

CITY SG August 3-4, 2024

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group led by one leader.

1. Looking for Treasure

What You Need: “Looking for Treasure” strips (2-3 sets per group in envelope, “Looking for Treasure Leader Guide” Activity Page (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two or three teams.
- Instruct teams to open up their envelopes.
- Direct teams to race to put the story events in the correct order.
- Read the events from the page in order to see if the kids put them in the right order.
*If you have non-readers – you can do this as a whole group, reading each slip to the group and working on the order together.

2. Signals

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Teach the kids a few signals that scuba divers use when underwater!
 - **Octopus:** Back of hand covering mouth, all fingers pointing outward from mouth and wiggling
 - **Shark:** Hands flat together on top of head, like a fin
 - **Turtle:** Hands flat on top of each other, palms down, waving thumbs up and down together
 - **Watch me:** Point at divers (kids) with one finger, point at own eyes with two fingers
 - **You try now:** Gesture with open palm up towards kids
- Depending on the age/ability of your group, **you can either:**
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse below to the group.
 - 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)
- Say the verse a few times together.
- Ask kids to stand up and help you come up with some *signals* (or hand signs) to represent this month's Memory Verse.
- After a few practices with signals AND words, invite the kids to practice making the signals and not saying the words.

3. Seek and Find

What You Need: “Seek and Find” Activity Page, (one per kid) “Seek and Find Answer Key” (1 per group), and coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Ask volunteers one at a time to act like an undersea creature, but not share what it is.
- Encourage the rest of the kids to guess which undersea creature the kid is portraying.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Give each kid a “Seek and Find” Activity Page.
- Instruct the kids to look for the hidden items listed on the key and color them in when they do.
- Ask kids these discussion questions as they color:
 - o What does it mean to be wise?
 - o What are some ways we can gain wisdom?
 - o What questions do you think Jesus as a young boy about your age may have been asking the men at the temple?
 - o What’s a question you would like to ask someone who is wise?

4. PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...

“Dear God, we want to be wise. Our whole lives, we want to make wise decisions. Please make us wise. Help us listen to Your Spirit inside of us, leading us to make wise decisions. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

- If there is still time, pass out the Parent Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home and bring them back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, ask the kids to answer this question, “What does it mean to be wise?”