

October 2025, Week 1

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

Conversion Starter: What does it mean to be wise?

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)

SLIDE: Theme

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

HOST: "Welcome to Wisdomland, everybody! Wisdomland is a theme park, but you don't just ride roller coasters—you become wiser! God, the wisest, wants to go with you through every up and down of your life and help you make choices to help you live well.

"We all know theme parks are full of decisions. Which ride do you go on first? Do you get pizza or nachos or pizza nachos (that sounds amazing)? Who sits in the front seat of the coaster? But guess what? Life is the same way! Every day, you make decisions that matter. That's what this whole series is about: God wants to help you make wise decisions so you live better and well!

"Today's Bible Story is about someone who had to follow God's leading to make the wise choice, but God walked him through it every step of the way. There were confusing moments and moments this person didn't understand, but God still went with him through it all and told him what the wise thing to do was.

"But before we look at that true story from the Bible, let's worship the One who goes with us through everything, and who wants to guide us to goodness with His wisdom!

VIDEO: Waymaker

SLIDE: Theme

LEADER: “Great job, everyone! Before we move on, let’s lock in our Memory Verse for this month. I’ll say a line, and you echo it back, okay?”

SLIDE: Memory Verse

It is much better to get wisdom than gold. (Pause for kids to echo you.)

It is much better to choose understanding than silver. (Pause for kids to echo you.)

Proverbs sixteen, sixteen. *(Pause for kids to echo you.)*

LEADER: “Remember: Wisdom is better than any thrill ride, prize, or trophy. And God loves to share His wisdom with anyone who asks. Thanks for worshiping with me. Now, let’s lean in and hear our true story from the Bible!”

VIDEO: So and So Show

LANDING

LEADER: “When we think about Samuel, we can remember that God helped him see what was truly wise.

“But the story doesn’t end with Samuel, it continues with you. Every day, you have moments that matter—moments when you might feel nervous, invisible, or stuck. In those times, God sees you. He cares about your heart, and He loves to guide you, just like He did with Samuel and David.

“As you leave today, remember that wisdom isn’t about always having the answers—it’s about going with God through everything, asking Him for help. and being willing to trust Him, one step at a time.

“As you head into this week, here’s something to carry with you and talk about with God and others:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] “What does it mean to be wise?”

SLIDE: Theme Background

“Does wisdom look like always having the right answer? Or is it about going with God through everything, and asking Him for help as you go? Think about where you need wisdom most right now. Who can you talk to? What’s one step you can take to listen for God’s voice and live out wisdom this week? Don’t rush past the question—let it shape your prayers, your friendships, and your choices. God is ready to guide you, moment by moment. But before we head out, let’s talk to God together now!

PRAYER

LEADER: “God, thank You for seeing us and loving us. Thank You for helping Samuel listen, for choosing David, and for sending Jesus. Please give us wisdom for the moments ahead—at school, at home, and everywhere we go. Help us listen, trust, and follow You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

After prayer, Leader dismisses kids to Small Group