

K-3rd

Large Group

October — Week 4

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

The Kings

1 & 2 Kings

Bottom Line

Be wise because your choices matter.

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

① Opener

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

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro
Optional Video → Theme Loop

HOST: "Welcome to Wisdomland, friends! (WAVES EXCITEDLY.) I'm so glad you're here today. Who's ready to visit the best theme park ever? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)"

"Today we're starting an amazing adventure—just like being at the biggest, most fun park in the world. I want everyone to look at your neighbor and give them your best 'roller coaster face'—the face you'd make going down the BIGGEST drop!"

→ Pause for silly faces. Mimic a wild roller coaster face and giggle.

"Nice! In Wisdomland, there are SO many rides, games, and snacks to choose from! But did you know that in life, just like in a theme park, the choices you make can totally change your day?"

"They can. But God wants to help you live wisely and well. God wants to give you His wisdom because He loves you and because ... your choices matter!"

"Let me hear you say, 'My choices matter!'"

KIDS: "My choices matter!"

SLIDE → Game_Our Wisdome Challenge!

HOST: "Awesome! Well said! Now, who's ready for our first Wisdomland challenge?"

→ Signal for the three volunteers to come to the station they'll be overseeing in the "Fast Pass Decisions" game.

HOST: "For our game today, you get to pretend you're at the park with your very own 'Fast Pass!' You're going to face some choices—just like picking which ride to do first!"

"There are three 'rides' to choose from at this park: *The Spinning Ride*, *The Jumping Ride*, and *The Crawling Ride*. But here's the twist—only one line moves super-fast, and the others move a little slower. You won't know which one is the fastest until you choose!"

10 MINUTES

Opener

→ Before you start the game, make sure the helpers are at each station.

Here's how to play:

1. When I say "Go," pick a ride and line up behind it.
2. When it's your turn, do the movement written on the paper at your station.
3. Our helpers will guide you and make sure you finish the ride.
4. After you're done, go back to your seat.
5. Cheer for your friends as they take their turn!

HOST: "Ready? Take a look at your choices. You can pick The Spinning Ride, The Jumping Ride, or The Crawling Ride. Remember, you don't know which will move the fastest!

"When I start the game, run to the ride you want to choose. Okay? Ready ... and ... GO!"

→ Kids rush to pick a line and start the game. Helpers keep each line moving and encourage kids as they do the actions.

→ Narrate and encourage: "Whoa, look how fast the Spinning Ride is moving! Uh oh, Jumping Ride got a little slow there—keep going, you've got this! Wow, look at those crawlers zoom!"

→ After each ride is finished ...

"Give yourselves a round of applause—what a ride! Did anyone end up in the fastest line? Sometimes, even when we try our best to make a wise choice, we don't know exactly how things will turn out. But every choice matters, and God can help us use wisdom every day, just like we did in our game!

"Okay, everyone! Please take a seat, calm down, and get ready for today's Bible story!

10 MINUTES

Story

③

Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W4

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “And now, we get to make choices too. We can ask God for wisdom, just like Solomon did. We can choose to follow Jesus, just like the wise kings tried to follow God. And when we make a choice, those choices matter!”

“Let’s look at our Bottom Line for this week:

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] “Be wise because your choices matter. Say that with me.”

→ Host enters and joins in.

STORYTELLER, HOST, and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] “Be wise because your choices matter.”

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. Who became king after Solomon and made a foolish choice about how to treat the people?

☞ Rehoboam

2. What happened to Israel after Rehoboam treated the people unfairly?

☞ The kingdom split into two: Israel (north) and Judah (south)

3. Which northern king was very bad and worshiped false gods, even killing Naboth to get his vineyard?

☞ Ahab

4. Name one king of Judah who trusted God and led the people back to Him.

☞ Asa, Joash, Hezekiah, or Josiah

5. What is the big lesson from all the kings of Israel and Judah?

☞ Wise choices come from trusting God, and our choices affect our lives and the people around us

5 MINUTES

Prayer

③ Prayer

HOST or STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for loving us and for giving us so many chances to make good choices. Help us remember that what we do matters. Help us be kind and loving, and help us follow Jesus—the one true King who always made the wise choice. Thank You for being with us in every moment, from the biggest rides to the smallest choices. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Thanks for riding through God’s story with me today. Remember, Wisdomland isn’t just a place—it’s every moment where you can make wise choices with God’s help. Have an amazing week, and keep following God and making wise choices wherever you go!”

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop