

Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2025, Week 3

Bible Story: Solomon Chooses Wisdom • 1 Kings 3:4-15

Bottom Line: You can ask God for Wisdom

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

OPENER

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids with a high five or fist bump as they arrive,
- Invite the kids to stand in a circle.
- Select one kid to toss the beach ball to someone else.
- When a kid catches it, ask them a “Get to Know You” question.
- After answering, instruct the kid to toss the ball to someone new.
- Read another question aloud to the kid who has caught the beach ball.
- Continue until every kid has had a turn to answer a question!

Get to Know You Questions

1. What's your favorite flavor of ice cream?
2. If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
3. What's your favorite part of an amusement park? The food, rides, or something else?
4. If you could have any animal as a pet—even a wild one—what would you pick?
5. What's your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?
6. If you opened your own restaurant, what kind of food would you serve?
7. What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
8. If you could switch places with a character from a book or movie, who would it be?
9. What's your dream vacation?
10. What's your favorite color?

What You Say:

“That was fun! I love learning about each of you and seeing how creative and curious you are.

“Asking questions helps us get to know each other. But did you know it's also how we get to know God?

“Today in our true story from the Bible, we're going to hear about a king who asked God for something REALLY big. God didn't just hear his question, He answered it in an epic way. Let's go find out what happened and why it matters for us today!”

WORSHIP

The song is called ‘Know You More.’ This song is all about wanting to get closer to God—that is the wisest thing we can do in life! And when we get to know God and His ways, we will learn what's right and wise. So let's make this song our prayer and sing it out together!

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

SLIDE: Memory Verse

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BIBLE STORY

Video: Story Lab

Story Review

Talk about God | Bible Story Review
Made to Play

Play Together:

- Onscreen will be the questions

Story Review Answer Key

1. **When God appeared to Solomon in a dream, what did He say to Solomon?** (God said, “Ask for anything you want me to give you.” —1 Kings 3:5 NIV)
2. **What did Solomon ask for instead of money, strength, or chicken sandwiches?** (*wisdom—an understanding heart to know what is right—1 Kings 3:9*)
3. **How did God respond to Solomon’s request for wisdom?** (*God was pleased and gave him wisdom, plus wealth and honor—1 Kings 3:10-13.*)
4. **What book of the Bible includes many of Solomon’s wise sayings?** (*Proverbs*)
5. **How can we seek God’s wisdom in our own life?** (*Read the Bible, talk to trusted people who follow Jesus, pray, and keep learning about Him at church.*)

What You Say:

“Amazing job working together to answer questions from today’s true story from the Bible!

“Even though Solomon was a king, he knew that he didn’t have what it took to lead a kingdom on his own. Think about this: Solomon could have asked for ANYTHING. But he didn’t. He asked for wisdom. The kind of wisdom that helps you know what’s right, even when it’s hard. And that request made God so happy! God loves to share His wisdom!

“Friends, God isn’t far away. Just like Solomon asked for wisdom, we can ask for wisdom too.

God is always with us, and He wants to help us make wise choices and live well. God is the source of all wisdom—He is the wisest! Remember, **you can ask God for wisdom!**”

Sticky Prayers*

Live for God | Application Activity
Made to Imagine

You’ll Need:

- ☐ “Sticky Prayers” Activity Page
- ☐ Sticky notes
- ☐ Markers

You’ll Do:

- Sit on the floor or around a table.
- Give every kid a “Sticky Prayers” Activity Page and six sticky notes.
- Set out the markers.

Imagine Together:

- Ask: “When is a time you’ve needed help making a wise choice?”
 - *Encourage kids to think about real-life situations like a conversation with a friend, a time they felt angry, or when they were unsure what to do.*
- Say, “We’ve been discovering all month long that true wisdom comes from God! He is the wisest, and He wants to give us wisdom so we can go through life well. Each of the prayers on your page are ways we can talk to God when we need His wisdom.”
- Point out the six situations and feelings at the bottom of the page.
- Direct the kids to write (or draw) each situation on their sticky notes.
- Lead the kids to take each sticky note and place it on top of the six prayer prompts on the page.

What You Say:

“Awesome job with these Sticky Prayers, friends! These are real moments when we can

stop, talk to God, and say: 'God, will You give me wisdom?' Maybe you need help figuring out what to say to a friend who's sad. Or how to do the right thing, even when no one's watching. These are all moments when we should lean in to God's presence with us and ask God for help!

"Friends, following Jesus is THE best decision you'll ever make. Why? Not only does Jesus give you a brand-new life where you can be close friends with God, but He gives you the gift of the Holy Spirit to live with you and guide you! That means you're never, EVER, alone! When you ask God for wisdom, the Holy Spirit might give you a new idea, or help you understand what's true!

"Take your Sticky Prayers home and keep them somewhere you'll see them. You can use these prayers to start your conversation with God anytime. Let them remind you that **you can ask God for wisdom!**"

Pray and Dismiss

Pray to God | Prayer Activity Made to Reflect

You'll Need:

- Sticky Prayers Activity Pages from "Sticky Prayers: Activity (Application Activity)"

You'll Do:

- Give kids their Sticky Prayers page and invite them to find a quiet spot in your group area.
- Say, "This is a moment just between you and God! Look at the nine prayer squares on your page. Remember we connected them to different feelings—like sadness, excitement, frustration, or confusion."
- Ask:
 - "Think about how you're feeling today. What square matches that feeling the most right now?"
- Explain that they can ask God for wisdom in any situation.
- Direct the kids to read the prayer in that square quietly to themselves.
- Close in prayer.

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for always being with us—no matter how we're feeling or what's going on around us. We are SO grateful that You understand each of our hearts, and You give us everything we need. Please help us to remember that You are the wisest and **we can ask You for wisdom**. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."