

Small Group Leader Guide



THIS MONTH



Supplies NOT Included in Activity Bags:

1. Bible Story Review- If You Could Ask for Anything

- index cards
- pencils
- phone timer

2. Application Activity- Wisdomland Map

- gluesticks
- coloring supplies

3. Memory Verse Activity- Pat and Clap Verse

4. Pray and Dismiss

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time when the Holy Spirit helped you make a wise choice. Thank God that you don't have to figure things out all by yourself. Pray that God's Spirit would help each kid in your group be bold and brave enough to ask for help. Ask God to show them that wisdom isn't just for grown-ups—it's how God shows how to follow His ways! Ask God to help you be ready to listen.

Today's Bible Story

Solomon Chooses Wisdom

1 Kings 3:4-15

Supporting: Proverbs 15:1; 3:5-6; 17:17

Bottom Line

You can ask God for wisdom.

Memory Verse

"It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver."

Proverbs 16:16 NIV



Inclusive Pro Tips

This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive pro-tips. Check out the Special Needs Resource Kit for more ideas for adapting each segment.

If You Could Ask for Anything

Bible Story Review



Faith Skills

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What You Need

- ☐ Index Cards
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Timer



Inclusive Pro Tips

Consider doing this activity in pairs if it works better for your group, so every kid feels supported!

Adapt to verbally sharing ideas instead of drawing them.

Offer adaptive writing tools.

What You Do

1. Give every kid three index cards and a pencil.
2. Say, "Let's pretend you can have anything you want for your next birthday! What would you pick? Maybe a new puppy? Or the largest piece of your favorite candy?"
3. Set a timer for three minutes.
4. Invite the kids to think and draw one idea on each index card.
5. Once the timer is up, collect the cards and spread them face up for everyone to see.
6. As you read the review points, reference the kids' index cards.

Review Points

- Solomon was a young man when he became king. That's a huge job with lots of responsibility!
- He really wanted to be a good king, so he gave a special offering to God ... 1,000 burnt offerings!
- That night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said something amazing: "Ask for anything you want me to give you" (1 Kings 3:5 NIV).
- Solomon could have asked for anything, like money, toys, power, or being super-famous!
- If Solomon lived today, he could've asked for some of your birthday wish ideas! (Point to kids' drawings and reference them.)
- But Solomon didn't ask for stuff; he asked God for wisdom! That means he wanted God to help him know what was right and how to do it. He wanted to follow God and His ways!
- God was so happy with Solomon's choice! God gave Solomon wisdom AND more.
- Solomon became a wise king, not because he figured it out himself but because God gave him wisdom, every step of the way.
- Solomon also shared lots of wise words we can read in the Bible today in the book of Proverbs!

What You Say

"Out of all the things Solomon could've asked for, he chose wisdom! He wanted to follow God and His ways! Solomon knew that being wise (KNOWING THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND DOING IT) is more valuable than anything you can buy. That's what Proverbs 16:16 reminds us too:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver (PROVERBS 16:16 NIRV).

"Solomon's true story shows us that God loves when we ask for help, and God gives wisdom to those who ask! God is the wisest and He loves to share His wisdom with us! Remember, you can ask God for wisdom!"



Wisdomland Map

Application Activity



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What You Need

- ☐ "Map of Wisdomland" Activity Page
- ☐ "Wisdomland Verses" Activity Page
- ☐ Coloring supplies
- ☐ Glue sticks

What You Do

1. Give every kid a "Map of Wisdomland" Activity Page and a glue stick.
2. Set out the coloring supplies and the four stacks of "Wisdomland Verses" Activity Page cards.
3. Point out the four lands on the map and talk about what they mean:
 - **Family Land:** "Sometimes it's hard to listen or get along at home. But godly wisdom helps us love our families and make good choices."
 - **Friendship Land:** "Friendships aren't always easy, but God can give us wisdom to be kind, patient, and loving."
 - **Emotion Land:** "We all feel big feelings sometimes! Godly wisdom helps us know what to do when we're angry or sad."
 - **Learning Land:** "At school, we need wisdom from God to follow directions, ask for help, and do the right thing even when it's hard."
4. Invite the kids to color their maps.
5. Give each kid four "cards" with the four verses on them.
6. Read the four verses aloud from the "Wisdomland Verses" Activity Page (or invite strong readers to help).
7. As you read, help the kids match the numbers on the verse cards to the land on their map.
8. Direct the kids to glue the card onto the correct land.
9. **Ask:**
 - Who can help you make the wise choice? (God can!)
 - Can you ask God for wisdom today? What would you say?
 (YES! ANSWERS WILL VARY. KIDS MIGHT ASK FOR WISDOM TO KNOW WHAT TO DO, TO DO THE RIGHT THING, ETC. THEY COULD ASK SOMETHING LIKE: 'GOD, WHAT SHOULD I DO HERE?')

Answers

- **Family Land** → Proverbs 1:8
→ My son, listen to your father's advice. Don't turn away from your mother's teaching.
- **Friendship Land** → Proverbs 17:17
→ A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes.
- **Emotion Land** → Proverbs 16:32
→ It is better to be patient than to fight. It is better to control your temper than to take a city.
- **Learning Land** → Proverbs 10:17
→ Anyone who pays attention to correction shows the path to life. But anyone who refuses to be corrected leads others down the wrong path.

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What You Say

"I love your wisdom maps! We need God to share His wisdom with us in every part of our lives—at home, with friends, when we feel big feelings, and even when we're learning new things. Wisdom comes from God. He made everything and knows everything! He is the wisest! And because God loves you so much, He wants to share His wisdom with you.

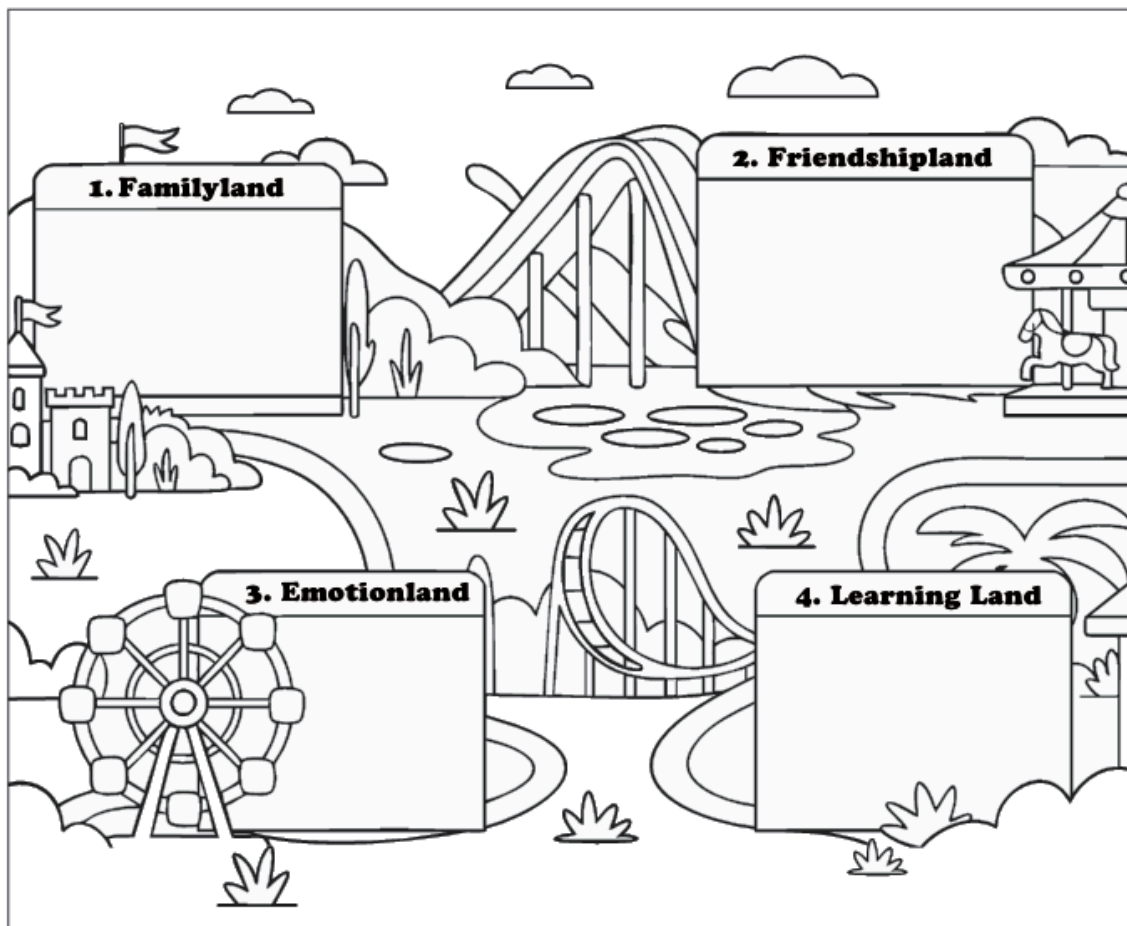
"That's why Solomon asked for wisdom, and God gave it to him! God will do the same for you. Ask God for wisdom when you pray. Ask Him to show you what He wants you to do. He wants to guide you to the best way to live!

"I want you to take your map home and hang it up somewhere special. When you see it, remember: in every situation, you can ask God for wisdom."

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father's advice.
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PROVERBS 1:8

1

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They are there to help
when trouble comes.

PROVERBS 17:17

2

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PROVERBS 16:32

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Pat and Clap Verse

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☐ Bibles


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Adapt the movements in a way that fits your group. Consider doing the verse sitting down.

What You Do

1. Gather the kids in a circle.
2. Say, "Today we're going to use movement to help us remember our Memory Verse, Proverbs 16:16!"
3. Read the verse using the Bible (or invite a strong reader to help!).
4. Repeat the verse together several times.
5. Discuss any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.

Move Together:

1. Teach the verse motions.
 - It is (CLAP, CLAP)
 - much better (PAT, PAT)
 - to get wisdom (CLAP, CLAP)
 - than gold (PAT, PAT)
 - it is (CLAP, CLAP)
 - much better (PAT, PAT)
 - to choose understanding (CLAP, CLAP)
 - than silver (PAT, PAT)
 - Proverbs 16:16 (NIRV)

2. Repeat the verse a few times. Add a fun twist using various movement patterns like "stomp, clap" or "spin, clap."

What You Say

"Way to go, friends! Proverbs 16:16 tells us how wisdom is worth more than gold and silver. God and silver are shiny and expensive. But God's Word says wisdom is even better! You don't have to buy wisdom. You don't have to find it buried in the ground. You can ASK God for wisdom, and He will give it to you because He loves you! He is the great King, and He wants to give you wisdom! Remember, you can ask God for wisdom anytime."

*Finding verses with Kindergarteners

1. Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page.
2. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud.
3. Guide them to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number.
4. Guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud.
5. Lead everyone to say the verse together.

Pray and Dismiss

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→ No Supplies Needed

What You Do

1. Gather the kids together in a seated circle.
2. Explain to kids that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!
3. Encourage kids by telling them, "You can ask God for wisdom!"
4. Divide the kids into groups of two or three.
5. Invite the groups to pray for each other.
 - Thank God for His wisdom.
 - Ask God to give it to you and your friends!
6. Close in prayer.

What You Say

"God, we love You so much. Thank You for Your wisdom. Whether we are learning new things or feeling big feelings, help us remember to pause and ask You for help. Thank You for loving us and sharing Your wisdom with us. We want to follow You and Your ways! We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen.

Transition → As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show them their Wisdomland Maps. Encourage them to share something they will ask God for wisdom for this week.

Inclusive Pro Tips



If your group desires personal connection, allow them to pair up with another kid.