

October 2025, Week 4

Bible Story: The Kings • 1 & 2 Kings

Conversion Starter: Why do your choices matter?

Bottom Line: Be wise because your choices matter.

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

OPENER

HOST: “Hey, everyone! Welcome to Wisdomland! Take a look around—imagine you just walked through the front gates of the world’s best theme park. You can smell popcorn, hear people laughing, and see a hundred different ways to have fun. But what really makes a theme park awesome? Is it the biggest roller coaster? The wildest snacks? The souvenirs? I think it’s all about the choices you get to make. Every step, you get to decide: Which ride next? Who do you hang out with? Do you go for the thrill, or do you play it safe?”

Pause, let students respond.

HOST: “But here’s a question: Have you ever made a choice at a theme park that totally changed your day? Maybe you picked the longest line, and waited forever. Maybe you spent all your money on one snack and missed out on something better. Or maybe—just maybe—one little decision led to the absolute best day ever. This month we’re looking at how God goes with us throughout our lives to help us make wise choices, to live wisely and well.

“Today, every single part of Wisdomland is about the choices we make and how God wants to help you make the wise choice—not just here, but everywhere you go.”

VIDEO: WAYMAKER

LEADER: “Let’s look at the verse we’re memorizing this month. We memorize verses from God’s Word, we put them in our hearts, to help us know and live by what is true.

“This month’s verse will help us remember how valuable God’s wisdom is!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“Let’s say it all together, loud and clear:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

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

“God’s wisdom is so precious, and He wants to give it to us! Let’s sit down to hear our true story from the Bible today about what happened when some kings chose to follow God and that precious wisdom, and some kings didn’t.”

VIDEO: SO AND SO SHOW

LANDING

LEADER: “As we saw today, the kings of Israel and Judah changed history with their choices, for better or worse.

“You might wonder, ‘What about me? I’m not a king or queen.’ It can be easy to think their choices were way bigger or more important than ours. But God’s Word reminds us that our choices matter just as much. Every word you say, every action you take, every time you decide to help or hurt, to forgive or hold a grudge, to listen or ignore—each one is a decision door that shapes your story, and even shapes the world around you.

“When you choose to help a classmate instead of laughing at them, that’s a wise choice. When you tell the truth—even if it means getting in trouble—that’s a wise choice. When you forgive someone who hurt you or include someone who feels left out, those are wise choices. Every time you choose kindness, honesty, or patience, you’re showing the world Jesus. He is kind. He is patient. He is good. And you are being just like Him.

“God hasn’t called you to be perfect. He hasn’t promised you’ll never mess up, or that every decision will be easy. What He has promised is that He will go with you every step of the way and show you the wise way to go.

“And what you choose in the quiet, in the conflict, in the moments nobody else sees—those choices are the story you’re writing with your life. So here’s the Key Question to take with you:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] “Why do your choices matter?”

SLIDE: Theme Background

“Think about it this week. Your choices shape who you become, the impact you have, and the story you tell about what matters most. God’s story isn’t finished—and you get to be part of it, as you go with Him one choice at a time.

“Let’s pray.

PRAYER

LEADER: “God, thank You for never giving up on Your people, for always working in the mess and the mystery. Thank You for Jesus, who shows us what wisdom looks like and who gave His perfect life to rescue us. Please help us remember that our choices really do matter—to You, to others, and to ourselves. Give us Your wisdom when we need it. Help us to walk with You every step of our lives and choose Your wisdom at every Decision Door we face. We want to go with You through everything. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

After prayer, Leader dismisses kids to Small Group.

SLIDE: Theme