



WEEK  
**TWO**  
AUGUST 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO CREATE

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



### OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Play-Doh®

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a lump of Play-Doh.
- Ask the group: If you could ask for anything, what would it be? (Literally anything! It could be something real or crazy or imaginary.)
- Without telling the group what it is, let kids use the Play-Doh to create what they would ask for. (Or they can create something to represent their desire, if it's something abstract.)
- When kids are finished, challenge the group to identify each other's Play-Doh creations.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Wildest Dreams

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

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Why do you need wisdom?

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Very creative sculptures! **[Transition]** Let's head to Large Group to hear about a young man who could ask for anything he wanted."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### 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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**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



**TAKE A SNAPSHOT**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Scenario Cards" Activity Page, index cards, markers or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Give each kid four blank index cards.
- Shuffle "Scenario Cards" and give each kid a card.
- Instruct kids to read the card and, on a blank index card, write a consequence of the choice made in the scenario.
- Instruct kids to pass their "Scenario Card" to the left and repeat for the new one they receive.
- Collect all the index cards kids filled out.
- Group similar consequences together.
- As a group, separate the index cards into two piles:
  - Pile 1: Consequence of a wise choice
  - Pile 2: Consequence of an unwise choice.
- Discuss the differences between the consequences of a wise and an unwise choice.
- Ask:
  - Why do we need wisdom?

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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:**

- Why is wisdom important? Why do we need wisdom?
- What are some potential consequences of a wise choice? What are some potential consequences of an unwise or foolish choice?
- When we aren't sure what the truth is, where can we begin to search for 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:** A flashlight

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Turn on a flashlight. (Ideally, if you can, turn off the lights in the room for this activity.)
- Pass a flashlight around the circle, prompting whoever has the flashlight to pray a quick prayer before passing the flashlight to the next kid.
- Kids can pray out loud or silently.
- Challenge kids to ask God to give them wisdom for a specific situation or to praise God for giving them His wisdom.
  - Last week, if kids shared questions they had or situations they weren't sure how to handle, consider asking for an update and encourage them to continue to pray for God's wisdom.
- Close in prayer.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

God, King Solomon could have asked You for anything and he chose to ask for wisdom—for understanding—so he could determine the truth, Your truth. Just like it was for King Solomon, Your wisdom is valuable to us! It is important to make the wise choice but sometimes it's hard to determine what the wise choice is. But God we know we can trust You no matter what and when we turn to You, You will give us the wisdom we need. In Your name, Amen!

