

Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2025, Week 2

Bible Story: David and the Psalms • *Psalm 1:1-4 (supporting: Psalm 23:1-2; 8:1; 18:2)*

Conversion Starter: How do you know what's 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

LEADER: *(Walks in with lots of energy)*

"Hey, everyone! Welcome to Wisdomland, where you get to make your own adventure. I hope you're ready for a day full of fun—and maybe even some tough choices. Because today, we're finding out how to make wise choices, no matter what comes your way. God wants to help you make the wise choice step by step through your life.

"The closer we get to Him, the more we listen to His voice, the more wisdom we'll learn. And God goes with us step by step through life to help us live wisely and well!

"Today, we're asking the big question: **How do you know what's wise?**

"Alright, let's stand up and worship together—because God is the One who gives us wisdom, and He's with us through every decision."

VIDEO: WAYMAKER

"You can grab a seat for a second. Worshipping through music is powerful because it re-centers our minds. Instead of just thinking about what everyone else says is cool or right, we get to hear what God says about us—and what He says is wise.

"Now, let's look at this month's Memory Verse together. It's a truth we want to get stuck in our hearts this month, so we can recall it when life gets messy.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"Let's say it together:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

It is much better to choose understanding than silver. —Proverbs 16:16 NIRV

“Just think about that—God’s wisdom is more valuable than anything you could buy at any theme park, any trophy, or any status you could chase. And God wants to give it to us! He wants to give us something so precious so we live wisely and well!”

“So, as we head into today’s true story from the Bible, let’s keep asking: **How do you know what’s wise?**”

“Let’s find out together.”

VIDEO: So and So Show

APPLICATION

LEADER: “David discovered something that changed everything for him: When you focus on God, when you keep coming back, no matter what—God gives you the wisdom you need for each moment.

“And that’s not just a ‘David’ thing. That’s for you too.

LANDING

LEADER: “So, what about us? David wrote songs about every part of his life—joy, heartbreak, mess-ups, victories, questions, even doubts. He brought it all to God, over and over. He discovered that wisdom isn’t about having the perfect answer every time. It’s about going to God when you don’t. It’s about bringing everything—your best moments, your hardest choices, your mess-ups—to God, and trusting Him to lead you.

“Here’s what’s true: God’s wisdom isn’t just an old story or something for ‘church people.’ It’s for you, right now, in the middle of whatever you’re facing. You might not always feel wise. You might wonder:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] “How do I know what’s wise?”

SLIDE: Theme Background

“That’s a good question. Start by doing what David did: focus on God. Ask Him for help. Look for wisdom in His Word, in the example of Jesus, and in people you trust who are following God too.

“So—what’s our part in the story? It’s to keep asking, ‘How do I know what’s wise?’ It’s to keep showing up, keep being honest, keep coming back to God—even when you’re not sure.

“Let’s pray.

PRAYER

LEADER: “God, thank You for being with us in the highs and lows, in every season. Thank You for giving us the book of Psalms, for showing us that we can bring You every feeling and every question. Please give us wisdom for our choices, courage to ask hard questions, and trust to follow where You lead. Help us remember that Your wisdom is for us, right now, every day. We want to be Your close friend and go through life with You. Please teach us how. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

After prayer, Leader dismisses kids to Small Group.