

Small Group Leader Guide

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: Moses's Journey

Activity 2: VCourage Stick

Pray & Dismiss (2 minutes)

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



THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Solomon Chooses Wisdom

1 Kings 3:4-15

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

If You Could Ask for Anything

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Index Cards
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Timer(Lead's phone)



Inclusive Pro Tips

Consider doing this activity in pairs if it works better for your group, so every kid feels supported!

Adapt to verbally sharing ideas instead of drawing them.

Offer adaptive writing tools.

① What You Do

1. Give every kid three index cards and a pencil.
2. Say, "Let's pretend you can have anything you want for your next birthday! What would you pick? Maybe a new puppy? or the largest piece of your favorite candy?"
3. Set a timer for 5 minutes.
4. Invite the kids to think and draw one idea on each index card.
5. Once the timer is up, collect the cards and spread them face up for everyone to see.
6. As you read the review points, reference the kids' index cards.

Review Points

1. Solomon was a young man when he became king. That's a huge job with lots of responsibility!
2. He really wanted to be a good king, so he gave a special offering to God ... 1,000 burnt offerings!
3. That night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said something amazing: "Ask for anything you want me to give you" (1 Kings 3:5 NIV).
4. Solomon could have asked for anything, like money, toys, power, or being super-famous!
5. If Solomon lived today, he could've asked for some of your birthday wish ideas! (Point to kids' drawings and reference them.)
6. But Solomon didn't ask for stuff; he asked God for wisdom! That means he wanted God to help him know what was right and how to do it. He wanted to follow God and His ways!
7. God was so happy with Solomon's choice! God gave Solomon wisdom AND more.
8. Solomon became a wise king, not because he figured it out himself but because God gave him wisdom, every step of the way.
9. Solomon also shared lots of wise words we can read in the Bible today in the book of Proverbs!

② What You Say

"Out of all the things Solomon could've asked for, he chose wisdom! He wanted to follow God and His ways! Solomon knew that being wise (KNOWING THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND DOING IT) is more valuable than anything you can buy. That's what Proverbs 16:16 reminds us too:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

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

"Solomon's true story shows us that God loves when we ask for help, and God gives wisdom to those who ask! God is the wisest and He loves to share His wisdom with us! Remember, you can ask God for wisdom!"

ACTIVITY TWO

Pat and Clap Verse

Memory Verse Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ Bibles

Inclusive Pro Tips

Adapt the movements in a way that fits your group. Consider doing the verse sitting down.

① What You Do

1. Gather the kids in a circle.
2. Say, "Today we're going to use movement to help us remember our Memory Verse, Proverbs 16:16!"
3. Read the verse using the Bible (or invite a strong reader to help!).
4. Repeat the verse together several times.
5. Discuss any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.

Move Together: 1. Teach the verse motions.

→ For NlrV, they are:

→ It is (CLAP, CLAP) → much better (PAT, PAT)
 → to get wisdom (CLAP, CLAP) → than gold (PAT, PAT) → it is (CLAP, CLAP) → much better (PAT, PAT) → to choose understanding (CLAP, CLAP) → than silver (PAT, PAT) → Proverbs 16:16 (NlrV)

2. Repeat the verse a few times. Add a fun twist using various movement patterns like "stomp, clap" or "spin, clap."

② What You Say

"Way to go, friends! Proverbs 16:16 tells us how wisdom is worth more than gold and silver. God and silver are shiny and expensive. But God's Word says wisdom is even better! You don't have to buy wisdom. You don't have to find it buried in the ground. You can ASK God for wisdom, and He will give it to you because He loves you! He is the great King, and He wants to give you wisdom! Remember, you can ask God for wisdom anytime."

*Finding verses with Kindergarteners

①Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page.

②Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud.

③Guide them to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number.

④Guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number.
 Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud.

⑤Lead everyone to say the verse together.

Pray and Dismiss



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What You Say

"God, we love You so much. Thank You for Your wisdom. Whether we are learning new things or feeling big feelings, help us remember to pause and ask You for help. Thank You for loving us and sharing Your wisdom with us. We want to follow You and Your ways! We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen.

Transition → As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show them their Wisdomland Maps. Encourage them to share something they will ask God for wisdom for this week.

Inclusive Pro Tips



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