

SOCIAL

Opening Activity



What You Need

- ☐ Offering container
- ☐ "Ticket Toss" Activity Page
- ☐ Prepared containers or buckets
- ☐ Floor tape

① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive → Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God for reminding you that even kids make choices that matter. Ask God to help your group see how their words, actions, and even their attitudes can lead them closer to You. Pray that your small group environment is a space where kids feel safe to learn, make mistakes, and grow in wisdom. Ask God to give you gentle words and creative ways to help them understand that being wise starts right now!

1. Welcome kids to group with a high five or fist bump!
2. Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
3. Before you begin, place the "A" and "B" buckets at the front of your group area.
4. Mark a line with tape on the opposite end of your group area.
5. Give each kid six tickets from the "Ticket Toss" Activity Pages.

Play Together

1. Direct the kids to gather behind the tape line.
→ They don't have to stand in a line!
2. Explain that you will read a "Would You Rather" question, and each kid will travel to place their ticket into the "A" or "B" bucket to cast their vote.
3. After each vote, give kids a moment to travel back to the other side of your group area.
4. Ask a few kids to share why they made their choice.
5. Repeat the process until all questions have been answered.

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Inclusive Pro Tips



Allow various movement variations like walking or hopping instead of running.

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① What You Do (cont.)

Would You Rather Questions

1. Would you rather:
 - A) always win at rock-paper-scissors or,
 - B) always win at hide-and-seek?
2. Would you rather:
 - A) ride the world's fastest roller coaster or,
 - B) go down the world's biggest water slide?
3. Would you rather:
 - A) only have pizza forever or,
 - B) only have ice cream forever?
4. Would you rather:
 - A) be famous on YouTube or,
 - B) be a world-famous athlete?
5. Would you rather:
 - A) have unlimited slime or,
 - B) Have unlimited fidget toys?
6. Would you rather:
 - A) never have to brush your teeth again or,
 - B) never have to take a bath again?

② What You Say

"That was so fun! Those were some silly choices. But you know what? They reminded me of the choices we have to make every day. Sometimes our choices can feel small or big. And sometimes, our choices make a big impact on our lives and on others!"

"Today, we'll hear a true story from the Bible about different people who had to make important decisions, and what they chose shows us that choosing wisely matters. Let's go!"

Transition → Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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GROUPS 2/4

Cause and Effect

Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Cause and Effect" Activity Page
- ☐ Pencils



Inclusive Pro Tips

If it works better for your group, allow them to act out the cause/effect scenes instead of matching them on the paper.

① What You Do

1. Gather the kids together in a seated circle or at a table in your group area.
2. Give every kid a "Cause and Effect" Activity Page and a pencil.

Imagine Together:

1. Invite the kids to form groups of 2-3.
2. Say, "We're going to do an activity together to help us think about how our choices lead to different outcomes! On one side of your page, you'll see causes, things someone might do (point to them). On the other side, you'll see effects, what might happen next (point to them)."
3. Instruct the kids to work together to draw lines from each cause to its possible effect.
4. Refer to your copy of the "Cause and Effect" Activity Page, and, one by one, talk through each of their choices as a group!

Talk Together:

1. Ask, "Can you think of a time you made a wise choice and it led to something good?"
2. Ask, "What are some ways we can practice listening to the Holy Spirit in everyday life? Like at school, with our friends, or at home?" (Pausing before reacting, asking God for help in the moment, and reading the Bible to learn God's voice.)

② What You Say

"Great thinking, friends! Our choices matter. They matter because they shape our lives and the lives of others. The choices we make can lead to all kinds of outcomes—some good, some not-so-great. That's why today's bottom line is SO important: Be wise because your choices matter!

"Wisdom can mean stopping to ask: 'Hmm. God, what might happen if I do this?' He wants to help you make the wise choice! When we choose to follow Jesus, God's Son, we aren't on our own to figure things out—we have the Holy Spirit to guide us! The Holy Spirit helps us stop, think, and make decisions that honor God.

"What are some of these wise, godly choices we can make? Well, we can look at the life of Jesus to know what's wise! He is God and He showed us how God would live. Jesus didn't just tell people what was right. He lived it! He was kind. He was honest. He was fair. He was forgiving. He listened. He helped people who needed help.

"As we try to live wisely, we won't be perfect, but we'll grow in God's wisdom as we keep asking for it and practicing, even when it's hard. This week before you react, pause and remind yourself to be wise because your choices matter!"

GROUPS 3/4

God's Word and Wisdom

Memory Verse Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Floor tape
- ☐ "Cup Stack" Activity Page
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Permanent markers

Inclusive Supplies:

- ☐ Prepared cups with Proverbs 16:16

Inclusive Pro Tips

If it suits your group better, prepare two sets of cups with the words from Proverbs 16:16 on them.



① What You Do

1. Before you begin, use floor tape to mark two starting lines on one end of your group space.
2. Divide the kids into two teams and have them stand behind each line.
3. Place a stack of 19 cups a few feet away (for the NIV, 15 for the NIV) from each starting line.
4. Give each team one permanent marker, and one Bible.
5. Direct the teams to look up Proverbs 16:16.
6. Repeat the verse together several times.
7. Review any words in the verse that might be unfamiliar to the kids.

Move Together:

1. Show the kids the "Cup Stack" Activity Page and say, "Are you ready for a verse relay? One at a time, you will each race to:
 - Grab one cup from the stack.
 - Bring it back to your group.
 - And use the marker to write one word from Proverbs 16:16 on it!
 - Once the word is written, the next kid can go!"
2. Say: "After your team has written all the words, you'll work together to make a cup pyramid with the verse in order. When your team is done, shout, 'PROVERBS 16:16!'"
3. At your signal, begin the game!
4. Once a team has collected all of their cups and written on them, give them a "Cup Stack" Activity Page to follow to build their pyramid.
5. Play until both teams have stacked the verse words in correct order.

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*Finding verses with 2nd-3rd graders

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- ② When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list.
- ③ When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page.
- ④ When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter.
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② What You Say

"That was so fun! It took some focus to place those cups in just the right order. It also takes focus to build our lives on God's wisdom too.

"I love that we can trust the Bible because it's God's true Word. The King of all gave it to us. Every word helps us know who God is, how much He loves us, and how we can live in a way that honors Him!

"The truth is that wisdom starts in our hearts. When we want what God wants, that's when we realize we don't have all the answers. And that's when wisdom begins to grow in us. God's wisdom is so very precious! So let's all keep asking God for wisdom and letting His truth shape how we live. Remember, be wise because your choices matter!"

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