



WEEK
THREE
AUGUST 2024

SMALL GROUP
2-3

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

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for the wise people in your life who have led you to make wise choices and follow Jesus. Ask God to help the kids in your group discover that who they spend time with impacts their wisdom and the choices they make.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Much Needed Advice

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 VIRTUE

Wisdom—Finding out what you
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BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, and "Underwater Museum" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet each kid by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a copy of the "Underwater Museum" Activity Page.
- Invite kids to choose any animal from the "Underwater Museum" Activity Page, spread out in the group space, pose as the animal, and freeze in the shape of the animal they chose.
- Explain they are the 'statues' in the Underwater Museum!
- Choose one kid as the "guard" of the museum to walk around and observe the statues.
- Explain how the statues can change poses while the guard's back is turned, but if the guard sees them, the guard will tap them on the shoulder to indicate they're out.
- Continue until there is one or a few kids left in the game.
- As time allows, repeat with new poses and new "guards."



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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Colored construction paper, and timer:
Optional: blindfold

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into teams of three kids.
 - It's okay to have a team of two or a team of four.
- Direct all of the teams to gather on one side of your group space.
- Give each group a piece of colored construction paper. Give each team a piece that is a different color.
- Direct one kid from each team to place their team's construction paper on the other side of your group space as their "base" and then return to where their team is gathered.
- Set the timer for one minute.
- Instruct one kid in each group to close their eyes (or wear a blindfold).
- Direct the remaining kids on each team to lead their teammate to their team's "base" by giving directions with their voice.
 - State the rule that kids can't be led by the hand—they must listen carefully to follow their team members' instructions.
- Start the timer and instruct the kid with closed eyes (or a blindfold) to tune into their teammates and start walking based on their instructions.
- *NOTE: If your group space is small, have one group go at a time with the other kids sitting as obstacles in the middle.*
- Continue until all kids have had a chance to be led to the "base."

WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was fun! Great job listening to the voices who were leading you to your base. **[Transition]** Today we're going to hear about someone who had to choose which voice to listen to—and it made all the difference. Let's go!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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3. WIPE OUT!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, dry-erase board with dry-erase marker and dry-erase eraser (or equivalent)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up the Memory Verse, James 1:5, using the Bible Navigation Tips below.

Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders: Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find "James" in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find James, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find James. Help the kids find the page. When they find James, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 1. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 5 in chapter 1.

- Read the verse and invite anyone who would like the chance to read it aloud.
- Write the Memory Verse on the dry-erase board.
- Say the Memory Verse together a few more times.
- Erase one word.
- Invite the group to read the verse, challenging them to fill in the missing word from memory.
- Continue with a second word and so on until the whole verse is erased.
- Allow kids to reference their Bibles, as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Everyone did a great job working together to remember our Memory Verse! It's true—when you ask God for wisdom, God gives it freely. We can always reach out to God for help! When we **hang out with wise people**, including God, we can learn how to make the wise choice."

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4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Dry-erase board and dry-erase marker (or poster board and washable marker), index cards, and writing utensils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask: "What makes someone wise?"
- List their responses on the dry-erase board (or poster board).
 - For example: A wise person makes good choices, asks God for help, apologizes for their mistakes, learns from others, helps others make wise choices, etc.
- Give each kid an index card and a writing utensil.
- Ask kids to think of wise people in their lives and write down their names on their index card.
- Remind kids to take their index cards home and use them to remind them to spend time with those people and pray for them.
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for all the people in our lives who show us what it looks like to make wise choices. Thank You for surrounding us with people who can show us how to live and how to love like Jesus. Guide us to make the wise choice. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share their index cards of wise people.

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