

Small Group Leader Guide

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Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (3 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (20 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Activity 1: Courage Stick

Activity 2: Verse in Motion

Pray & Dismiss (2 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.

Today's Bible Story

Solomon Chooses Wisdom

1 Kings 3:4-5

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.



Greeting & Prayer



What You Need

- ☐ A Spinning Wheel
- ☐ Prayer Chart

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What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Recall a time when God gave you the courage to do something you didn't think you were ready for. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to live inside of you and help you take the next step! Ask God to help the kids trust Him when they feel nervous or unsure. Whether it's a big change or something small, pray that kids would know God is with them even when they don't feel ready.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

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What You Say

"Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation."

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity

ACTIVITY ONE

Wisdom Fast Pass



Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Wisdomland Review" Activity Page
- ☐ "Wisdomland Fast Pass" Activity Page
- *Optional: Tape*

Inclusive Supplies

- ☐ Timer



Inclusive Pro Tips

Use a timer to share gentle reminders with the group for transitioning stations.

Adjust to the mobility of your group by creating seated stations.

① What You Do

1. Before you begin, place or tape the five "Wisdomland Review" Activity Pages around your group space like stations at a theme park.
2. Divide the kids into two teams.

Play Together:

1. Assign one team to begin at Land #1, and the other team at Land #5 to avoid crowding.
2. Say, "At each Wisdomland, your team will read and answer the Bible Story questions! We'll come together to discuss the answers at the end."
3. Direct the teams to rotate clockwise through the five lands until they've answered every question.
4. Give every kid a "Wisdomland Fast Pass" Activity Page to celebrate their efforts when they're finished!

Story Review Answer Key:

1. When God appeared to Solomon in a dream, what did He say to Solomon? (*God said, "Ask for anything you want me to give you." —1 Kings 3:5 NIV*)
2. What did Solomon ask for instead of money, strength, or chicken sandwiches? (*wisdom—an understanding heart to know what is right—1 Kings 3:9*)
3. How did God respond to Solomon's request for wisdom? (*God was pleased and gave him wisdom, plus wealth and honor—1 Kings 3:10-13.*)
4. What book of the Bible includes many of Solomon's wise sayings? (*Proverbs*)
5. How can we seek God's wisdom in our own life? (*Read the Bible, talk to trusted people who follow Jesus, pray, and keep learning about Him at church.*)

② What You Say

"Amazing job working together to answer questions from today's true story from the Bible!

"Even though Solomon was a king, he knew that he didn't have what it took to lead a kingdom on his own. Think about this: Solomon could have asked for ANYTHING. But he didn't. He asked for wisdom. The kind of wisdom that helps you know what's right, even when it's hard. And that request made God so happy! God loves to share His wisdom!

"Friends, God isn't far away. Just like Solomon asked for wisdom, we can ask for wisdom too. God is always with us, and He wants to help us make wise choices and live well. God is the source of all wisdom—He is the wisest! Remember, you can ask God for wisdom!"

ACTIVITY TWO

Sticky Prayers



Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Sticky Prayers" Activity Page
- ☐ Sticky notes
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Finished Sticky Prayers example

Inclusive Pro Tips



If independent reflection feels overwhelming for your group, allow them to discuss in pairs.

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What You Do

1. Sit on the floor or around a table.
2. Give every kid a "Sticky Prayers" Activity Page and nine sticky notes.
3. Set out the markers.

Imagine Together:

1. Ask: "When is a time you've needed help making a wise choice?"
→ Encourage kids to think about real-life situations like a conversation with a friend, a time they felt angry, or when they were unsure what to do.
2. Say, "We've been discovering all month long that true wisdom comes from God! He is the wisest, and He wants to give us wisdom so we can go through life well. Each of the prayers on your page are ways we can talk to God when we need His wisdom."
3. Point out the nine situations and feelings at the bottom of the page.
4. Direct the kids to write (or draw) each situation on their sticky notes.
5. Lead the kids to take each sticky note and place it on top of the nine prayer prompts on the page.

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What You Say

"Awesome job with these Sticky Prayers, friends! These are real moments when we can stop, talk to God, and say: 'God, will You give me wisdom?' Maybe you need help figuring out what to say to a friend who's sad. Or how to do the right thing, even when no one's watching. These are all moments when we should lean in to God's presence with us and ask God for help!"

"Friends, following Jesus is THE best decision you'll ever make. Why? Not only does Jesus give you a brand-new life where you can be close friends with God, but He gives you the gift of the Holy Spirit to live with you and guide you! That means you're never, EVER, alone! When you ask God for wisdom, the Holy Spirit might give you a new idea, or help you understand what's true!"

"Take your Sticky Prayers home and keep them somewhere you'll see them. You can use these prayers to start your conversation with God anytime. Let them remind you that you can ask God for wisdom!"

Pray and Dismiss

Prayer Activity



Faith Skills

Hear from God

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What You Say

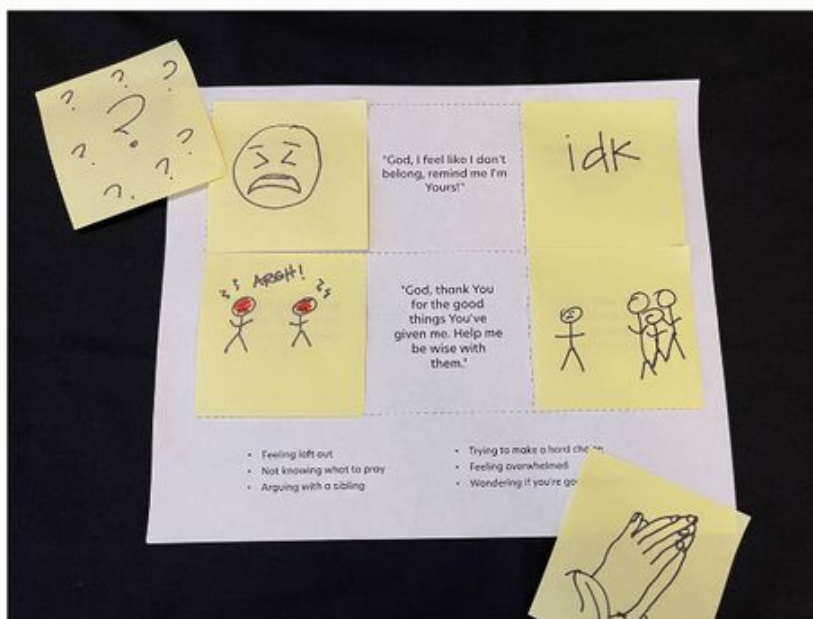
"Dear God, thank You for always being with us—no matter how we're feeling or what's going on around us. We are SO grateful that You understand each of our hearts, and You give us everything we need. Please help us to remember that You are the wisest and we can ask You for wisdom. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition -> As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share that we can always stop, pray, and ask God for wisdom, no matter what we're facing because He is with us. Invite the kids to share their Sticky Prayers cards.

Inclusive Pro Tips



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



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