



WEEK
FOUR
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. Pray for the kids who are currently in a group of unwise friends. Pray that God would give them the wisdom to navigate those friendships and that they can influence those friends for the better or gracefully exit those relationships. Ask God to guide kids as they enter into new friendships to have the freedom to choose wise friends and the wisdom to BE wise friends.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Foolish Heart

Rehoboam Listens to Fools
2 Chronicles 10
(supporting: Proverbs 13:20)

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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MONTHLY LIFE APP

Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it

BASIC TRUTH

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EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, hand sanitizer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kid who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Direct each kid to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- As kids arrive, ask the following "would you rather" questions:
- Would you rather have one giant eye in the middle of your head or two noses?
 - Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible?
 - Would you rather be ten years older or four years younger than you are right now?
 - Would you rather control the weather or talk to animals?
 - Would you rather live in the sky or under the sea?
 - Would you rather have butterfly wings or a horse tail?
 - Would you rather have five brothers or five sisters?
 - Would you rather jump into a pool of chocolate pudding or a pool of strawberry ice cream?
 - Would you rather it be warm and raining or cold and snowing?
- Invite the kids to come up with some of their own "would you rather" questions. If necessary, set boundaries on what they can or can't ask. (For example: no potty humor, no bad words, etc.)





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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



WISE WORDS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Wise Words Labels" Activity Pages, "Wise Words Cards" Activity Page, hula hoops

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set the hula hoops on the floor of your small group area, slightly overlapping to make a space in the middle like a Venn diagram.
- Set the "Wise" label inside one hoop and the "Foolish" label inside the other. Place the "Not Sure" label inside the overlapping area.
- Choose one kid to go first.
- Read the kid a "Wise Words Card" and direct them to place the card in the section of hula hoop where they think it should go.
- Remind the group that "not sure" is a valid choice! Sometimes we're not sure if what someone say is wise.
- Once everyone has chosen a card and placed it, take the cards in the "not sure" section and read them again.
- See if the group can come to a consensus whether that advice is wise or foolish.
- When all cards have been sorted, gather for some conversation.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What was the easiest Wise Word Card to sort? (*Invite responses.*) What was the most difficult? (*Invite responses.*) And there were a few that you weren't sure about like (*select a card that was in the Not Sure pile.*)

"One of the best ways to collect wise words and to make sure what you listen to is wisdom, is to **hang out with wise people**. What kind of wise people might say the things on these cards? (*Allow kids to read specific cards and answer: a doctor, a teacher, a parent, a coach, etc.*)

"Wise people say wise things, and wise people follow their advice! How can you be wise and do what these cards say? (*Invite discussion on specific cards. 'Keep your body healthy by eating nutritious food' might mean giving up junk food, cutting down on soda, drinking more water, trying new fruits/vegetables.*)

"Rehoboam's young friends were NOT wise. They gave him foolish advice, and what's worse is that he took it! Have you ever taken foolish advice from a friend? (*Invite responses.*) I think we all do that sometimes.

[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate time when you took foolish advice from a friend—usually this is in the form of a dare or peer pressure to do something wrong then hide it.)

"The best way to ensure that we hear wise advice is to **hang out with wise people.**"

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



WISDOM AWARDS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Wisdom Awards" Activity Pages, coloring materials, (optional) art supplies such as stickers, confetti, and glitter glue

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Wisdom Award."
- Set out the coloring materials and optional art supplies.
- Encourage the kids to think carefully about someone in their lives—a friend, teacher, leader, coach—who has shared wise words with them or who can be counted on to help them make the wise choice.
- Direct the kids to fill out the award for that person.
- After kids fill out the awards, give them time to color and decorate.
- Set the awards in a safe place until the end of group time.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"It looks like you guys already know how to **hang out with wise people!** There are a lot of wise people in our lives.

"How do you know that someone is wise? (*Invite comments.*) Yes, it's by what they do and say. If someone says wise-sounding stuff but lives foolishly, are they really wise? (*Invite answers.*) They might say wise things, but they're not really doing them.

"What if someone quietly makes the wise choice all the time—are they wise, even if they don't go around giving advice? (*Invite discussion.*) You might need to think about what they would do in a situation, even if they don't say much out loud. Or you could ask them for advice about something specific.

"Then there are people who make foolish choices over and over. They give attitude to their teachers and parents; talk badly about other kids; break the rules; and get angry super easily. Sometimes these kids are your classmates or teammates. Sometimes they're even your friends! You might not be sure WHY they act that way, but you know it's not right. What do you do?" (*Hang out with them in a safe place like your house or at school; try not to follow them into bad choices; give them some wisdom about what they're doing.*)

Optional Discussion Questions for Older Kids

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

- How do you deal with friends who make foolish choices and want you to go along with them?
- How can you get some space from a foolish friend without hurting their feelings?
- Is it okay to have unwise friends if you try to be the wise friend and help them grow in wisdom? Why or why not?

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Wisdom Awards from Activity 2

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give out the Wisdom Awards or bracelets.
- Invite the kids to pray silently and thank God for the people in their lives who have given them wisdom.
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Dear God, thank You for all of these people in our lives who help us grow in wisdom! Please help us **hang out with wise people** so we can learn more about how to follow You and live wisely. We love You, and we pray these things in Your name. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, ask for families’ help in delivering the Wisdom Awards or bracelets to their intended recipients.

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