

Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2025, Week 2

Bible Story: David and the Psalms • *Psalm 1:1-4 (supporting: Psalm 23:1-2; 8:1; 18:2)*

Bottom Line: God can help you make the wise choice.

Monthly Memory Verse: *It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.* Proverbs 16:16 (NIRV)

Large Group

"Welcome to Wisdomland, everyone! This is a place where every day is an adventure—and the best part is, you get to make choices that help you grow wise. And God wants to help you get wise! He is the wisest! Are you ready to hang out in Wisdomland today?"

"We're going to start with a super-fun game called 'Fast Pass Decision Dash!' Just like at a real theme park, you get special cards to help you decide what to do next. Sometimes, you have to think fast and make a choice. That's an important part of being wise—making the best choice, even when you have lots of options!"

"Let me divide our group into teams for our game today!"

Divide your group into a number of teams that you have cards for (6-8 is a manageable number of kids, but it's fine if teams have more kids!). Instruct the kids to sit in a circle. Put a pile of 'Fast Pass' cards in the middle of the circle facedown.

"Here's how it works: In the center of your group is a pile of 'Fast Pass' cards with a challenge on each card. When I say, 'Go!' your group must complete the challenge listed on the card as quickly as you can. When you're done with one card, grab another. After the game, we'll talk together about which choices were wise, silly, or tricky!"

"Once a team completes a challenge, they will draw another card. The team with the most completed cards wins. These volunteers and I will make sure you complete the challenges!"

Have a volunteer (or two) walk around the groups and ensure that the challenges are completed by the groups before moving on to the next card. Help with reading as necessary.

"Are you ready to start the game? (Pause for responses. Make sure each of the teams has a set of cards in their circle.)"

"Alright! Ready, set, go!!!!"

Stop the game after a few minutes, before a group has gone through all of their cards.

The challenges listed on the cards: (for the leader's reference)

- Find someone in your group wearing the same color shoes as you and give them a high five.
- Everyone in the group, jump three times, then freeze in a silly pose for five seconds.
- Work together as a group to make up a short cheer for "Wisdomland."
- Pretend you're all riding the wildest roller coaster—scream (politely) and throw your hands up!
- Decide as a group—would you rather wait in line for your favorite ride, or try something new with no wait? Share your answer.
- Choose a group leader to pick a "theme park snack"—then act out eating it together.
- Line up shortest to tallest.
- Tell the person next to you in the group one thing you think a wise person does every day.
- Make up a handshake with a new friend in your group.

- Imagine you lost your ticket—what would you do? Let each person in your group act it out.
- Sit in a circle as a group and pretend to paddle a boat together—nominate a leader to guide the boat, and shout “Splash!” every time you switch directions. Change directions at least three times.
- Share with your group: What’s the wisest thing you’ve heard? (Let each person share.)
- Pretend you’re a theme park mascot—be in character for 10 seconds.
- Think of a question you’d want to ask God if He was right here face-to-face with you. Share it with your group.
- Move as slowly as possible from one side of the room to the other—like you’re in slow-motion traffic!
- As a group, freeze like you’re taking a souvenir photo—big smiles!
- Say together: “If you want to be wise, focus on God!” in your best robot voices.
- Decide: Would you rather have wisdom or a suitcase full of candy? Why?

“You guys did a great job! Let me ask you something: So when a challenge involved having to make a choice, which ones were silly? Which ones required thinking? *(Invite discussion, refer to the list of challenges as you discuss.)*

“That was awesome! At Wisdomland, making decisions is part of every adventure. And you know what? God goes through every moment with you and He wants to help you make wise choices. That’s what we’re learning all month!

“Now, let’s get on our feet and get ready to worship the God who wants us to live wisely and well and who goes through everything with us!”

WORSHIP

When we worship through music, we get to focus our hearts on God. Something in our hearts starts to realize that God is king and we are His children. Knowing God is God is where real wisdom begins.

“Our song is called: ‘Know You More.’

“As we get to know God, as we learn who He is and His ways, we’ll become wiser because He is the wisest.

“God wants us to know Him so we can be His friend. So let’s make this song a prayer—we want to know God more, so we can be His friend. Let’s sing our first song together!

AUDIO: “Know You More” / track 1 from Focus

“Awesome! When we worship through music, we’re not just singing words—we’re telling God that we love Him!

MORNING TEA

BIBLE STORY

VIDEO: StoryLab

Stick of Shift

Talk about God | Bible Story Review Made to Move

What You Need:

- ☐ Bible marked at Psalm 1
- ☐ Floor tape
- ☐ “Stick or Shift” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Mark a straight line with floor tape down the center of your group space. The line should be long enough for every kid to stand on it.
- Invite the kids to line up on the tape line.

Move Together:

- One at a time, read the “Stick or Shift” Activity Page scenarios.
- After each scenario, give the kids a chance to respond.
 - If the person in the scenario is making a wise choice (God’s way), encourage the kids to stay on the tape line and stomp their feet.
 - If the person in the scenario is making an unwise choice, encourage the kids to take one big step to either side.
- Continue until all scenarios have been read and discussed.

Talk Together:

- Open the marked Bible to Psalm 1.
- Select a kid to read Psalm 1:1-4 to the group.
- Ask:
 - *What do you think it means to be like a strong tree planted near a stream of water?*
 - *What kinds of things help you grow your faith roots deep in God?*
- Share with kids that Psalm 1 teaches us that people who stay close to God and follow His ways are like strong trees planted by a stream.

- *Explain to kids that this verse reminds them that when they focus on God (reading the Bible, praying, learning from Jesus, and trying to make wise choices) they’re like that tree. They’re soaking up God’s truth like water! It means when hard things happen, like someone is unkind or they don’t know what to do, they don’t fall apart, they can stay rooted and ask God for wisdom along the way. They can keep trusting God, and He will help them stand tall, just like that tree! If they want to grow wise and live a strong life that honors God, focus on Him!*

What You Say:

“Awesome job, friends! When we choose God’s way (*stand on the line and stomp*), we are choosing the way that will make us strong and our roots go down deep!

“We just read some of Psalm 1. We don’t know if David wrote the psalm we just read, but we do know that he wrote many, many psalms—and we know he knew the truth of Psalm 1. He knew that God is good and that His ways are good.

“God is the wisest! That means that His ways to live are best. If we follow His ways, which He tells us in the Bible, we will be like a strong tree, with strong roots.

“So David spent his whole life working on his friendship with God. He wasn’t perfect, but he focused his life on growing closer to the wise One.

“And God wants all of us to live wisely too. One of the reasons He gave us the Bible is so we can learn about Him and His wise ways.

“So, be like King David, and be like the psalmist, and get to know God and His ways!

You will find that as you follow Him, you'll be a strong tree with deep roots. As you get to know the wise One, you will grow wise. **If you want to be wise, focus on God!"**

[Make It Personal] Share an age-appropriate example of a time you needed God's wisdom to make the wise choice. Maybe it was in a conversation with a friend. Did you pray, read Scripture, or talk to a trusted friend who follows Jesus? Share how God provided the wisdom you needed.

Map to Wisdomland*

Live for God | Application Activity Made to Explore

What You Need:

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ "Map to Wisdomland" Activity Page
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Give every kid a "Map to Wisdomland" Activity Page and a pencil.
- Divide kids into groups of 2-3.
- Give each group a Bible.

Explore Together:

- Say, "Each stop on your map has a special verse that gives us wisdom from God. One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is to help us find wisdom! Think of this map like an amusement park. Each ride or station teaches us something true and helps us discover how to live with some of the wisdom God has given us."
- Lead the groups to "travel" around the map, read about the situation listed, and look up the Bible verses to see how God's wisdom from the Bible can help in each situation.
- Refer to the "Station Answers" to help kids fill in their maps correctly.
- Continue until every group has reviewed each area of the map.
- Set out the coloring supplies where everyone can access them.
- Invite the kids to decorate their map with coloring supplies.
- Encourage the kids to write their names on their paper.
- Invite the kids to fold their "maps" on the two light lines to create a trifold "map."

Station Answers:

- **Trust Tower:** I can trust in the Lord because His understanding is greater than mine.
- **Patience Plunge:** I can wait patiently because God's timing is always right.
- **Courage Coaster:** I can be strong because God is with me wherever I go.
- **Kindness Carousel:** I can be kind because Jesus has been kind to me first.
- **Wisdom Wheel:** I can ask God for wisdom and He will help me make the right choice.
- **Forgiveness Food Court:** I can forgive because Jesus forgives me every time.

What You Say:

"That was so fun! Didn't it kind of feel like we were at an amusement park? There are so many different rides at an amusement park, and as we saw, God has given us wisdom for so many different situations!

"Have you ever been on a roller coaster before? It's full of ups, downs, bumps, twists, and turns. Life can feel that way at times. But the truth of our lives is this: God is with us through every high and low. And He wants us to live wisely no matter what we face in the ride of life! That's part of the reason why He gave us the Bible, to give us the direction we need to follow His ways!

Ask your group this question: Who do you listen to? Explain to the kids that wise people spend time with wise people who follow God! Think about the people in your everyday life (friends, family, leaders) who you listen to. Who do you go to when you need advice or help?

"So when you're facing something confusing, getting ready to have a hard conversation with a friend, deciding what's right when everyone else is doing the wrong thing, or needing to take a deep breath before saying something you might regret—pause! Ask God for help. Ask Him to remind you of His truth and wisdom in the Bible. Talk to a trusted adult who follows

Jesus. **If you want to be wise, focus on God!"**

Pray and Dismiss

**Pray to God | Prayer Activity
Made to Reflect**

What You Need:

- ☐ "Map to Wisdomland" Activity Pages from "Map to Wisdomland" Activity (Application Activity)
- ☐ Pencils

What You Do:

- Say, "God gives us wisdom through His Word, the Holy Spirit, and through people who love and follow Him!"
- Direct the kids to turn the map over and write three wise people they know who follow Jesus.
- Help them think through their answers by asking:
 - *Who do you know who follows Jesus and loves others?*
 - *Who's someone you know who feels safe to ask for help when you don't know what to do?*
 - *Who is someone who prays with you or helps you learn about God?*
- Encourage the kids to thank God for those people as they write!

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for being the source of ALL wisdom! Thank You that You gave us the Bible because You want us to be wise. And also thank You for putting people in our lives who follow You because You want us to be wise. Help us to be like David and to focus our lives on our friendship with You. We want to be close to You and wise like You are! Teach us to listen to You and the people who know You well. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."