

# CITY LG August 3-4, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Growin' Up (Jesus Grows in Wisdom) • *Luke 2:41-52*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Wisdom is worth searching for.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault.* James 1:5 (NIRV)

**Monthly Virtue:** Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it

## WORSHIP

For Your Glory

Who You Say I Am

**Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Hi, everybody! I'm so glad you're here with us today in The CITY! This month we get to 'Dive Deep' and find out how we can grow in wisdom like Jesus did.

We've got lots of fun planned, starting with this really cool game! Check out the screen to see if you can figure out these things you might see if you were to "Dive Deep" into the ocean.

**VIDEO: Under the Sea Screen Game**

Hi, friends! Our story today is from the book of Luke, in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) This book was written by a man named Luke who wanted to share the amazing things Jesus did and said.

(*Flip to the beginning of the Bible.*) "If we look all the way back to the very beginning of the Bible, we see how God made the world and everything in it—including people. But people turned away from God and tried to do things their own way. Still, God had a good plan to bring people back into relationship.

When the time was right, God sent Jesus to be our Rescuer. Let's see what happened...

**VIDEO: Bible Story**

After all of this happened, Jesus returned home to Nazareth with His parents. We can read here in the book of Luke about how Jesus grew up:

*Open the Bible to Luke 2:52 (NIRV) and read.*

*Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people. (NIRV)* As Jesus grew, He looked for and grew in wisdom. Jesus is God's Son, but still He grew and learned! Let's stand up and look at our bottom line.

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

Jesus knew that **wisdom is worth searching for.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

was really important to Jesus to grow in wisdom. That's why He stayed to talk to the teachers in the temple. And if Jesus searched for wisdom, that's definitely something we should do too.

That's right! Wisdom is about more than just being smart or knowing lots of things.

**SLIDE: Virtue**

Wisdom is about **finding out what you should do and doing it.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

That brings up a really good question. HOW can we grow in wisdom? What are some ways that we can grow and become wiser, like Jesus did?"

We can talk to wise people—people who love God and who show God's love to others. We can also learn from the times we make mistakes. We can ask God to help us make a different choice the next time."

And remember, we can ALWAYS pray and ask God to give us wisdom. All wisdom comes from God to begin with! That's what we read in our Memory Verse for this month, James 1:5.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

*If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. (James 1:5, NIV)*

What a great verse! That reminds me that I can find true wisdom when I put my trust in God . . . and as we like to say around here, I can trust God no matter what.

Let's pray and ask God to give us wisdom.

**SLIDE: Theme Background**

Dear God, we know that all wisdom comes from You. We want to live with Your wisdom each day. Help us to search for wisdom by spending time with wise people, and by praying and talking to You. Help us to grow in wisdom like Jesus did. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.**

**OFFERING:**

**SLIDES: Hope Mobility 1-3**

We are raising money for an organization called Hope Mobility. It was founded by Michael Panther who grew up as a child with a disability in Sudan. Hope Mobility collects and distributes wheelchairs in Africa while teaching families and communities to care for and to include people with disabilities. Our focus will be raising money for wheelchairs for kids. Each pediatric wheelchair costs \$275 and we will see how many wheelchairs we can purchase to help kids in Africa!

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