



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:** "Object Search" Activity Page, markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give kids an "Object Search" Activity Page and a marker.
- Challenge kids to search the environment and locate the objects listed on the page.
- Instruct kids to write the objects they discover in the corresponding spaces on their page.
- When kids are finished or when the allotted time is up, gather kids together.
- Let kids share what they specific things they found.
- To make this a competition, award a point for every unique answer provided. (In other words, count answers that only one kid came up with. If more than one kid wrote down "chair," for example, no one would get points for "chair.")
- The kid with the most points wins.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Grow as We Grow**  
Jesus Grows in Wisdom  
Luke 2:41-52

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"You did a great job searching! **[Transition]** Let's head to Large Group to hear about something really worth searching for."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What does it mean to be wise?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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James 1:5, NlrV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

Wisdom—Finding out what you should be doing and doing it

### BASIC TRUTH

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**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

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

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**BIBLE STORY EXTENSION**  
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Review the story by asking:
  - What did you learn from the story?
  - What did you learn about Jesus? How do you know Jesus valued wisdom?
  - Read Luke 2:46-47.
- Explain that the Rabbis are spiritual leaders and teachers of the Jewish law.
  - In Jewish culture, asking questions is the method they use to search for wisdom and understand Scripture.
  - How well a student understands the text or the teaching is determined by the questions the student asked.
  - We know that Jesus impressed the teachers in the temple courtyard because the story tells us that Jesus was asking questions and as He did, they were amazed at how much He understood.
- Pair kids up.
- Challenge them to have a conversation by one person making a statement about something, while the other person can respond only in questions.
- For example, one kid could say, "I know how to play the piano."
  - The other could ask, "What's your favorite piece to play?"
  - The first kid responds with her favorite music to play, and then the other kid could ask, "What key is it in?" Or "How long did it take you to learn that?"
- After a few rounds, gather kids together. Tell them that one way to search for wisdom is always to be thinking of and asking good questions.
- Ask:
  - Do you have any questions about the story we heard today? Anything you found confusing? *(Be prepared for kids to ask you a question you don't know how to answer. Assure kids sometimes we get answers to the questions we ask but, when we don't get answers, it is important to keep searching for wisdom and to keep asking questions.)*
  - Where can we search for wisdom? What are ways we can become wiser? *(learn what God says by going to church or reading the Bible, learning from mistakes, asking questions, etc.)*
  - **[Make it Personal] (Share about how you go about making a wise decision. Where do you seek wisdom?)**



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AUGUST 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

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



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- What does it mean to be wise?
- Is there a difference between being smart and being wise? *(Encourage kids to explain their answers. This is an opportunity to discuss the difference between knowing a lot of facts and making wise choices.)*
- Why is wisdom valuable? What is the benefit of making wise choices?
- What are some ways you can search for God’s wisdom?

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



### MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Prayer Cards" Activity Page, pencils, markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give kids a "Prayer Card," which has this month's memory verse on it.
- Encourage kids to think of a question they have or an area in which they need wisdom.
  - Maybe they are struggling with a friend and they aren't sure what to do.
  - Or they're having a tough time getting along with a parent but they're not sure what the problem is.
- Allow kids an opportunity to share about their situations with the group if they want.
- Give kids time to pray.
  - Encourage kids to ask God for His wisdom to answer their question.
  - Kids can pray silently or write their prayer on the back of their card.
- Allow time for kids to share their prayer with the group.
- Close in prayer.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

God, Your wisdom is valuable! Your wisdom protects us, teaches us how to treat one another, and shows us how You want us to live. God, we know we can trust You no matter what and when we turn to You—when we search for wisdom—You will provide for us. Open our eyes and ears to Your Word, give us courage to ask questions, and, like Jesus, help us to grow in wisdom. In Your name we pray, amen!

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