



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Think**

Wise People See Danger  
Proverbs 22:3

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Think before you act.

### 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

I need to make the wise choice.

### Supplies

- Course obstacles:
  - Bridge/Step
  - Tunnel
  - Pit/small pool
- Stuffed/inflatable animals
- Spray bottles-water

### 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

**15**  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver  
Opening Activity

### LARGE GROUP

**35**  
MIN

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE - WISDOM
  - Shares stories each week with your groups that showed someone who was wise.
- L@K WEEK -- : 9; K TO SCHOOL BASH
  - LAST WEEK -- everyone got boxes... but if you didn't we have some extras. Make sure you get those from your leader before you leave today!! 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:

- THE BEST IS YET TO COME
- GRAVES INTO GARDENS

### SMALL GROUP

**25**  
MIN



WEEK  
**THREE**  
AUGUST 2021

LARGE GROUP  
**K-3**

**PRELUDE**      **SOCIAL**      **STORY**      **WORSHIP**      **GROUPS**      **HOME**

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## 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:** "Hi, everyone! There is nothing better than being here at Mission with all of you. I love it when we worship God—and I love it when we shine His light for everyone to see.

**AUDIO:**

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*Host enters, dressed like Indiana Jones™.*

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

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME**

## OPENER

**HOST:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you! We've had a great time this month, digging deep to find what matters most. We're digging deep to find wisdom!

"What is 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**

"ALL wisdom comes from God. When we grow in our relationship with God—when we talk to Him and read His Word, the Bible—we can grow in wisdom!



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"For our game today, I need two Small Group Leaders who are willing to face an obstacle course that's full of danger. (Reference the course.)

"Who wants to play?"

*Choose one male and one female leader. (Be sure to choose leaders who are able to crawl through a tunnel.)*

*(to the two leaders)* "[Leader's names], thank you for bravely volunteering for this epic adventure. I admire your courage . . . but I think you'll need some help. You see, as you travel this course, you'll be blindfolded *(hand a blindfold to each leader)* . . . so you need someone really wise to lead you through the obstacles in your path. Why don't we pick one helper from each leader's small group? *(to the first leader's group)* Raise your hand if you want to do it!

*Choose a kid from each leader's group. Make sure you choose kids who have their hands raised.*

"All right! [Leaders' names], I'm so glad that you have these wise helpers to lead you through this course. As you can see, we have the Snake Pit Snag *(point to the 'snake pit')* . . . Canyon Cross *(point to the 'bridge')* . . . and the Creepy Crawly Tunnel *(point to the tunnel)*. Oh—and you never know what else might occur along the way. Wild animal encounters? Wild weather? Anything can happen!

*(to audience)* "Audience, let's cheer them on—and be ready, because I might call on some of you to add extra excitement as they make their way through the course.

"All right, leaders. Blindfolds on? Check! Wise helpers ready? Check! Then let's do this! On your mark, get set, go!

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

*Comment on the action as the kids guide the leaders through the three stations.*

*As the leaders move between stations one and two, let some kids (gently) toss stuffed and/or inflatable animals at them for a surprise "animal encounter."*

*As the leaders move between stations two and three, let some kids spray some water at them for a surprise "rainstorm."*

*When the leaders finish, congratulate them and their helpers. Collect the props as you send them back to their seats.*

"That was amazing! [Leaders' names] I'm so glad you had your wise helpers to guide you on your adventure. You would have been lost without them!



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### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Remember what Solomon said.

*Open the Bible to Proverbs 22:3 (NirV) and read.*

*"Wise people see danger and go to a safe place. But childish people keep going and suffer for it.*

"You see, God created each of us with the ability to **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** with the wisdom we have from Him. We can stop and think first, BEFORE we act. That way, we can see danger coming . . . and we can do whatever it takes to avoid it!

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Think before you act.** You'll be so glad you did!

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

"Of course, that's not always easy to do. We can forget to stop and think it over—especially if we feel angry, frustrated, or upset. But remember, God is always there to help us. We can talk to Him and ask Him to give us the wisdom we need.

"It can also help to think about Jesus. Think about what HE would do in that same situation. How would He show love? How would He show people how important and valuable they are—even when it's tough?

"With God's help, we can get in the habit of stopping to think before we act. And we can ask each other for help, too. In fact, let's head to Small Group now and talk about how we can think before we act. I bet you've got some great ideas, so be sure to talk about them with your friends, okay?"

### PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, we know that all wisdom comes from You! Thank You for reminding us today how we can put Your wisdom into action. Please help us remember to stop and think BEFORE we act. Help us see danger coming and **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** so we can stay safe. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

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