

Alley SG - August 25-26, 2018

Bible Story: Don't Stop Believin' (Trust in the Lord) * *Proverbs 3:5-6 (1 Kings 10:1-10)*

Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.

Key Question: Why can't you trust yourself to always make the wise choice?

Memory Verse: "If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you."
James 1:5a (NirV)

1. Just For Fun

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Ask** someone to name a color and then let the person next to him call out something that is that color. (Note that the thing named does not have to be something in the room.) Continue around the group, having each person name something else that is the color the first person named.
- **Allow** no more than three seconds for students to answer. If a person cannot name something in that time, he is out of that round.
- **Play** until there is a winner, then start over with another color.

2. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Ask** a student to think of a noun (person, place, or thing) that relates to wisdom in some way (but don't have him share it out loud).
 - For example, a wise person, places we go where we need to act wisely, things that we need to use in a wise way, things that can get in the way of wisdom, and so on.
- **Choose** someone to begin and then let the rest of the group take turns asking one or two YES or NO questions.
 - If no one guesses the word after 10 questions, the person with the word gets a point.
 - Move onto the next person and have the group try to guess his word.
- After each round, **let** students share how that person, place or thing relates to wisdom.
- **Help** students come up with words if needed.
 - School
 - Parent
 - Movies
 - Money
 - Time
 - Small Group Leader

3. Bible Story Extension

What You Need: Bibles, index cards (1 for every 2 students), pens

1. Do a wisdom scripture search.
 - Hand out Bibles and let students work in pairs to find the verses below and choose the one they feel best applies to their lives right now.

- Come together and let each pair share their favorite verse.
- Ask students to name men and women in the Bible who lived out Proverbs 3:5-6 in some way. Invite them to use the concordance to find specific references to their stories if they don't know them.
- Here are a the verses you can suggest students check out:
 - Joseph (Acts 7:10b)
 - Bezalel (Exodus 31:1-5)
 - Solomon (1 Kings 4:29)
 - Daniel (Daniel 5:11-12)
 - Stephen (Acts 6:8-10)
 - Christ (1 Corinthians 1:24-25; Luke 2:52)

4. Discussion Questions

- Why is it important to look for wisdom when you're young?
- Since God is the source of all wisdom, what are some ways to involve Him in the decisions you make?
- What steps can you take to know what God wants you to do?
- What's one example of what it looks like to trust God with all your heart?
- If someone asked you how to be wise, what would you tell that person?

5. Make it Personal with Prayer

What You Need: Bible; index cards (1 per student), pens

What You Do:

- **Ask** students to share their biggest wisdom take-aways from this month. What's one thing they learned about God or themselves or a change they'd like to make in order to be wiser?
- **Close** by asking students to think of something they need wisdom for right now.
- **Encourage** them to pray silently or out loud about that thing, asking God to help them discover the wisdom they need through His Word and the wise people He has put into their lives.

Optional:

- **Give** students the option of writing out a prayer in which every sentence begins with the letter "W" for wisdom.
- When everyone is done praying, **read** 1 Timothy 1:17 aloud as a prayer of praise to our wise and powerful God who will make us wise when we choose to follow Him.
- **Ask** students to echo back each phrase as you read, "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." (NIV)

HAND OUT "GOD TIME" SHEETS TO EACH STUDENT BEFORE DISMISSING

IF STUDENTS BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE \$3 IN ALLEY CASH