

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Trust God to give you wisdom.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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MONTHLY LIFE APP

Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP



SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction Early Arriver Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE WISDOM
 Shares stories each week with your groups that showed someone who was wise.
- L@AK WEEK --: 9; K TO SCHOOL BASH
 YOU WILL ALL GET A BOX that has some fun stuff, but also some things to start off your school year the best way possible! One fun item is a gratitude journal.

WORSHIP:

- THROUGH IT ALL
- THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

SMALL GROUP





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Supplies

Palm Tree Rock/Boulder Treasure Map Scrolls for each grade

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER. SLIDE: THEME OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER: "I love being here with all of you! I'm so excited that we get to sing and praise God together.

AUDIO: THROUGH IT ALL

AUDIO: THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

Host enters, dressed like Indiana Jones™.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION) OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! I don't know about you, but I'm ready for some fun and adventure! This month we're 'digging deep' and searching for wisdom.

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

"Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.

SLIDE: THEME OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"We need God's wisdom in order to make lots of important decisions in our lives. If we find His wisdom, then we'll be able to live His way—even when it's not easy. The wisdom we have from God is more valuable than any buried treasure!

"You'll definitely need some wisdom for today's game—and this is a fun one, because you'll get to play with your small group.



"When I say, 'Go,' you'll send one member of your group to the palm tree to get your first scroll. They will bring your scroll back to the group and unroll it. Work together to unscramble the words and find out what you need to do. Leaders, you can help your team read the clues, okay?

"After that first task, pick one person to go to the giant boulder to get your next scroll. Unscramble the words and do the task. Then send someone

to get your last scroll at the giant treasure map. Unscramble the words, complete the task, and you're done! At that point, you can sit down to let us all know that you finished.

"Let's see if we can all complete the challenge together! Remember, work together as a team. Ready, set, GO!

AUDIO: "THE RAIDERS MARCH (A.K.A. INDIANA JONES THEME)" BY JOHN WILLIAMS

Comment on the action as the groups get the scrolls and complete the challenges. You might need to remind them of the order when they pick up the scrolls (palm tree, boulder, treasure map). When all of the groups finish and are seated, celebrate everyone for getting it done!

Provide hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes if needed.

"That was EPIC! You are amazing. You used your wisdom to complete the challenge!

"I'm so glad that God gives us His wisdom so we can live His way.



WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Talk about wisdom! All of God's people heard about Solomon's decision, and they knew they could trust that he would judge them fairly.

"Solomon trusted that God is the source of all wisdom. He believed that God could give him the wisdom he needed to rule over the people. And sure enough, God made Solomon so wise that his understanding couldn't even be measured—like the sand on the seashore!

"Remember this . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Trust God to give you wisdom.

"That's what Solomon did; and it's what we can do, too.

"As you continue to grow in your relationship with God, your wisdom will continue to grow. So if you have a problem or a tough decision, talk to God about it. Ask Him for wisdom so that you know what to do.

"Our memory verse, James 1:5, will help us remember what to do if we need wisdom. Let's read it together.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault, James 1:5. (NIrV)

"And remember, God has put people in your life who can help you **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice**—like your family members and your leaders here at church.

Let's pray.

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You so much for the story of Solomon. Thank You for giving him wisdom to know how to judge fairly. Please help us have wisdom, too. Sometimes we have to make decisions, and we're not sure what to do. Help us be wise and trust You to give us wisdom when we need it. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"Let's head to Small Group now and talk about how we can trust God to give us wisdom!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT. SLIDE: THEME OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP