



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Foolish Heart

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

### 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

I need to make the wise choice.

### LARGE GROUP SUPPLIES

- Clipboards (one for each small group)
- "Crack the Code" Decoder Sheet, printed from the LG Assets PDF (one for each small group)
- Pencils or pens (one for each small group)

### 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.

#### WORSHIP:

- THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO
- I 3K? 3=7D

### SMALL GROUP

25  
MIN



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
AUGUST 2021

LARGE GROUP  
**K-3**

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

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10 MINUTES

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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:** "Every person in this room is so special. Every single one of us was made in the image of God.

**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:** "Hey, hey, hey, everybody! It's great to see your smiling faces! I'm so glad to be here at [your environment's name] with you today. This is a place where we come to have fun and learn more about God. This month, we're finding out how we can 'dig deep' and search 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**

"Where does all of our wisdom come from? (Pause for response.) Right! It comes from God. As we grow stronger in our relationship with God by reading the Bible, talking to God, and talking to people ABOUT God . . . we'll grow in wisdom. Then we'll be able to **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** in any situation.



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"Today's game is a fun test of wisdom . . . and you'll get to play it with your small group. You see, we've got a secret message to decode, and you've got to work together to crack the code!"

**SLIDE: "CRACK THE CODE"**

"Here's our secret message.

**SLIDE: "CRACK THE CODE" GAME SLIDE #1**

"As you can see, there are some blanks that we need to fill in. I've got these decoders that will help you figure out what the missing words are.

*Give a clipboard with a decoder sheet and a pen or pencil to each Small Group Leader.*

"When we play a sound, you'll look on the decoder to find the animal that makes that sound. Then find the word that's listed next to that animal. If you think that word is one of the missing words in the secret message, then write down the number of the blank where you think that word should go. If you think that word ISN'T in the secret message, just cross through that line.

"Okay, I think we're ready to start!"

**AUDIO: ANIMAL SOUND EFFECTS, IN RANDOM ORDER (AS CUED BY THE HOST)**

*After the first animal sound, talk the kids through the process: "What animal do you think THAT was? Okay, what word is next to that animal on your decoder? Do you think that word is in the secret message? If so, write down the number."*

*Go through all 15 animal sounds. Move quickly, since the kids will already have a pretty good idea which words are correct. Have some fun with the kids as you guess which animals make the sounds.*

"Okay! Raise your hand if you think you and your group have cracked the code. (Pause for response.) Excellent! Let's go through it together.

*Read through the verse, stopping to let the kids shout out the word that belongs in each blank. Show the slide with each "filled in" word as soon as the kids shout it correctly.*

**SLIDES: "CRACK THE CODE" GAME SLIDES #2-7, FOLLOWING THE HOST'S LEAD**

"Way to go, everyone! That's some great wisdom from James 1:5, by the way. It's our memory verse for this month, which might be why it sounds so familiar! Let's say it together."

**HOST AND KIDS:** *"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." (NIV)*



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**HOST:** "I love it! Great job, everyone."

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "From that day on, God's people were split into two kingdoms. Rehoboam still ruled in Judah, but Jeroboam was made king of Israel. King Rehoboam's foolishness had cost him nearly all of the kingdom! The people didn't trust him, and they didn't want to follow him anymore."

"You know, King Rehoboam was on the right track when he asked the wise elders for advice. He could have done what his dad had said—*walk with wise people and become wise*. (Proverbs 13:20, NIV) But unfortunately, he chose to listen to the young guys who just told him what he wanted to hear."

"We can learn from Rehoboam's mistake today. We can spend our time with people who are wise—people who love God, love us, and want what's best for us. ALL of us need people in our lives who can give us good advice and help us grow in wisdom. It's so cool that God can give us HIS wisdom through them!"

"Let's do this."

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Hang out with wise people."**

"Remember, Jesus had a group of close friends who spent lots of time with Him. They hung out with Jesus in all kinds of situations. They listened to Him teach, watched Him heal people, and saw how He showed love in lots of different ways. They saw what His relationship with His Father was like. Just like the disciples learned from Jesus, we can become wiser when we spend time with people who follow Jesus and want to live His way."

"Can you think of some wise people that God has put in your life? I can, too."

"Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

### PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us friends, family, and leaders who love You and want to follow You. Please help us find those wise people and spend time with them. Give us the wisdom to listen when they give us advice. Help us learn from them as we grow closer to You every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*