

CITY LG – October 25th- 26th, 2025

Bible Story: The Kings • 1 & 2 Kings

Bottom Line: Be wise because your choices matter.

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)

WORSHIP

Nothing is Impossible
As the World Shakes

SLIDE: Theme

Welcome to The City friends! I'm so glad you're here today.

"Today we're starting an amazing adventure—just like being at the biggest, most fun park in the world. I want everyone to look at your neighbor and give them your best 'roller coaster face'—the face you'd make going down the BIGGEST drop!

Nice! In Wisdomland, there are SO many rides, games, and snacks to choose from! But did you know that in life, just like in a theme park, the choices you make can totally change your day?

They can. But God wants to help you live wisely and well. God wants to give you His wisdom because He loves you and because ... your choices matter!

Let me hear you say, 'My choices matter!'

Before we go any farther—let's get started with a question about choices.
I'm going to give you some time to discuss this question as a group....

Why do our choices matter? *(walk around and listen to kids' answer is their groups. Bring them back together in a few minutes when most groups are done). If time, have a couple of kids share their answers with the group.*

Before we get started in our Bible Story, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the story of the ENTIRE Bible together.

Why are we going through the entire story of the Bible? Well, it's not so we can learn all of the awesome stories in the Bible. It's so we can learn about God. God gave us the Bible so we can know about Him! And that's what we hope to discover—we're going to learn Bible stories, yes. But more importantly, we're going to get to know God!

We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible! *(Gesture to slide.)*

SLIDE: God's Big Story

Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so

we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along. (*Gesture to timeline.*)

Now we're ready to dive into today's Bible Story! Who here has ever dreamed of being in charge of a giant theme park—making all the big choices, eating all the snacks, riding all the rides first? (*Pause for responses.*)

Owning or being in charge of an amusement park sounds like so much fun, but it's a big responsibility. Being a leader of something, whether it's a theme park, a school, a town, or even a nation, is hard. In the Bible, kings made choices that affected everybody in their kingdom! Today, we're going to hear about some real kings from the Bible—some made wise choices, and some ... not so much.

VIDEO: Bible Story 10:46

We can ask God for wisdom, just like Solomon did. We can choose to follow Jesus, just like the wise kings tried to follow God. And when we make a choice, those choices matter!

Let's look at our Bottom Line for this week:

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Be wise because your choices matter.

Can you remember a wise choice you made this week? Maybe you listened to your teacher, helped a friend, or shared something special. Maybe you forgave someone or said something kind. Even little choices like those make a BIG difference in your story—and in someone else's!

When we look at all the kings in the Bible, we see that every single one had to make choices. Some chose God's way and brought joy and hope to their people. Others didn't listen to God, and their choices led to sadness and trouble. But God was with His people through every twist and turn—He never left them alone, and He never leaves us alone either!

And that's your job as a friend and follower of Jesus. He is the wisest one. And as you go with Him step by step through your life, talk to Him about everything. Ask Him for help when you need to make the wise choice. He will always, always lead you in the wisest way. You have the best guide through life.

Let's talk to God and ask Him to help us go through life with Him so we will live wisely and well!

God, thank You for loving us and for giving us so many chances to make good choices. Help us remember that what we do matters. Help us be kind and loving, and help us follow Jesus—the one true King who always made the wise choice. Thank You for being with us in every moment, from the biggest rides to the smallest choices. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be at least 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.

Our offering is going to Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy. And the cool thing is that there are people who go to church here at Parkview who attend this camp! Let's meet one right now.

VIDEO: Missions Night 2 (Runtime:)

Wow! You can see how much Shady Oaks Camp means to Richard and his mom Sallie, and LOTS of people who live around here! I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities! Bring your money up if you brought it.