

Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2025, Week 4

Bible Story: The Kings • 1 & 2 Kings

Bottom Line: Be wise because your choices matter.

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

Social

Opening Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- ☐ "Ticket Toss" Activity Page
- ☐ Prepared containers or buckets
- ☐ Floor tape

What To Do:

- Before you begin, place the "A" and "B" buckets at the front of your group area.
- Mark a line with tape on the opposite end of your group area.
- Give each kid six tickets from the "Ticket Toss" Activity Pages.

Play Together:

- Direct the kids to gather behind the tape line.
 - *They don't have to stand in a line!*
- Explain that you will read a "Would You Rather" question, and each kid will travel to place their ticket into the "A" or "B" bucket to cast their vote.
- After each vote, give kids a moment to travel back to the other side of your group area.
- Ask a few kids to share why they made their choice.
- Repeat the process until all questions have been answered.

Would You Rather Questions

- Would you rather: A) always win at rock-paper-scissors or,
B) always win at hide-and-seek?
- Would you rather: A) ride the world's fastest roller coaster or,
B) go down the world's biggest water slide?
- Would you rather: A) only have pizza forever or,
B) only have ice cream forever?
- Would you rather: A) be famous on YouTube or,
B) be a world-famous athlete?
- Would you rather: A) have unlimited slime or,
B) Have unlimited fidget toys?
- Would you rather: A) never have to brush your teeth again or,
B) never have to take a bath again?

What You Say:

"That was so fun! Those were some silly choices. But you know what? They reminded me of the choices we have to make every day. Sometimes our choices can feel small or big. And sometimes, our choices make a big impact on our lives and on others!

"Today, we'll hear a true story from the Bible about different people who had to make important decisions, and what they chose shows us that choosing wisely matters. Let's go!"

WORSHIP

“Who’s ready to worship? Our first song is ‘Know You More’. This song is about getting to know God better—He’s the source of all wisdom! Getting to know Him and His ways is the wisest thing you can do with your life! As you sing, think about asking God to help you make wise choices in every part of your life.

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

“Let’s take a moment to remember our special verse we’re memorizing this month.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“Let’s say it together:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

It is much better to choose understanding than silver. (Proverbs 16:16 NlrV)

“Wow! God’s wisdom is worth more than anything. And He wants to give it to us because He loves us so much and wants us to live well!

“Let’s take a moment to thank God for all He’s done and ask Him to help us be wise this week.

“God, thank You for loving us, for making us, and for giving us wisdom through Your Word and Your Son, Jesus. Help us to follow You and make wise choices every day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen!

“Awesome job! You can sit down, but stay tuned—because up next, we’re going to take a wild Wisdomland journey through the Bible and see how kings’ choices changed everything.”

BIBLE STORY

VIDEO:

Seeds of Wisdom

Talk about God | Bible Story Review
Made to Explore

What You Need:

- ☐ Zip-top bags
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Lima beans
- ☐ Small bottle of water
- ☐ Permanent marker

What To Do:

- Gather the kids together on the floor or around a table.
- Give every kid one zip-top bag, one paper towel, and 2-3 lima beans.

Explore Together:

- Say, “Today we’re going to plant something—follow me step-by-step!”
 - Step 1: Dampen the paper towel using the small water bottle. (Not too much! Assist the kids with this step as needed.)
 - Step 2: Place the damp paper towel in the zip-top bag.
 - Step 3: Add 2-3 lima beans on top of the towel, inside the bag.
 - Step 4: Seal the bag tightly, leaving a bit of air inside.
- Set out the permanent markers and instruct the kids to write their names, and “**Be wise because your choices matter**” on the bag.
- Say, “Over time, the lima beans will sprout and grow into little plants! Tape your bag to a window at home, where it can get some sunlight.”
 - *Note: Let the kids know they will need to check on the beans each day, keeping the paper towel wet (but not too wet)!*

Talk Together:

- Ask: “What happened when the kings made wise choices. What happened when they didn’t?” *(When kings made wise choices—like King Solomon during the season of his life when he asked God for wisdom and followed it—things went well for the people, and God was with them. When kings disobeyed God or made selfish choices, things got very hard. People stopped trusting God. Some kings even led the people to worship false gods, and that caused BIG trouble.)*
- Ask, “What do you think made a king wise in God’s eyes?”
- Ask, “Do you think it was always easy for the kings to choose what’s right?”

What You Say:

“Today’s Bible Story showed us ups and downs of kings who had choices to make. Some chose to follow God and God’s ways, and the people they reigned over were blessed! Other kings didn’t, and it caused a lot of trouble. God’s way is always the best way to live.

“I want you to think of your beans like the choices we make. When we ask God for wisdom, and make the wise choice over and over again, it grows good fruit just like the seed turning into a strong plant. Does God give us grace when we don’t make wise choices all of the time? Absolutely! That’s why He sent Jesus—God knew we wouldn’t get it all right all the time. But He wants to help us choose wisely and live well. That’s part of the reason why He came to live inside of us Himself through the Holy Spirit, He wants to guide us through life well, so we live strong and beautifully!

“Sometimes, choosing God’s way is not easy. But when we choose God’s way over and over again, we grow into people who love well, live with purpose, and show others who Jesus is.
Be wise because your choices matter.”

Cause and Effect

Live for God | Application Activity Made to Imagine

What You Need:

- ☐ “Cause and Effect” Activity Page
- ☐ Pencils

What To Do:

- Gather the kids together in a seated circle or at a table in your group area.
- Give every kid a “Cause and Effect” Activity Page and a pencil.

Imagine Together:

- Invite the kids to form groups of 2-3.
- Say, “We’re going to do an activity together to help us think about how our choices lead to different outcomes! On one side of your page, you’ll see **causes**, things someone might do (*point to them*). On the other side, you’ll see **effects**, what might happen next (*point to them*).”
- Instruct the kids to work together to draw lines from each cause to its possible effect.
- Refer to your copy of the “Cause and Effect” Activity Page, and, one by one, talk through each of their choices as a group!

Talk Together:

- Ask, “Can you think of a time you made a wise choice and it led to something good?”
- Ask, “What are some ways we can practice listening to the Holy Spirit in everyday life? Like at school, with our friends, or at home?” *(Pausing before reacting, asking God for help in the moment, and reading the Bible to learn God’s voice.)*

What You Say:

“Great thinking, friends! Our choices matter. They matter because they shape our lives and the lives of others. The choices we make can lead to all kinds of outcomes—some good,

some not-so-great. That's why today's bottom line is SO important: **Be wise because your choices matter!**

"Wisdom can mean stopping to ask: 'Hmm. God, what might happen if I do this?' He wants to help you make the wise choice! When we choose to follow Jesus, God's Son, we aren't on our own to figure things out—we have the Holy Spirit to guide us! The Holy Spirit helps us stop, think, and make decisions that honor God.

"What are some of these wise, godly choices we can make? Well, we can look at the life of Jesus to know what's wise! He is God and He showed us how God would live. Jesus didn't just tell people what was right. He lived it! He was kind. He was honest. He was fair. He was forgiving. He listened. He helped people who needed help.

"As we try to live wisely, we won't be perfect, but we'll grow in God's wisdom as we keep asking for it and practicing, even when it's hard. This week before you react, pause and remind yourself to **be wise because your choices matter!**"

Close in Prayer...