



WEEK  
**FIVE**  
AUGUST 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO PLAY

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



### OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Will It Grow Cards" Activity Page cards, bells or buzzers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team a buzzer.
- Use the cards and ask both teams if [word on card] will grow.
- Instruct the kids that the first one to buzz in and answer correctly gets a point for their team.
- Make sure all kids get a chance to answer—call on specific kids for answers if needed.
- Keep track of the points.
- The winning team can lead the group into Large Group.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Brand New**  
Renew Your Mind  
Romans 12:2

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Some things will grow, and some things just don't. We usually grow things like plants that can help us eat, build homes, make medicine, or make something in our lives better. **[Transition] Let's go hear about something that we can grow that will help our whole lives!**"

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Never stop growing in wisdom.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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James 1:5, NIV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it

### BASIC TRUTH

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**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



### TRANSFORM ON TARGET

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** White paper, a target (hula hoop, basket, or bucket), (optional) "Airplane Instructions" Activity Page

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Set the "target" in the center of the room.
- Arrange the kids in a circle around the target, several steps away.
- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Ask the kids to toss the paper into the target, without folding, crumpling, or bending it in any way. (This will not work well for obvious reasons!)
- Hand out more paper and let the kids make paper airplanes.
  - If they're not sure how to do it, use the "Airplane Instructions" Activity Page to help.
- When everyone has a plane, let them try to fly the planes into the target. (This should work better!)
- If kids have a hard time with the airplanes, direct them to crumple paper into a tight ball and try again.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"When paper is made, it's pressed tightly to become flat and smooth. That's fine for paper, but not great for airplanes!"

"Our Scripture today reminds us that we need to transform—that means to change—our way of thinking. We need to be flexible so that we can change according to what God wants us to be, instead of staying in one shape like flat paper. When we learn new ways to be wise, we change our thinking! Then we can be anything—a better friend, a diligent student, or a helpful sibling.

"How do you think you need to transform your thinking this week? (Allow for responses such as not complaining about homework or going back to school; doing chores without complaining; obeying parents or babysitters, etc.) How does this help you become who God wants you to be?"

"If we keep transforming into who God wants us to be, we will **never stop growing in wisdom!**"

**[Make it Personal] (Share a way that you transformed your thoughts lately—are you working on complaining less? Being more thoughtful with your words around your friends? Choosing to interact kindly on social media?)**

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



### SHATTERED MEMORY VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Shattered Memory Verse" Activity Pages, Bibles, scissors, glue sticks, colorful cardstock

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to look up the memory verse, James 1:5, in their Bibles and read it together out loud. (Or if you know that at least a few of your kids have the verse memorized, let them say it for the group.)
- Give each kid a "Shattered Memory Verse" Activity Page, scissors, a piece of cardstock, and a glue stick.
- Instruct kids to cut out each piece on the page.
- Let kids reassemble the pieces to create a jar with the memory verse inside then glue the pieces in place on the cardstock.
- Review the memory verse together.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys did a great job of assembling the memory verse jars! When we ask God for wisdom, sometimes He has to break us of the old way we used to think so we can begin to think wisely. What are some things you struggle to be wise about? *(Allow time for kids to answer.)* It's okay that we struggle being wise, we just have to remember to **never stop growing in wisdom.**"

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



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

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Review the five Bottom Lines for this month.
  - Wisdom is worth searching for.
  - Trust God to give you wisdom.
  - Think before you act.
  - Hang out with wise people.
  - **Never stop growing in wisdom.**
- Let kids choose one of the Bottom Lines and ask God to help them with it.
- Invite kids to take a turn praying aloud (or with your help) if willing.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“Dear God, we know that wisdom is worth searching for. We trust You to give us wisdom and help us make good choices. Help us remember to think before we act. Help us remember every day to do the things we’ve talked about this month so that we **never stop growing in wisdom.**”

As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to show them the beans they will take home and watch grow to remind them to never stop growing in wisdom.

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