

Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2025, Week 3

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

Conversion Starter: When do you need wisdom?

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

What You Do:

- You can either play this game by making the kids move to a wall in the room, outside or just sitting on the seats.
- Explain that you'll ask a "Would You Rather?" question, and kids will choose their answer by walking to the tape line you designate for each choice.
- Mix in random, funny questions to keep the game engaging!
- Be sure to indicate where/what represents each choice.
- Play as long as time and interest allow.

Would You Rather Questions

- Would you rather sneeze confetti or burp bubbles?
- Would you rather be super-strong or super-fast?
- Would you rather ask God or guess on your own?
- Would you rather be rich and unkind or wise and kind?
- Would you rather eat pizza with chocolate syrup or ice cream with ketchup?
- Would you rather have wings or a tail that glows?
- Would you rather live in a treehouse or a castle made of LEGOs®?
- Would you rather pause and pray or rush to decide?
- Would you rather get advice from a friend or the Bible?
- Would you rather have gold or God's wisdom?

- Would you rather look smart or actually be wise?
- Would you rather make one wise decision or ten easy ones?
- Would you rather be able to talk to animals or breathe underwater?
- Would you rather have giant clown shoes or a tutu that never comes off?

What You Say:

"You all made some awesome (and hilarious) choices! You had to stop and think QUICKLY! Today we're talking about wisdom. What is wisdom? Why do we need it?"

"We'll hear a true story from the Bible about someone who could have had anything in the world, but instead, he asked God for wisdom! Let go find out what happened and how we can do the same!"

BIBLE STORY

VIDEO: *So & So starting at 3:35*

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: “So, after everything we’ve explored about Solomon and wisdom, what’s our part?”

“Solomon started out asking for help. He didn’t pretend to have all the answers. He turned to God and said, ‘I need You.’ And God loved that!”

“That’s still true for us. We don’t have to have it all figured out. In fact, the wisest people you’ll ever meet are the ones who keep asking God for help, who pause before big decisions, who slow down enough to listen for His voice.

“This week, you’re going to face moments that require wisdom—maybe at home, at school, with your friends, or even just inside your own thoughts. You might feel the pressure to figure it out on your own. But you have the same invitation Solomon did: *Ask God for wisdom. Trust Him to answer. Listen for His leading. And don’t be afraid to talk it out with people you trust too.*

“Here’s our Conversation Starter—you can chew on this question as you head to your Small Groups:

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

[Conversation Starter] “When do you need wisdom?”

SLIDE: *Theme Background*

“And let that other question we talked about go with you this week. When you feel lost, confused, or just need help—pause, turn to God, and ask: ‘God, what’s the wise thing to do?’

“He promises to listen. He promises to give you what you need.

“Let’s talk to God about that right now.

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: “God, thank You for loving us so much that You want to share Your wisdom with us because You want us to live wisely and well. Help us remember to ask You for wisdom—not just when we’re desperate, but every day. Give us the humility to ask for help, hearts that listen, and courage to follow what You say. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Take a Snapshot

Live for God | Application Activity

What You Need:

- ☐ “Fast Pass” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Fast Pass card from the “Fast Pass” Activity Page.
- Instruct them to read the Scripture on their Fast Pass and answer the questions.
- After a few minutes, invite the kids to walk around and “trade” their cards
 - Before trading, each kid must briefly explain their verse and response to the other.
- After several trades, ask:
 - “Did anyone hear something today that helped you think differently?”
 - “Why do you think God wants us to share wisdom with others?”

[Make It Personal] *(Share an age-appropriate time when you asked God for wisdom. What did He show you? A Scripture? Did a friend who follows Jesus help you talk through a situation?)*

Bible Story Extension

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Explore

What You Need:

- ☐ Tablecloth
- ☐ Soil
- ☐ Small plant cups
- ☐ Seeds
- ☐ Spoons
- ☐ Permanent markers
- ☐ Small water bottles

Inclusive Supplies:

- ☐ Gloves

What You Do:

- Lay the tablecloth out on the floor or on a table in your group area.
- Place the soil, seeds, spoons, permanent markers, and small cups of water on the tablecloth.
- Give every kid a small plant cup and invite them to write:
 - Their name.
 - Something that reminds them of today's Bible Story.

Explore Together:

- Lead the kids to:
 - Scoop some soil into their cup. The cup should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
 - Choose a seed and gently press it into the soil. The seed should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deep in the soil.
 - Gently add a little water to the cup to water the seed, but not drown it.
- Ask:
 - "Why do you think Solomon asked for wisdom instead of something like money or power?"
 - "Why do you think God was so happy that Solomon asked for wisdom?"
 - "When Solomon followed God, his life was beautiful. He was

one of the most prosperous kings of God's people. How does following God's wisdom make your life beautiful?"

- "What's one area where you want to grow wiser this year?"
- Explain to the kids that Solomon didn't ask for stuff; he asked for wisdom from God. Solomon wanted to live God's way, not just his own.
- When we choose to follow Jesus, we're saying: "I don't have it all figured out. I need help." We all face decisions where we need wisdom. The good news? God doesn't leave us on our own. The Holy Spirit goes with us every step of our lives, and we can ask Him for wisdom anytime, anywhere. God wants to share His wisdom with us and help us live well!
- God wants us to live lives that are rooted in His wisdom. As you watch this seed grow up, know that it is getting similar roots down in the soil that you can't see. Ask God to root you deep in His wisdom so you can grow up and be the beautiful creation He made you to be!

Discussion Questions

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Connect

Ask:

- When do you need wisdom?
- What does it tell you about God that He was pleased when Solomon asked for wisdom instead of riches or power?
 - What do you think this says about what God really wants for you? How does that help you know Him better?
- What's a decision you've faced recently where you needed wisdom?
- What's the difference between being smart and being wise?

Make It Personal with Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- ☐ Prepared construction paper signs
- ☐ Index cards
- ☐ Pencils or pens
- ☐ Device for playing worship music

What You Do:

- Place the four signs in different areas of your group space.
- Give every kid an index card and a pencil or pen.
- Say, "Today, we discovered that wisdom comes from God, and it shapes how we live, make decisions, love, and treat others. Let's wrap up by taking some time to talk to God and ask for wisdom in specific areas of our lives."
- Point to each sign and briefly explain:
 - **Loving Others:** I want to ask God to help me show love, kindness, and care.
 - **Choosing Wisdom When Others Are Not:** I want to ask God to help me make wise choices.
 - **Being Patient:** I want to ask God to help me wait well and stay calm when things don't happen right away.
 - **Being Slow to Listen and Slow to Get Angry:** I want to ask God to help me pause and listen before I speak or act.
- Let the kids take a minute to choose one category that they really need God's help with right now.
- Invite them to travel to that sign, sit, and reflect.
- Encourage them to pray to God silently, out loud, or write or draw a prayer on the index card.
- Play the worship music softly as the kids reflect.

God, thank You for each of my friends here today. Thank You for being the Source of true wisdom. Thank You that You want to share Your wisdom with us. Thank You for never holding back when we ask for help. Grow us in wisdom, like a seed planted DEEPLY in soil that grows beautifully. Help us remember to pause and ask You for wisdom in every situation. We want to go through life with You! We love You so much, God. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!