



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
AUGUST 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**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

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Foolish Heart**

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

**TODAY'S KEY QUESTION**

Who is the wisest person you know?

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

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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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**OPENING ACTIVITY**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Read a list of words.
- Challenge kids to select the word that doesn't belong in the list.
- Inform kids they will have to listen carefully because you'll only read the list once.
- After a few rounds, to increase the challenge, pick up the speed at which you read the words.
- Word Lists:
  - Banana, Apple, **Carrot**, Strawberry
  - Car, Bike, Boat, **Tree**
  - Ball, **Shoe**, Marble, Gumball
  - **Scissors**, Markers, Pencils, Pens
  - Orange, Yellow, **Pizza**, Green
  - Leaf, Branch, **Grass**, Trunk

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"You had to listen very carefully to determine what word didn't belong in the list. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear about a guy who had a lot to learn about listening.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.





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25 MINUTES

### MADE TO MOVE

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



### TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Masking tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Create a line with masking tape on the floor.
- Tell kids to stand on the line shoulder to shoulder and facing you.
- Read a description from the list below.
- Tell kids if the answer is "wise" to jump in front of the line (toward you) and if the answer is "foolish" to jump behind the line (away from you).
- Descriptions:
  - Cheating on a math test: wise or foolish?
  - Saying mean things to others: wise or foolish?
  - Breaking the rules: wise or foolish?
  - Encouraging others: wise or foolish?
  - Being kind: wise or foolish?
  - Being thankful: wise or foolish?
  - Borrowing something without asking: wise or foolish?
  - Helping people: wise or foolish?
- Encourage kids to give an example of a wise person they know. Ask:
  - Why would you describe them as wise?

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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:** Bible

**WHAT YOU DO:**  
**Ask:**

- Solomon’s advisors learned by spending time with Solomon. Why is it important to hang out with wise people?
- Who is someone you think is wise? Why do you think they are wise? *(This question could potentially lead to a discussion on the fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22; A wise person demonstrates the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, etc. Be prepared to look up Galatians 5:22 to dig deeper.)*
- What can be the consequences of hanging around people who make wise choices?
- What can be the consequences of hanging around people who make unwise choices?
- What about when our friends are making choices that we’re not sure about? Maybe they’re doing stuff that isn’t the “smartest,” but you’re not sure if it’s “all that bad?” How can you get some advice about their behavior and what you should do?

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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:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Consider using the following to lead kids in prompted

prayer:

- God, You are . . . *(pause for kids to finish the sentence out loud or silently)*
- Thank You for the wise people You have put in my life. Thank You especially for . . . *(encourage kids to thank God for a wise person in their life)*
- Thank You for giving me Your wisdom when I ask. God, I need Your wisdom. *(Encourage kids to ask for wisdom for a specific situation or decision they need to make.)*
- In Your name we pray! Amen!

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