

K-3rd

Large Group

October — Week 2

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival : 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown : 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group : 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

→ **Opener**

→ **Bible Story**

→ **Talk It Out!**

→ **Memory Verse**

→ **Prayer**

Transition to Small group : 9:55-10:00
11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

David and the Psalms

Psalms 1:1-4

Bottom Line

**If you want to be wise,
focus on God.**

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

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

10 MINUTES

Opener

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Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

SLIDE → Countdown Optional
SLIDE → Theme Loop

HOST: "Welcome to Wisdomland! Who's excited to be here today?"
(PAUSE FOR CHEERS.)

AUDIO → Fun, upbeat music (THEME PARK MUSIC IF POSSIBLE)

"This is the best theme park ever because we get to have fun AND learn how to seek God for every wise choice—just like wise people do!

SLIDE → Theme

SLIDE → Game_Lost and Found

"Let's play a fun game in Wisdomland today called '**Lost and Found**,'—it's a game about finding some cool stuff we may have misplaced at the park!

→ "I'll bring out a box of items from a theme park. Sadly, these are items that get lost at theme parks a lot. One by one, I'll give a clue about what the item is. For example, 'This is an item that you would mail to a friend to tell them where you went!' The first team to guess each item I'm describing gets a point."

"Let's divide into two teams for the game! One side will be called **Team Disney** and the other side will be called **Team Universal**.

10 MINUTES

Opener

"Now that we've got our teams, let's get started! I'll call out our first clue! Together, your team will figure out the item. Here's your first clue:

"This is something you can send in the mail to tell people about your trip!"

→ Either hold up the item from the box, or direct the kids to go

Once a team makes their guess, bring out the item and show it to the kids

→ Postcard (This is something you would mail to a friend to tell them where you went.)

→ Sunglasses (These are what I wear to keep the sun from shining so brightly in my eyes!)

→ Stuffed animal (This is a plush prize that you sometimes win for playing a game.)

→ Filled plastic water bottle (It can get hot at theme parks! This is something you can drink to cool down.)

→ Silly hat (This is what I wear on my head when I want to make the people around me laugh!)

→ Poncho (This is something you need to wear if it starts to rain!)

→ Souvenir T-shirt (This is a shirt you wear to help remember the trip!)

→ Bottle of sun screen (This is a lotion I put on so I don't get burned from getting too much Sun!)

KEPT SCORE AND USED A BOX, DECLARE THE WINNING TEAM AND CELEBRATE THEM.)

"You all did such a wise job listening and working together! Sometimes, finding what's lost means listening to a good guide and focusing on where you're supposed to go. In Wisdomland, being wise means focusing on God—and God is the BEST guide we could ever have!"

"Great job, everyone! Let's hear our true story from the Bible today."

10 MINUTES

Story

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Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W2

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

- How can we be wise? We can do what Psalm 1 says: Stay close to God.
- This means talking to God, listening to His Word, remembering He is always with you, and following His ways.
- When we do, we grow strong and full of good things, like a fruit tree by the water.

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "If you want to be wise, focus on God."

STORYTELLER and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] "If you want to be wise, focus on God."

SLIDE -> Memory Verse



5 MINUTES

TALK IT OUT

“Wow! That was such a great story from the Bible. I love how God’s Word shows us amazing things we can learn and live out every day. Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?”

It’s time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**  That means it’s your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let’s put on our ‘thinking caps’ ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!”

07_SLIDE -> Talk It Out

Talk It Out Questions

1. What special jobs did David have before he became king?
 ➡ He was a shepherd, a musician, and a poet.
2. What big enemy did David defeat with just a sling and stones?
 ➡ Goliath
3. What book in the middle of the Bible has many of David’s songs and poems?
 ➡ Psalms
4. In Psalm 1, what do wise people focus on?
 ➡ Spending time with people who love God and reading God’s Word.
5. What does the tree in the story remind us to do?
 ➡ Soak up God’s Word like a tree soaks up water.
6. Who was the first king of Israel?
 ➡ Saul
7. Why did Saul make wrong choices?
 ➡ He acted out of pride and fear.
8. Who became David’s best friend?
 ➡ Jonathan, King Saul’s son

5 MINUTES

Prayer

“Let’s pray together:

③ Prayer

HOST or STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for loving us and always being with us. Help us to focus on You, to listen to Your words, and to make wise choices every day. Just like David, we want to stay close to You. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop