

K-2 | October 26

Today's Bible Story: The Kings • 1 & 2 Kings

Today's Bottom Line: Be wise because your choices matter.

Monthly Memory Verse: *It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.* Proverbs 16:16 (NIRV)

1. Opening Activity

Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God for reminding you that even kids make choices that matter. Ask God to help your group see how their words, actions, and even their attitudes can lead them closer to You. Pray that your small group environment is a space where kids feel safe to learn, make mistakes, and grow in wisdom. Ask God to give you gentle words and creative ways to help them understand that being wise starts right now!

What You Need:

- ☐ Offering container

What To Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.

Play Together:

- Gather the kids together and explain how to play "Rock, Paper, Scissors."
 - Rock 🖐️ - Rock crushes scissors.
 - Paper 🖐️ - Scissors cut paper.
 - Scissors ✂️ - Paper covers rock.
- Divide the kids into groups of two and pick a group to go first.
- Chant together: "Rock, paper, scissors, go!" On "go," encourage the kids to show one of the three signs.
- If it's a tie, instruct the kids to play again.
- If a kid loses, have them sit down and cheer for others!
- Continue until there is only one kid left standing.

What You Say:

"That was so fun to watch! Each of you had to think fast and choose carefully. Every day we make choices—some that are small, and some that are really big! Wisdom from God is what we need to make the right choice! Instead of just guessing like we did in 'Rock, Paper, Scissors,' we don't have to guess the wisdom God has given us.

"Today in our true story from the Bible, we'll hear about some kings who made some BIG choices and why it's so important to be wise because your choices matter. Let's go!"

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- If it is better for the group, play the game sitting down, and as a kid loses, have them move their seat back.
- If kids want more time to think before voting, give them time to do so.

[Lead your group to watch today's video lesson and do worship.]

2. Seeds of Wisdom

What You'll Need:






- Seeds of Wisdom, Seeds, and Flower Activity Pages
- Crayons or markers
- Pre-cut large **seed** and **flower** shapes (or have kids draw them)
- Glue sticks

Let's Do It Together!

(Gather kids on the floor or at a table where everyone can see.)

Say: "Today we're going to grow a pretend garden! Our flowers will remind us that wise choices help us grow big and strong inside!"

Step-by-Step Craft:

1. **Color Your Seed**
 "This is your seed—it's the beginning! Let's color it however you like."
2. **Glue Your Seed to the Paper**
 "Let's glue our seed at the bottom of the paper. This is where it starts growing!"
3. **Draw What Helps It Grow**
 "Now, draw sunshine, rain, or even God's love helping the seed grow."
4. **Add a Flower on Top**
 "Now draw the stem as grows upwards. Then glue your flower at the top—it shows what happens when we make wise choices!"
5. **Decorate Your Garden**
 "You can draw bees, hearts, butterflies, or anything else in your garden!"

Talk Time (Simple Questions & Ideas):

Ask while they create or after:

- "What do you think helps people grow wise and kind?"
- "Can a smile be a wise choice?"
- "What do you think God wants us to grow into?"

Talk Together:

- Ask: "What happened when the kings made wise choices. What happened when they didn't?" *(When kings made wise choices—like King Solomon during the season of his life when he asked God for wisdom and followed it—things went well for the people, and God was with them. When kings disobeyed God or made selfish choices, things got very hard. People stopped trusting God. Some kings even led the people to worship false gods, and that caused BIG trouble.)*
- Ask, "What do you think made a king wise in God's eyes?"
- Ask, "Do you think it was always easy for the kings to choose what's right?"

What You Say:

"Today's Bible Story showed us ups and downs of kings who had choices to make. Some chose to follow God and God's ways, and the people they reigned over were blessed! Other kings didn't, and it caused a lot of trouble. God's way is always the best way to live.

"I want you to think of your beans like the choices we make. When we ask God for wisdom, and make the wise choice over and over again, it grows good fruit just like the seed turning into a strong plant. Does God give us grace when we don't make wise choices all of the time? Absolutely! That's why He sent Jesus—God knew we wouldn't get it all right all the time. But He wants to help us choose wisely and live well. That's part of the reason why He came to live inside of us Himself through the Holy Spirit, He wants to guide us through life well, so we live strong and beautifully!

"Sometimes, choosing God's way is not easy. But when we choose God's way over and over again, we grow into people who love well, live with purpose, and show others who Jesus is. **Be wise because your choices matter.**"

[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate time you had to make a big decision, and you decided to apply God's wisdom. Was it a verse you remember, or a conversation with a friend who followed Jesus that helped you? Share how seeking God first changed your situation.)

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- Be sure to demonstrate each step slowly!

3. Verse Tower Challenge

What You Need:

- Floor tape
- **Plastic cups** (19 cups)
- Prepared cups: each one labeled with a word from Proverbs 16:16
- "Cup Stack Activity Page" x2
- Optional: cones or hoops to mark relay zones
- 1 Bible marked at Proverbs 16:16 NIV

Setup:

1. **Mark starting lines** with floor tape—one for each team.
2. **Place the prepared cup stacks** at the far end of the room (19 per team).
3. Create **2 teams**
4. Place a "**Cup Stack Activity Page**" near each team's area (to help them with stacking order later).

What To Do:

1. Introduce the Verse

- Briefly read Proverbs 16:16 aloud to the group from the Bible:
“It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.”
- Explain that **wisdom** is using what we know to make good choices, and **God gives us the best wisdom!**

2. Play the Game – Relay + Stack

Say:

“You’re going to race to collect cups that help us build a **Wisdom Tower**—one that shows us a verse from the Bible! But you’ll need to work as a team.”

1. One at a time, each kid runs to the cup station.
2. They pick **one cup**, run back, and **add it to their team’s building pile**.
3. When all cups are collected, the team uses the **Picture Guide** to stack them in **correct verse order** to build a tower.
4. First team to complete the verse pyramid shouts:
“PROVERBS 16:16!”

Optional: You can play upbeat music from the worship loop during the relay for energy!

What You Say:

“That was so fun! You used your teamwork and thinking to build a tower that shows us something God says is important—**WISDOM!**”

“Gold and silver are shiny and special, but **God’s wisdom is even more valuable**. It helps us make the best choices. When we ask God to help us, we’re learning to be wise!”

“So remember... wisdom doesn’t just live in our brains. It starts in our hearts—when we want what God wants for us.”

Inclusive Pro Tips:

- For mixed-ability groups, pair non-readers with a buddy who can help
- You can **pre-stack** the cups with the correct verse order and let kids practice **rebuilding it** together.
- If space allows, let teams knock down their towers afterward to end on a silly note!

4. Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for showing us how important our choices are. Thank You for Jesus, who not only showed us how to live wisely, but also gave us a way to be close to You! We want to live like Him! Please fill our hearts with Your wisdom. Remind us to read Your Word, and surround ourselves with others who follow Your Son, Jesus. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”