

# City SG - August 25-26, 2018

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

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

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

## 1. Treasure of Trust

**What You Need:** "Treasure Chest" Activity Page (1 per kid), envelopes (1 per kid), glue sticks, markers, stickers and/or other embellishments

### What You Do:

- Give each kid a treasure chest picture
- Guide kids to glue their treasure chests to the fronts of their envelopes. (*Don't have them open the envelope until prayer time*)
- Set out the markers, stickers, and any other items you provided and invite kids to decorate their treasure chests as they choose.
- As they work, use the conversation below as a guide to review today's Bible story truths.
- Tell kids they will open the treasure chests during prayer time.

### What You Say:

"Today you learned that if you need wisdom, the first place you should go—the BEST place you can go—is to God. Proverbs 3:5-6 says: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight, (Nlrv)*. God wants us to trust Him because He loves us and knows what's best for us. He wants us to obey Him because when we do, we're following His plan for our lives.

**[Make It Personal]** (*Tell kids about a time you trusted and obeyed God and things turned out better than you could have imagined.*)

"So remember, **[Bottom Line]** if you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom. And you know what? God's wisdom is more valuable than all the treasure in the world!"

## 2. Wisdom in the Word

**What You Need:** "Scripture Search" Activity Pages (1 per kid), pens, Bibles

### What You Do:

- Hand out Activity Pages and pens.
- Tell kids to look up Proverbs 3:5-6.
- Ask them to recap what the verse means and what they learned about it in Large Group.
- Explain that the verses on the page are pieces of wisdom found in the Bible.
- Encourage them to look up the verses and write out at least two of them (or write them in their own words).
- They should choose the two they think would help them the most when they need wisdom or they need to be reminded of the importance of wisdom.

### What You Say:

**[Bottom Line]** "If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom. And where's the best place to get that wisdom? The Bible! Yes, God's Word has so much wisdom. You can find help for almost anything you need in the Bible. If you're not sure where to look, you can ask a trusted adult to guide you to verses or to help you look some up online. God will ALWAYS give you wisdom when you ask for it. God is the author of wisdom.

Trust that He will direct your path and get you where you need to be in life.” **[Make It Personal]** (Tell kids about a verse or two that have helped you when you needed wisdom.)

### 3. Memory Verse Spoons

**What You Need:** “Memory Verse Phrase & Bottom Line Cards (1 set per group) plastic spoons (1 per kid)

**What You Do:**

- Instruct children to sit in a circle.
- Arrange the spoons in a small circle in the center of the circle.
- Be sure the orange cards are shuffled well.
- Deal four cards to each player. Keep the rest of the deck in front of you.
- Tell kids the goal is to get the entire verse—all four cards- and say the verse when you have it.
- Take a card off the top of the deck, remove one card from your hand, and pass it facedown to the left.
- The person on your left will then take that card and discard one facedown to the left. This continues around the circle.
- The last player places his discard into a trash pile.
- If at any time the deck runs out, shuffle the trash pile and keep going.
- Cards should be picked up and passed quickly around the table until someone gets four of a kind and takes a spoon from the center.
- Once the player with four of a kind takes a spoon, anyone can take a spoon.
- The player left without a spoon is out, and play starts over again. Always leave one fewer spoon in the middle than the number of players.
- *Alternate version:* When someone fails to get a spoon, he’s not out. He just gets a letter of the word “WISE.” Once someone gets the whole word, he’s out.

**What You Say:**

“That game goes super fast. You had to quickly decide which cards to keep and which to discard. Sometimes life is like that. We have to quickly decide whether to choose the wise path or the not-wise path. OR we have to quickly decide which choice even IS the wise one. But God will always help us. He’ll ALWAYS give us wisdom when we ask. **[Bottom Line]** If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.”

### 4. Pray and Dismiss

**What You Need:** “Treasure Chests” from Activity #1, “Treasures of Wisdom” cards inside envelope

**What You Do:**

- Have each kid take out the “Treasures of Wisdom” from their decorated envelope
- Read the verses aloud, guiding kids to point to the words as you read.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into a time of prayer.
- Direct kids to place their “Treasures of Wisdom” cards back inside their treasure chests.

**What You Say:**

“This month, we’ve been learning all about wisdom—finding out what you should do and doing it. Is wisdom important? Yes! The Bible even tells us that God’s wisdom is more valuable than gold and silver and jewels! (Proverbs 3:13-16; 8:11)

“So right now, let’s do what James 1:5 says and ask God for wisdom. Let’s pray.

“Dear God, thank You for Your promise to give us wisdom when we ask for it. And so, Lord, right now we ask for wisdom to help us know the difference between right and wrong. We ask for wisdom to trust You with all our heart and obey You in all our ways. Thank You, Lord, for Your gift of wisdom—a gift that’s more valuable than jewels or treasure. We love You so much, Lord. Amen.”