

K-3rd

Large Group

October — Week 3

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

Solomon Chooses Wisdom

1 Kings 3:4-15

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

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.

25 MINUTES

Opener

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Opener

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

→ Host enters.

SLIDE → Countdown
SLIDE → Theme Loop
AUDIO → Fun, upbeat music (THEME PARK MUSIC IF POSSIBLE)

HOST: "Welcome to Wisdomland, everybody! (WAVE TO EVERYONE!)

"I'm so glad you're here for another super-special day at our very own theme park—Wisdomland! Give me your biggest, silliest rollercoaster scream! (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.) Whoa! That was awesome!

"All summer long, we're learning to seek God to know which path we should follow—just like you would on a map at the world's coolest theme park! Here at Wisdomland, there are also rides and games, and we're learning that God goes with us through the very single thing!

"At Wisdomland, there's SO much to discover—but the most important thing we can find here is WISDOM. Does anybody know what wisdom is?

(LET A FEW KIDS ANSWER.)

"Those are great ideas! Wisdom means making good choices. When you make good choices, you live wisely and well, and God wants that for us! So today, we're going to see how God can help us with that!

SLIDE → Game_Duck Hunt Buddy.

"But first, it's time to open the gates to our Wisdomland Carnival Games.

"Now I need four volunteers to come up to play our first game. This game is called '**Duck Hunt Buddy.**'

→ Call four KIDS up and invite them to stand around the small inflatable pool filled with rubber ducks inside.

"In this inflatable pool are a bunch of rubber ducks, but only one of the ducks has a star on the bottom. You will play this game in groups of two, and you will both work together to make the right choice. Only one person from each pair can pick up a duck at a time, but the other can advise which one to pick. The pairs will take turns too!

→ Play the game and allow the pairs to work together to see who finds the duck first. After the game is completed, allow each participant to choose a rubber duck as a prize.

"That game was so much fun! Let's play our next one, '**Ring Toss!**' I

need five volunteers to come up and play this game.

10 MINUTES

Opener

"To play this game, you'll stand behind this line, take these five rings, and try to loop them around the bottles we have set up. We'll take turns, and after everyone has had five chances, whoever loops the most bottles, wins!

- Allow each of the kids to take turns standing behind the line and tossing the rings. Announce the winner. Allow all of the participants to choose a rubber duck after the game.

"Thank you so much for playing those Wisdomland Carnival Games! Sometimes the wise choice is asking for help when we don't know what to do, just like our teams did when they were playing the 'Duck Hunt Buddy' game.

"Today, we're going to learn about someone in the Bible who needed wisdom, and he knew just who to ask!

10 MINUTES

Story

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Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W3

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "When you're going through a theme park, it's good to have a good map so you know where to go. There are a lot of times in life when you'll think: 'Should I go this way? Or that way?' But you have something even better than a map to guide you through life—you have God! He sees the best way through life and will show you the best way! "You can always ask God for wisdom! He can answer you through the Bible, through grown-ups who follow Him, and through the Holy Spirit God's helper in your heart.

"Whenever you're lost, confused, or just want to make the best choice, remember Solomon—and remember that God loves it when you ask Him for help."

"So what did we learn from Solomon? You don't have to be the smartest, or the oldest, or even a king or queen to get God's wisdom! God's wisdom is a gift for anyone who asks.

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "You can ask God for wisdom. Say that with me."

SLIDE -> Memory Verse

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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. When Solomon became king, what did he know he needed from God?
☞ Wisdom to lead the people
2. What did God tell Solomon in his dream?
☞ "Ask for anything you want Me to give you."
3. What did Solomon ask for instead of riches or power?
☞ Wisdom to know right from wrong
4. Where in the Bible can we read many of Solomon's wise sayings?
☞ Proverbs
5. What's the big thing we learned today?
☞ We can ask God for wisdom anytime and anywhere
6. Who was Solomon's father?
☞ King David
7. What did Solomon build for God?
☞ A beautiful temple
8. Who came to visit Solomon because of his wisdom and amazing things he did?
☞ Foreign leaders
9. What book in the Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart"?
☞ Proverbs
10. How many chapters are in the book of Proverbs?
☞ 31

5 MINUTES

Prayer

③ Prayer

HOST or STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for loving us and for giving us the Bible so we can learn Your wisdom. Thank You for helping Solomon, and thank You that You promise to help us too. When we don’t know what to do, help us stop and ask You for help. Fill us with wisdom, kindness, and love—so we can make wise choices every day. We trust You, God! We love You, 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