

ALLEY SG – October 4th- 5th, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Samuel Anoints David • 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Conversation Starter: What does it mean to be wise?

Today's Bottom Line: God can help you make the wise choice.

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. Bible Story Extension

What You Need: "Story Script" Activity Page (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Assign kids character roles or let them choose.
 - Samuel
 - Saul
 - Jesse
 - David
 - David's Brothers (at least 3, up to 7)
 - Goliath
- Give each of them a "Story Script" Activity Page.
- Prompt them to identify their characters' lines and actions by color on the script.
- Invite the remaining kids to be the audience.
- Read the Narrator lines from the "Story Script" Activity Page as the kids act out the story.
 - *NOTE: Pick another kid to read the Narrator lines.*
- Celebrate the kids for playing along once the script is finished!
- **Ask:**
 - *Why do you think God picked David and not one of the older brothers?*
 - *What do you think it looks like to have a heart that loves God?*
 - *What do you think courage has to do with wisdom?*

2. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: Pencils or pens, "Fast Pass" Activity Page (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Give each kid one Fast Pass card from the "Fast Pass" Activity Page and a pencil or pen.
- Encourage them to write their names on their "Fast Pass."
- Invite them to form groups of 2-3.
 - OR do this as a whole group if you feel your kids will respond better that way.
- Direct the kids to read the verse on their cards aloud to their group and answer the reflection questions on the back together.
- After reflection time, gather the entire group together.
- Invite kids to share their verses and their insights with the group if comfortable.
- **Explain:**
 - A "Fast Pass" gets you to the front of the line at an amusement park.
 - Wisdom is like a fast pass that leads you through life well. And God wants to give you wisdom! When we read the Bible, pause to reflect, and ask the Holy Spirit for help, God

can speak directly to you and show you how to live wisely! God wants to give you wisdom!

- God wants to give you wisdom right now, not just when you're older. You are choosing how to treat your friends, how to respond when someone's unkind, or what to do when you feel left out. God cares about every single one of those moments, He goes through every single one of those moments with you through His Spirit, and as you seek Him, He will help you navigate them all!
- **NOTE: Each week, kids will receive a "Fast Pass." Encourage them to collect them and take them home!**

3. Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to be wise?
- Why do you think God wants us to grow in wisdom?
- What makes it hard to make the wise choice when others around you choose not to?
- What helps you listen to God when making a decision?
- What can you pray to help you turn to God and ask Him for wisdom as you go through life with Him?

4. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: Bibles, Index cards with Proverbs 16:16, Blindfold (2 per bin)

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team a Bible and direct them to look up this month's Memory Verse, Proverbs 16:16.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Give both teams a set of Proverbs 16:16 index cards.
- At your signal, the teams will race to arrange the verse in correct order.
- Play several rounds, inviting the kids to place the verse in order using these directives:
 - Silently: The kids will place the verse in order together without speaking.
 - Blindfolded: Teams will blindfold a kid and direct the kid to place the verse in order.
- Celebrate the teams as they finish the verse.
- Remind the kids that when they memorize Scripture, they hide truth in their hearts. That means when they face tough decisions, they already have God's Word ready to guide them.

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*)"
- "Dear God, thank You for always being ready to help us. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us. We admit that we don't always want to do the right thing. Sometimes we want to do things our way. But we want to follow You, God. Your way is always better! Remind us this

week to pause, pray, and ask for help! You are the source of all wisdom, and we trust that You will help us make wise choices. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show them their Wisdomland Fast Pass and tell them what it means to be wise

