[Make It Personal] (Share a time you faced a tough decision and asked God for wisdom. What was the outcome? How did God give you His wisdom?)**

"We can grow in wisdom! How would you like to grow in wisdom this month? Would you like to grow a wiser brain to get better at a subject in school? Would you like to grow your wisdom in caring for your body in your sport, music, or dance? Would you like heart wisdom to help you love your family better? What about wisdom for your eyes, what you focus on? Or a wise mouth that uses helpful words?" *(Invite discussion.)*

### BASIC TRUTH

**I can trust God no matter what.**



WEEK  
**TWO**  
AUGUST 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO MOVE

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



### PASS THE BABY

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, baby doll

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Read James 1:5 together.
- Gather the kids in a standing circle.
- Give one kid the baby.
- Challenge the kids to hand the baby to each other around the circle with each kid saying the next word of the verse while holding the baby.
- Instruct the kids that if the baby is dropped, tossed, or held in a way that a real baby wouldn't like, they must restart the verse.
- See how many times in a row the group can hand the baby to everyone and say the verse.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Wildest Dreams

Solomon Asks God for Wisdom  
1 Kings 3:4-28

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Trust God to give you wisdom.**

### 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

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"If this was a real baby, I think its tummy would be upset with all this passing around! But thankfully this is just a doll. We all sort of have some wisdom on how to hold a baby. We know not to throw it, drop it, hold it by one leg, or try to pass it around by its ears. That wisdom comes from watching people with babies, thinking about what is safe for babies, and putting it into practice!

"Just like our Bible story about King Solomon and the baby reminded us, our verse tells us to ask God when we need wisdom. When would you need wisdom from God? (*Invite answers.*) Maybe when you're dealing with something new or something you don't have experience with. What is new in your life right now or something coming up that's new, where you might need wisdom from God? (*new school year, class, or classmates; new routines; new siblings or family changes; new houses; new teeth or braces/glasses, etc.*)

"Whatever is happening right now that's new and seems a little scary or intimidating, remember that you can **trust God to give you wisdom.**"

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it**

*Optional Discussion Questions for Older Kids*

If you lead 4th, 5th, or 6th graders, consider asking these discussion questions:

- Why do we need wisdom?
- When you ask God for wisdom, what are some ways He actually gives you that wisdom?
- What kind of wisdom does God give? Is it good advice, facts, or ways to get what you want? (Hint: Look up James 3:17.)

### BASIC TRUTH

**I can trust God no matter what.**





WEEK  
**TWO**  
AUGUST 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**PRAY AND DISMISS**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hula hoop

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather the kids in a wide circle around the hula hoop.
- Review today's Bottom Line by saying it together. **Trust**

**God to give you wisdom.**

- Explain that choices like telling the truth, being kind to others, eating healthy food, working hard, praying, learning the Bible, and obeying parents, are just a few of the many, many wise choices God wants them to make this week.
- Let everyone take a turn standing inside the hula hoop as you pray a simple sentence prayer for each kid.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Dear God, help [kid's name] make wise choices every day. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, remind kids to have an adult help them read some of Solomon's wise words in Proverbs later today.

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Wildest Dreams**

Solomon Asks God for Wisdom  
1 Kings 3:4-28

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**Trust God to give you wisdom.**

**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, NIRV

**MONTHLY LIFE APP**

**Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it**

**BASIC TRUTH**

**I can trust God no matter what.**

