

CITY LG – October 4th- 5th, 2025

Bible Story: Samuel Anoints David • 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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)

WORSHIP

Nothing is Impossible
As the World Shakes

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, friends! Welcome to Wisdomland—the most amazing theme park ever! This month is all about wisdom and making the wise choice. You see, every day we face lots of choices—like sharing toys, eating healthy snacks, or being kind to our friends. Making wise choices helps us feel good and makes everyone around us happy too. God made it so that when we make wise choices, it helps us live in a really good way! God wants us to live wisely and well!

Slide: Memory Verse

It's like it says in our new memory verse for this month, It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver. Proverbs 16:16.

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

What is a time in your life that you DIDN'T make a wise choice? *(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.*

Choosing wisely helps us every single day. Did you know that God loves helping us make wise decisions? He is the wisest and He's always there to guide us when we're not sure what to do. Today, we're going to learn a special story from the Bible about how God helped someone make a very wise choice.

But first, let me share with you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the entire story of the Bible! We're going to go through God's Big Story!

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.

Today, we're moving right along in the Bible to a book called 1 Samuel. *(Hold up Bible.)* Today's story is all about a man who this book is named after—Samuel! As we'll see, Samuel learned how important it is to listen to God. God helped him see what really matters.

VIDEO: Bible Story 9:40

Samuel listened to God too and God helped him make a wise choice too! Choosing David to be the next king was a wise choice—not because David was the strongest or the oldest, but because he trusted God and listened to Him. Samuel acted wisely too, because he listened to God’s voice in the moment, even when everyone else thought something different.

Let’s remember: It doesn’t matter how big, small, old, or young you are—God can help you make wise choices, just like Samuel and David! Let’s stand up and check out our bottom line.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

God can help you make the wise choice.

Every single day, you will have chances to make choices—some big, some small. Sometimes you might feel unsure. Maybe you wonder if you should help a friend, tell the truth, or try something new that feels a little bit scary. But you don’t have to figure it out all on your own. Just like Samuel stopped and listened for God’s voice, you can do that too. You can pray and ask God for help anytime, anywhere. He loves to help you make wise choices. He is the wisest, and He wants you to live in a way that is good! Let’s all close our eyes and talk to God right now.

Dear God, thank You for always being with us and loving us. Thank You for giving Samuel wisdom to choose David, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to be wise, and thank You for Your Holy Spirit who goes everywhere with us. Please help us listen for Your voice and trust You every day, so we can make wise choices too. We want to listen to Your voice more than anything. Please teach us how. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

OFFERING

In The City, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. For the rest of 2025 we are going to help kids and adults who live right near us! We are collecting our offering for Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. If you were at Summer Jam, you heard a lot about Shady Oaks. And Scott, the director of Shady Oaks Camp wants you all to hear how thankful he is for our help! Let’s check it out.

VIDEO: Scott

Go home and see what you can do to earn money to help Shady Oaks Camp!

SLIDE: Theme