

CITY 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)

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)

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Beach ball (one per group)

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids with a high five or fist bump as they arrive,
- Encourage any kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Invite the kids to stand.
- Select one kid to toss the beach ball to someone else.
- When a kid catches it, ask them a "Get to Know You" question.
- After answering, instruct the kid to toss the ball to someone new.
- Read another question aloud to the kid who has caught the beach ball.
- Continue until every kid has had a turn to answer a question!

Get to Know You Questions

1. What's your favorite flavor of ice cream?
2. If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
3. What's your favorite part of an amusement park? The food, rides, or something else?
4. If you could have any animal as a pet— even a wild one—what would you pick?
5. What's your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?
6. If you opened your own restaurant, what kind of food would you serve?
7. What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
8. If you could switch places with a character from a book or movie, who would it be?
9. What's your dream vacation?
10. What's your favorite color?

Say, "Today in our true story from the Bible, we're going to hear about a king who asked God for something REALLY big. God didn't just hear his question, He answered it in an epic way!"

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Wisdom Fast Pass

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Wisdomland Review" Activity Pages (one set per group), "Wisdomland Fast Pass" Activity Page (one fast pass per kid)

What You Do:

- Before you begin, place the five “Wisdomland Review” Activity Pages around your group space.
- Begin at Land #1
- At each Wisdomland, read and answer the Bible Story questions as a group.
- Continue until they’ve answered every question.
- Give every kid a “Wisdomland Fast Pass” Activity Page to celebrate their efforts when they’re finished!

Story Review Answer Key

1. **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 NIV)
2. **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*)
3. **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.*)
4. **What book of the Bible includes many of Solomon’s wise sayings?** (*Proverbs*)
5. **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.*)

2. Sticky Prayers

Application Activity

You’ll Need: “Sticky Prayers” Activity Page (one per kid), Sticky notes (6 per kid), Markers

You’ll Do:

- Give every kid a “Sticky Prayers” Activity Page and six sticky notes.
- Set out the markers.
- Ask: “When is a time you’ve needed help making a wise choice?”
 - *Encourage kids to think about real-life situations like a conversation with a friend, a time they felt angry, or when they were unsure what to do.*
- 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 (or draw) 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. God's Word and Wisdom

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- 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 from a Bible aloud to your group.
 - *It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.* Proverbs 16:16
- Review any words in the verse that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Give the teams several minutes to practice the verse aloud.
- Say, "I'm going to read Proverbs 16:16 with one word missing each time. Your team is to huddle together and guess the missing word. Raise your hands when you know it!"
 - *Encourage kids to use their Bibles if needed.*
- Keep it fun by changing which word is missing for each round.
- After the last round, gather the teams and say the entire verse together!
- *Optional: Create a point system, giving each team a point for guessing the correct word missing for each round. The team with the most points at the end wins!*
- Gather the kids to discuss.
- Ask: "Why do you think God's wisdom is worth more than gold or silver?" (*Help kids consider how money and treasures can't help you make the wise choice, but God can because He is all knowing!*)

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 with us—no matter how we're feeling or what's going on around us. We are SO grateful that You understand each of our hearts, and You give us everything we need. Please help us to remember that You are the wisest and **we can ask You for wisdom**. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share their sticky prayer cards.