

ALLEY SG – October 18th-19th, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Solomon Chooses Wisdom • 1 Kings 3:4-15 (supporting: Proverbs 15:1; 3:5-6; 17:17)

Conversation Starter: When do you need wisdom?

Today's Bottom Line: You can ask God for wisdom.

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)

1. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: "Fast Pass" Activity Page (one fast pass per kid), Pens

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.
- At your signal, say "switch!" and allow kids to find another kid to read their new verse and trade with.
- 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?"
- "When kids have their "final" Fast Passes, give each kid a pen or a pencil.
- Encourage them to write their name on their Fast Pass.

2. Bible Story Extension

What you need: "Sticky Prayers" Activity Page (one per kid), Sticky notes (6 per kid), Markers

What you do:

- Give every kid a "Sticky Prayers" Activity Page and six sticky notes.
- Set out the markers.
- Ask these questions to review the story:
 - **When God appeared to Solomon in a dream, what did He say to Solomon?** (God said, "Ask for anything you want me to give you." —1 Kings 3:5 NIRV)
 - **What did Solomon ask for instead of money, strength, or chicken sandwiches?** (*wisdom—an understanding heart to know what is right—1 Kings 3:9*)
 - **How did God respond to Solomon's request for wisdom?** (*God was pleased and*

gave him wisdom, plus wealth and honor—1 Kings 3:10-13.)

- **What book of the Bible includes many of Solomon's wise sayings?**
(Proverbs)
- **How can we seek God's wisdom in our own life?** *(Read the Bible, talk to trusted people who follow Jesus, pray, and keep learning about Him at church.)*
- Say, "We've been discovering all month long that true wisdom comes from God! He is the wisest, and He wants to give us wisdom so we can go through life well. Each of the prayers on your page are ways we can talk to God when we need His wisdom."
- Point out the six situations and feelings at the bottom of the page.
- Direct the kids to write each situation on their sticky notes.
- Lead the kids to take each sticky note and place it on top of the nine prayer prompts on the page.
- Tell the kids to take their Sticky Prayers home and keep them somewhere they will see them. Tell them they can use these prayers to start conversations with God anytime. Let them remind you that **you can ask God for wisdom!**

3. Discussion Questions

- 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?

4. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: Bibles, "Proverbs 16:16 Cards" Activity Page (1 card, double sided per kid)

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into groups of 2-3. (OR do as a whole group together)
- Give every group one card from the "Proverbs 16:16 Cards" Activity Page, and a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Proverbs 16:16 and read it aloud together.
- Repeat the verse together several times.

- Instruct each group to discuss their two questions on the cards. Give them 4–5 minutes to do so.
- If kids finish early, challenge them to discuss a time they didn't make the wise choice. Maybe they chose what looked better or easier instead.
- Share with kids that:
 - Wisdom isn't just about knowing things. It's about knowing the all-knowing God and choosing His way over **everything** else.
 - When we follow God's wisdom, we make choices that honor Him and help us love others.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: 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)*
- *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!*

PARENT PICK UP POINT:

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share a time they needed wisdom.