

WEEK

ONE

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Opener
- Worship ("Know You More" and "The Good Thing")
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Conversation Starter
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Take a Snapshot
2. Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
3. Verses to Take with You
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](#)

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



Today's Bible Story

Samuel Anoints David

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Conversation Starter

What does it mean to be wise?

Bottom Line

God can help you make the wise choice.

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

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Welcome

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 has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [NAME OF ENVIRONMENT]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "Welcome to Wisdomland, everybody! Wisdomland is a theme park, but you don't just ride roller coasters—you become wiser! God, the wisest, wants to go with you through every up and down of your life and help you make choices to help you live well. My name's [HOST NAME] and today, you're going to be part of our special game in Wisdomland called: Decision Dilemma!

"We all know theme parks are full of decisions. Which ride do you go on first? Do you get pizza or nachos or pizza nachos (THAT SOUNDS AMAZING)? Who sits in the front seat of the coaster? But guess what? Life is the same way! Every day, you make decisions that matter. That's what this whole series is about: God wants to help you make wise decisions so you live better and well!

"Today, we'll kick things off with a team competition—Decision Dilemma. Here's how it works: I'm going to read out some tricky scenarios, scenarios where we want to find wisdom, scenarios that you might face in real life. But the situations will be tricky, so we'll talk them through.

"I'm going to give each team a buzzer (OR PADDLE). Your job is to discuss the situation with your group, and buzz the buzzer (OR RAISE YOUR PADDLE) when you have some thoughts to share.

"I'll divide our group into teams and give each team a buzzer (OR PADDLE).

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- Divide the room into at least two teams, give each team a buzzer (or paddle). If your group is small, and if it's easier, kids can just raise their hands when their team is ready to share their answers.

"Ready for your first Decision Dilemma? I'll call out a scenario. You discuss your group's response, and hit the buzzer **(OR RAISE THE PADDLE)** when you're ready to share your team's thoughts. Here we go!

"You see someone being left out at lunch. Is it wise to sit with them, even if your friends tease you? What is the wise thing to do and why?

- When a group signals in, invite them to share what they think the wise thing to do is. Encourage them to share their reasoning behind their answer, and try to make the point that God loves everyone and choosing courage over comfort is what God would do.

"Great job! Here's the next decision to make! You have homework due, but your favorite show just dropped a new episode. Do you binge-watch your show first, or finish your work? What's the wise thing to do and why?

- When a group signals in, invite them to share what they think the wise thing to do is. Encourage them to share their reasoning behind their answer, and try to make the point that being a student is a priority, and it honors God to work hard and be faithful.

"Great discussion! Here's your next decision you're faced with: A friend tells you a secret that could hurt them or someone else. Should you keep the secret and not share it with anyone, or tell a trusted adult? What's the wise thing to do and why?

- Invite the groups to discuss amongst themselves what wisdom looks like in this scenario, signal when they're ready, and discuss their reasoning behind their thoughts.

"Wow! I loved hearing everyone's thoughts and reasoning behind that. Here's our last decision dilemma: You have money to spend—do you buy candy, save your money, or give some away? What's the wise thing to do and why?

- Invite the groups to talk amongst themselves, buzz in when they have thoughts, and share their reasoning behind their thoughts. Prompt the kids to share stories of wise versus unwise spending.

"Decision Dilemma shows us something really important: Wisdom isn't always about having a quick answer. Sometimes you need to pause, think, and ask God for help—especially when there isn't an obvious right or wrong. God loves you and wants to help you go through any situation you face wisely and well!

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"Today's Bible Story is about someone who had to follow God's leading to make the wise choice, but God walked him through it every step of the way. There were confusing moments and moments this person didn't understand, but God still went with him through it all and told him what the wise thing to do was.

"But before we look at that true story from the Bible, let's worship the One who goes with us through everything, and who wants to guide us to goodness with His wisdom!"

② Worship

→ **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Let's keep the energy rolling! One of the most powerful things in the process of finding God's wisdom is to turn your attention to God. Worship through music isn't just singing songs—it's about refocusing your heart, your mind, and your whole life on what matters most. As we worship, we draw near to the wisest One!"

"Maybe you're the type who loves to sing at the top of your lungs. Or maybe you connect best by reading lyrics, moving with the music, or just closing your eyes and listening. However you worship, know this—God sees you and loves when you turn your heart toward Him.

"Our first song today is 'Know You More' by Orange Kids. This song is basically a prayer—asking God to help us know Him more, trust Him more, and become more like Him. As we get closer to God, we'll get wiser because He is the wisest! Let's make this your prayer, whether you sing or just listen in your heart."

AUDIO → "Know You More" / track 1 from Focus

WORSHIP LEADER: "Awesome! Worship isn't about performance—it's about honesty and connection. Now let's sing another song that reminds us about the good thing God gives us in wisdom! God wants us to live well, so He gives us the good thing of wisdom! This song is called: 'The Good Thing.' Let's worship through it together!"

AUDIO → "The Good Thing" / track 1 from The Good Thing

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job, everyone! Before we move on, let's lock in our Memory Verse for this month. I'll say a line, and you echo it back, okay?"

SLIDE → Memory Verse

It is much better to get wisdom than gold. (PAUSE FOR KIDS TO ECHO YOU.)

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It is much better to choose understanding than silver. (PAUSE FOR KIDS TO ECHO YOU.)

Proverbs sixteen, sixteen. (PAUSE FOR KIDS TO ECHO YOU.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Remember: Wisdom is better than any thrill ride, prize, or trophy. And God loves to share His wisdom with anyone who asks. Thanks for worshiping with me. Now, let's lean in and hear our true story from the Bible!"

③ Bible Story (Communicator Script)

SLIDE → Theme Background

→ **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.**

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: "Okay, Wisdomland crew—real talk. Has anyone ever looked at a theme park map and thought, 'Whoa, there's no way I'm going to find everything in here!?' You see all those winding paths, wild ride names, and hidden snack stands, and you just hope you don't get lost, right?"

→ **Hold up the "Theme Park Map" printable and look confused.**

"Here's the thing: Life can feel exactly like that. Some days, the way forward is crystal clear—like a bright sign pointing to your favorite ride. Other days, it's like the map is upside down, and you're just hoping you're headed the right way. Sometimes you need a little extra help to figure out where to go next.

TENSION

→ **Hold up the magnifying glass.**

COMMUNICATOR: "That's where wisdom comes in. Wisdom isn't just about being smart, getting good grades, or knowing all the answers. Wisdom is about seeing things clearly—finding the best way forward, especially when the path is confusing or there's a choice to make in the moment. Sometimes, wisdom means zooming in to see details others might miss. Sometimes, it's about stepping back and asking, 'What's really important here?'"

"Let's say you're at a theme park, and your group can't decide which ride to try next. One friend wants the roller coaster, another wants to go to the arcade, and someone else just wants food. What do you do? Or maybe you've got a situation at home or at school where everyone expects you to make a quick decision, but you feel stuck. Those are wisdom moments—times when you need to pause, zoom in, and ask God for help.

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"Here's the cool thing about wisdom: God will give it to anyone who asks Him for it. James 1:5 (NIV) says: 'If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you.'"

"That's a promise, not just for adults or for people in the Bible, but for you—right now, right where you are."

→ **Demonstrate moving the magnifying glass over the map.**

"Let's imagine this map is your life. There are so many possible paths, so many choices—some that seem obvious, and some that aren't. Sometimes, you need to take a closer look. Maybe you're looking for a shortcut, or maybe you need to see if there's something dangerous up ahead that you can't see. The magnifying glass helps you find the details you might miss, just like God's wisdom helps you notice what really matters, even in the moment."

"As we head into today's story, I want you to think about what's happening in your life right now. Is there a choice, a situation, or a relationship where you need God's wisdom? Hold that in your mind. Today's Bible Story is all about a big moment when God guided someone to wisdom. God went with this person through every step and showed him what was wise."

"Let's get ready to dive in—and as we do, ask God to show you something new. Maybe there's a detail or a path you haven't noticed yet, and God is ready to help you see it!"

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"Before we dive into today's story, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the entire story of the Bible!"

"Why? Well, part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we can get to know Him! So as we go through the stories of the Bible, we'll get to know God!"

"We're going to go through God's Big Story! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)"

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)"

"Let me bring you up to speed on where we've been in God's Big Story so far!"

"So you might remember that in the very beginning, God made everything! He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! It was so sad."

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"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

"God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Many years later, Abraham's great-grandson Joseph ended up in Egypt. After some hard times, God helped Joseph become a super-important leader there! Joseph saved his whole family by bringing them to Egypt. But hundreds of years passed. God grew and grew His people. A new Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, came along. He didn't know about Joseph. He saw how many of God's people there were, he got scared, and he started being mean to them.

"God's people cried out to God for help. He answered! He brought His people out of slavery into a beautiful home He had for them—the Promised Land! After some time living in the Promised Land, God's people wanted a king like the other nations around them. And that's where we are in God's Big Story."

TRUTH

"Today, our story comes from a book of the Bible called 1 Samuel. **(HOLD UP BIBLE.)**

"Open your Bible or Bible app to 1 Samuel 16, and picture this: The nation of Israel, God's people, were stuck. They wanted a king, just like all the other countries around them. So, God gave them Saul—tall, impressive, the kind of guy everyone thought would be a great leader. But it didn't take long before Saul's choices started to slide. He ignored God, cared more about his own popularity, and kept making decisions based on what seemed easiest or most popular, instead of what God said.

"There also was a prophet who lived during Saul's time. He listened to God and shared God's messages with the people. At God's direction, Samuel had anointed Saul to be king. But Saul had gone bad as king. And Samuel was sad about it. But God had a plan. The Bible says:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:1 (NirV) and read.**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you be filled with sorrow because of Saul? I have refused to have him as king over Israel. Fill your animal horn with olive oil and go on your way. I am sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

"But Samuel was honest—he was afraid. He said:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:2 (NirV) and read.**

"How can I go? Suppose Saul hears about it. Then he'll kill me."

"Have you ever felt stuck between what you know is right and what

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feels scary? Even Samuel, a very wise man who loved and trusted God, wrestled with fear. But God helped him through the moment and answered him:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:2-3 (NirV) and read.**

"Take a young cow with you. Tell the elders of Bethlehem, 'I've come to offer a sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice. Then I will show you what to do. You must anoint for me the one I point out to you."

"Notice that God didn't give Samuel the whole plan—just the next step. That's often how wisdom works. God might not lay out the whole map for your life, but He'll guide you as you go, giving you what you need right when you need it. Are you willing to trust God with the next step, even if you don't know what's around the corner?"

"So Samuel obeyed. He went to Bethlehem, and the town leaders were nervous. Maybe they had heard about Saul, maybe they were just worried—Samuel was a big deal, and prophets usually showed up for important **(SOMETIMES SCARY)** reasons. Samuel reassured them: 'I've come in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' He invited Jesse and his sons to join the sacrifice.

"At the sacrifice, Samuel saw Jesse's first son—Eliab. He looked impressive, strong, confident. Samuel thought, 'This has to be the one.' But God interrupted his thoughts and shared:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:7 (NirV) and read.**

"Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the Lord looks at what is in the heart."

"Highlight that in your Bible—God isn't impressed with appearances, grades, followers, or popularity. He cares about your heart—what's happening on the inside, and particularly, how you love Him.

"Jesse called forward his second son, Abinadab. Then his son Shammah, then four more. Seven sons in total, and each time, Samuel listened for God's whisper.

"Each time, God said, 'No, not him.'

"Samuel could have chosen what looked obvious. He could have picked the firstborn, the biggest, the strongest—what everyone expected. But Samuel waited for God's wisdom in the moment, even if it made him stand out or look strange.

"Let's step into this scene—seven sons have stood before Samuel, and God has said no to every single one. This is the conversation between Samuel and Jesse.

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:11a-b (NirV) and read.**

"Are these the only sons you have?"

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"No," Jesse answered. "My youngest son is taking care of the sheep."
"David wasn't even there. His own family didn't think he was important enough to invite! Maybe you've felt like that—overlooked or underestimated. Remember, God sees what others miss. He cares deeply about people, and about you! Even if no one else notices you, God does!"

"Samuel told Jesse:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:11c (NirV) and read.**

"Send for him. We won't sit down to eat until he arrives."

"The whole family and the prophet were waiting. Someone rushed out to the field to get David. And David came in to the sacrifice. The Bible described David this way:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:12a (NirV) and read.**

He looked very healthy. He had a fine appearance and handsome features.

"But once again, remember, God wasn't picking a king based on looks. He was looking at David's heart. He knew that David loved Him and that he had done his best to follow Him. God saw the kind of person David was when nobody was watching, the choices he made when he was just caring for sheep in the fields.

"Then God said to Samuel:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:12b (NirV) and read.**

"Get up and anoint him. This is the one."

"All the older brothers—bigger, stronger, more experienced—were watching as Samuel reached for his horn of oil and walked over to David. There was silence, maybe disbelief, maybe surprise. But Samuel obeyed.

"Samuel took the oil, a symbol of God's calling and blessing, and poured it on David's head. The Bible says:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:13 (NirV) and read.**

So Samuel got the animal horn that was filled with olive oil. He anointed David in front of his brothers. From that day on, the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully on David.

"Let's not rush past that. In the Old Testament, God's Spirit would come upon certain people. But because of Jesus' death and resurrection, when we choose to follow Jesus, God's Spirit lives inside us today. And God's Spirit came powerfully on David—not because he was ready to be king that day, but because God was starting something new in him. God wanted to be even closer to David.

"But David didn't become king right away. He went back to the fields for

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years, taking care of sheep, learning, growing, and waiting. God was preparing him for something big—even when no one else could see it. “So what does it look like for you to wait for God’s wisdom? Maybe you’re hoping for a big change, or maybe you feel stuck in the ordinary stuff—school, chores, practice, family life. God isn’t just interested in your ‘big moments.’ He wants to build wisdom in you every day, right where you are. The choices you make when no one is watching—being honest, working hard, loving your family—those are the choices that shape your heart. That’s what God saw in David.

“Think about what it would feel like to be anointed king, but then told to go back to shepherding sheep. Would you be tempted to brag or rush things, or would you trust God’s timing? Real wisdom trusts God’s timing. David’s story reminds us that you don’t have to be the oldest, strongest, or most popular for God to notice you—He’s looking for hearts that love and trust Him.

“Samuel, for his part, had to trust that God knew what He was doing. Samuel might have wondered if people would understand or support his choice. But Samuel was faithful to what God told him, not just what others expected. That’s what sets wise leaders apart: they listen for God’s voice, even when it leads them down unexpected paths.

“After Samuel anointed David, you’d think everything would change overnight. But that’s not what happened! Instead of moving into the palace, David went right back to his everyday life—taking care of sheep. That’s where God kept building wisdom in him. While David was alone with the sheep, he learned how to protect them from wild animals, how to play music, how to worship God, and how to listen for God’s voice. No one else saw it, but God did. Those quiet, faithful choices were shaping David into a wise leader long before anyone called him ‘king.’

“Meanwhile, Saul was still king. God’s favor had left Saul because he kept making unwise choices, choosing his own way instead of God’s. Saul became more insecure, more jealous, and less open to God and His wisdom. This is a huge reminder for all of us—when you choose to ignore God’s voice, wisdom slips away. When you invite God in, wisdom grows.

“One of the most famous stories about David happened during these waiting years—the story of David and Goliath. Israel’s army, the army of God’s people, was in a standoff with the Philistines. Every day, a giant named Goliath stepped forward and shouted at Israel’s soldiers. He was over nine feet tall, wore massive armor, and carried huge weapons. Goliath dared anyone to fight him, saying:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:8 (NirV) and read.**

“Choose one of your men. Have him come down and face me.”

“Day after day, no one dared to accept the challenge. Was it wise for the soldiers to hide in fear and let Goliath keep talking? **(PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)**

“David wasn’t even a soldier—he was just bringing food to his brothers. But when he heard Goliath mocking God and saw everyone hiding,

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something stirred in him. David trusted God and knew he was strong because God was with him.

"David told Saul:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:32 (NirV) and read.**

"Don't let anyone lose hope because of that Philistine. I'll go out and fight him."

"Was it wise for David to step forward, even though he was younger and smaller? **(PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)**

"David picked up five smooth stones and his sling—tools he'd practiced with while caring for sheep—and he went out to face Goliath. The giant laughed at him, but David replied:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:45 (NirV) and read.**

"You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I'm coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all."

"David ran forward, slung a stone, and struck Goliath in the forehead. The giant fell, and the Israelites, God's people, won an unbelievable victory.

"David's courage came from His closeness with God and the wisdom he got from that closeness—wisdom to remember God's power, to step up when everyone else was afraid, and to trust that God is the strongest, even when the odds looked impossible.

"Here's what you need to know: Wisdom isn't about always having the biggest voice, the best looks, or the strongest muscles. It's about being close to God, remembering what He has said is true, and going with Him together through life, one step at a time, no matter what you face! God goes with you every step of the way. And relying on Him? That's wisdom.

"After David's victory over Goliath, his life changed forever. People cheered for him, sang songs about him, and King Saul brought him into the palace. But even then, life wasn't easy. Saul became jealous and tried to hurt David. David spent years on the run, hiding in caves and forests, never sure who he could trust. Yet even then, David kept searching for God and His wisdom every step of his life.

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "Sometimes, David made mistakes—big ones. He sinned. There were times when he lost his temper, made selfish decisions, or even hurt others. But the difference was, whenever David sinned, he was willing to stop, admit it, and ask God for forgiveness. He came back to God. That's wisdom too: not pretending you're perfect, but being humble enough to own your mistakes, to come back to God, and to let God help you grow.

"As we see in David's anointing story, wisdom isn't just about what people see on the outside—it's about the honesty and openness in your heart with God. God cares far more about your willingness to listen, to ask for help, and to trust Him, than He does about how strong, talented, or impressive you look.

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"Eventually, David became king, just as God promised. He led Israel through great victories and some tough losses. But the true legacy David left wasn't his army or his palace—it was the way he kept coming back to God. When he was lost, scared, or overwhelmed, David turned to God, just like he did as a young shepherd. When he sinned, He turned to God. That's why we're still talking about his story today.

"And here's the coolest part: God's wisdom that helped Samuel choose David, and helped David face giants, is available to you. You don't have to wait until you're older or until you feel important. God's Spirit is ready to guide you right now, right where you are.

"So how does this play out in real life? Maybe you're trying to make a big decision about friends, sports, activities, or how to treat someone at school. Maybe you're wrestling with something no one else knows about. Wisdom starts with pausing, inviting God into the process, and listening for His guidance—even if it's just one small step at a time.

"You might feel like you're in the 'waiting years,' like David in the fields, wondering if God really sees you or has a plan for you. Or maybe you're facing a 'giant'—a problem or fear that feels too big to handle. Wisdom is knowing you don't have to face it alone. God loves your heart. He wants to fill you with His wisdom, and He'll help you see the next right step, even when the way forward feels foggy.

"Remember, Samuel's story isn't about getting it right every time or knowing all the answers in advance. It's about showing up, listening for God's voice, and being willing to trust Him—even if it's awkward or hard. Wisdom is built one choice at a time, and God is patient as you grow. Your willingness to listen, learn, and lean into God's wisdom can make a difference, not just in your life, but in the lives of everyone around you.

"So as you head out this week, keep your spiritual 'magnifying glass' close. Keep looking for wisdom in every moment—big and small. Ask God for help, and don't be afraid to wait, try again, or change direction if you need to. God wants to give you His wisdom so you can go through life well!

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"This week, we're up here in the part of this picture of God's Big Story with David kneeling and having Samuel pour oil over his head to anoint him as the next king. **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)** That's where we are in God's Big Story!

"This week, we looked at the story of the prophet Samuel and how he listened to God. Samuel had an important job to do—anointing the next king—and God helped him know what was wise. God helped Samuel see that David's good heart toward Him was what was most important.

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But God was doing something even bigger through David. God loved David and us so much that many, many years later, Jesus, the Savior of the world, would come from David's family. God was working on a plan that would stretch for hundreds of years—all the way to Jesus! God was working through David to save us, because Jesus would rescue us all!

"Let's put our image on the timeline

SLIDE → Week 1 Timeline Image

→ **If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.**

"This week we talked about Samuel."

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "When we think about Samuel, we can remember that God helped him see what was truly wise.

"But the story doesn't end with Samuel, it continues with you. Every day, you have moments that matter—moments when you might feel nervous, invisible, or stuck. In those times, God sees you. He cares about your heart, and He loves to guide you, just like He did with Samuel and David.

"As you leave today, remember that wisdom isn't about always having the answers—it's about going with God through everything, asking Him for help. and being willing to trust Him, one step at a time.

"As you head into this week, here's something to carry with you and talk about with God and others:

SLIDE → Conversation Starter

[CONVERSATION STARTER] "What does it mean to be wise?"

SLIDE → Theme Background

"Does wisdom look like always having the right answer? Or is it about going with God through everything, and asking Him for help as you go? Think about where you need wisdom most right now. Who can you talk to? What's one step you can take to listen for God's voice and live out wisdom this week? Don't rush past the question—let it shape your prayers, your friendships, and your choices. God is ready to guide you, moment by moment. But before we head out, let's talk to God together now!

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③ Prayer

COMMUNICATOR: "God, thank You for seeing us and loving us. Thank You for helping Samuel listen, for choosing David, and for sending Jesus. Please give us wisdom for the moments ahead—at school, at home, and everywhere we go. Help us listen, trust, and follow You. 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

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Welcome/Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ Game show buzzers (like these: <http://bit.ly/4IUuNvD>) or ping-pong paddles (one for each team; if not available, use hand-raising)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. Note: Legally a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Know You More" from Focus
- ☐ "The Good Thing" from The Good Thing

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Know You More" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "The Good Thing" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

Note: We've suggested worship songs below from Amazing Kids Worship and Orange Kids Music. We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate for elementary and preteen kids, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.

We've chosen these specific songs that amplify our teaching content for this month. We recommend that you use these songs as scripted below, or combined with other popular worship songs that your kids know and love. Be sure to share the links to these songs with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car! Songs can be purchased at store. thinkorange.com or for free with APlay.

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:

"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe
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- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 1 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop

What You Need:

NOTE: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!

If you want to follow "God's Big Story," read the following script straight through. Each week will build on the previous ones. But, if your church wants to teach a Large Group session on its own as a standalone, without connecting it to what has come before, there are two sections in the script below that are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer."

Whatever way you decide to use the following, know that we're praying diligently for you—we're asking God to help kids see and believe that He loves them, He invented them, and He wants to be their closest Friend. Forever. It's an honor to get to know God with you through the Bible this year!

- ☐ Communicator
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Magnifying glass prop (like this: <http://bit.ly/44J4KAi>)
- ☐ "Theme Park Map" (printable)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Conversation Starter Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Print out the "Theme Park Map" printable and fold it into thirds, like a map.

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

Feature Presentation: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue

APlay

Get the most out of your curriculum with APlay! JoinAPlay.com is an all-in-one media organization and presentation tool. Experience all of your Orange Curriculum media assets, now pre-built and fully customizable. No more sorting through multiple download folders.

APlay is free with your curriculum subscription and packed with features to help your weekly experience run smoother. APlay gives you more time to focus on what truly matters — more ministry, less media management with Apple TV-based media solutions.

WEEK

TWO

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Opener
- Worship ("Know You More" and "Further Faster")
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Conversation Starter
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Take a Snapshot
2. Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
3. Verses to Take with You
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](#)

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



Today's Bible Story

David and the Psalms

Psalms 1:1-4

Supporting: Psalm 23:1-2; 8:1; 18:2

Conversation Starter

How do you know what's wise?

Bottom Line

God can help you make the wise choice.

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

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Welcome

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 has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [NAME OF ENVIRONMENT]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: (WALKS IN WITH LOTS OF ENERGY)

"Hey, everyone! Welcome to Wisdomland, where you get to make your own adventure. I hope you're ready for a day full of fun—and maybe even some tough choices. Because today, we're finding out how to make wise choices, no matter what comes your way. God wants to help you make the wise choice step by step through your life.

SLIDE → "Wisdomland Theme Park Map"

"Okay, check out this park map—who wants to go on every single ride? **(PAUSE FOR THE KIDS TO RAISE THEIR HANDS.)**

"But here's the catch: not every ride is what it seems! Some are awesome, some are just plain weird, and some might be ... well, let's just say, not the wisest choice for you.

"Let me divide our group into teams for our game.

→ **Divide your group into teams of manageable size.**

"Here's how our game works: I'm going to read you some real reviews from theme park guests ...

"Well, pretend reviews since this is a pretend park. Your job? Figure out which ride the review is talking about! You can shout it out or raise your hand when you think you know. And, bonus points if you can tell us: is this a ride that would be a wise choice for you, or not? And why?

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"The thing about wisdom is that it's about taking in the information you have, and making the wisest choice with it.

"I'll give you an example. Do you see this 'Spinning Teacups of Doom' ride?

SLIDE → "Spinning Teacups of Doom"

"It's a ride that spins round and round and round. Some of us get dizzy and nauseous easily. So knowing that information about ourselves, that wouldn't be a wise ride for us to ride. Others of us love being dizzy, we have no reason not to ride the ride, so it's not an unwise choice for us.

"So, let me read some reviews of some rides to you, you raise your hand if you think you know which ride the review is about, and if you have some thoughts on reasons why that ride could be wise or unwise to ride.

"Let's get started! Here is the first review!

"Got soaked, laughed the whole time, but my shoes are STILL wet. Wish I'd brought a towel!"

"What ride could that be? (INVITE RESPONSES: "SPLASH ZONE")

SLIDE → "Splash Zone Elevator"

"What are some reasons that ride could be unwise? What would you need to be ready for this one? What are some reasons it could be a wise ride to ride?

"Okay, the next review. Raise your hand if you know what it is, and if you have some thoughts about it:

"The line was so long, but the rollercoaster was totally worth it. I went upside down three times! Screamed the whole way."

"Which ride could that review be for? (INVITE RESPONSES. "LOOP-DE-LOOP BANANA COASTER")

SLIDE → "Loop-De-Loop Banana Coaster"

"How do you decide if it's wise to wait for this ride, or just skip to something else? Are there any other reasons this ride could be unwise to ride? How could it be wise for some people?

"Another review:

"I thought this would be easy, but the tunnel got darker and twistier—and somehow, I came out on the wrong side of the park. Weird!"

"Which ride is this? (WAIT FOR RESPONSES. "MYSTERY TUNNEL")

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

SLIDE → "Mystery Tunnel"

"What are some reasons this ride would be unwise for people to ride?
What are some reasons that this ride might be wise for someone to ride?"

"Another review:

"I thought this ride would be chill and slower paced, but I kept getting pummeled by other bumper boats. I was hit so hard, so often that I kept getting whiplash! Some of those other folks can really drive!"

"Which ride is this? (WAIT FOR RESPONSES. "CHILL ZONE BUMPER BOATS")

SLIDE → "Chill Zone Bumper Boats"

"What are some reasons this ride would be unwise for people to ride?
What are some reasons that this ride might be wise for someone to ride?
"You see, sometimes making wise choices means looking past what seems fun and paying attention to what really matters—being safe, being prepared, and thinking things through. Part of wisdom is not just knowing stuff, but making the best choices with what you know.

"In this game we looked mainly at everyday wisdom, making the wisest choice with what we know. But wisdom from God goes even beyond that—because it involves knowledge from God Himself! He can even download information from heaven to you as you go through life and make choices!

"The closer we get to Him, the more we listen to His voice, the more wisdom we'll learn. And God goes with us step by step through life to help us live wisely and well!

"Today, we're asking the big question: How do you know what's wise?

"Alright, let's stand up and worship together—because God is the One who gives us wisdom, and He's with us through every decision."

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

② Worship

→ **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Alright, Wisdomland, that was a wild start! But before we go any further, let's take a moment to shift our focus.

"Sometimes at a theme park, there's noise, excitement, and choices everywhere—life can be noisy like that too. But when we worship, we choose to focus on the One who knows us, who wants to be our close friend, and who wants to help us go through life wisely and well: God.

"Worship through music isn't just about singing—it's about turning our hearts toward God and telling Him that we want His presence and His voice to be the strongest and loudest one in our lives.

"If you came in today feeling excited, stressed, distracted, or even just a little 'meh,' know this: it's totally okay however you are. God is glad you came. He wants to be friends with the real you, and He will meet with you right where you are.

"Let's start with a song called: 'Know You More.'

"As we sing, think about how knowing God isn't just about having facts or Bible verses in your head—it's about getting to know God, the Person, as His friend and following His ways. And as you sing this song, make the lyrics your prayer. You want to spend your life getting to know God, His ways, and being His friend. The King of the universe wants to be your friend!

AUDIO → "Know You More" / track 1 from Focus

"Great job! I love seeing you all worship in your own way.

"Let's keep it going with another song: 'Further Faster.'

"This song reminds us that God's way is the best way. God has made it so that if you follow His ways, they'll lead you to a better life! You'll go further and faster when you follow God and His ways!

"So when you feel stuck and you don't know which way to go, you can come to God for help, and He will give you wisdom. Let's sing this song together!

AUDIO → "Further Faster" / track 6 from This Little Light

"You can grab a seat for a second. Worshipping through music is powerful because it re-centers our minds. Instead of just thinking about what everyone else says is cool or right, we get to hear what God says about us—and what He says is wise.

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Now, let's look at this month's Memory Verse together. It's a truth we want to get stuck in our hearts this month, so we can recall it when life gets messy.

SLIDE → Memory Verse

"Let's say it together:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

It is much better to choose understanding than silver. —Proverbs 16:16 NIV

"Just think about that—God's wisdom is more valuable than anything you could buy at any theme park, any trophy, or any status you could chase. And God wants to give it to us! He wants to give us something so precious so we live wisely and well!

"So, as we head into today's true story from the Bible, let's keep asking: How do you know what's wise?

"Let's find out together."

③ Bible Story (Communicator Script)

SLIDE → Theme Background

→ **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.**

INTRODUCTION

→ **Set out the box of props, so they are available to the Communicator.**

COMMUNICATOR: "You know, I was thinking about our big question today: How do you know what's wise? And I realized, sometimes it's hard to know what the wise choice is—especially in the moment.

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: "Let's be honest: We all face those 'theme park' moments in life. Maybe you've had to pick between doing what's fun and doing what's right, or choosing between two friends, or deciding if you should follow the crowd or listen to your own gut.

→ **Prompt: At this point, share a real personal story from your own life—a time at an amusement park, a big school event, or a crossroads when you had to make a choice and weren't sure what the wise thing was. The story should end with a brief reflection: "I wasn't sure what was best, and I wished I had some wisdom to help me out."**

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Now, hold that in your mind.

"Today, we're digging into the story of someone who was wise—not because he was perfect, but because he kept turning to God. He was always, always honest with his friend, God. Sometimes this person was angry, sometimes he was grateful, and sometimes he really, really messed up. He wrote songs about his honest feelings in songs, and God loved those songs so much, He put them in the Bible.

"His name? David. And he wrote a lot of the psalms that are a part of the book of Psalms in the Bible.

"Let's see how wisdom really works—not just in fairy tales or when life is perfect, but in real, messy life.

"But before we get into the story of David and the Psalms, let me tell you about an awesome thing we're doing this year!

"We're going through the key stories in the Bible from cover to cover!

"Why? Well, part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we can get to know Him! So as we go through the stories of the Bible this year, hopefully we'll learn about Him!"

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"We're going to go through God's Big Story! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)

"Let me bring you up to speed on where we've been in God's Big Story so far!

"So you might remember that in the very beginning, God made everything! He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! It was so sad.

"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

"God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Many years later, Abraham's great-grandson Joseph ended up in Egypt. After some hard times, God helped Joseph become a super-important leader there! Joseph saved his whole family by bringing them

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Worship

to Egypt. But hundreds of years passed. God grew and grew His people. A new Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, came along. He didn't know about Joseph. He saw how many of God's people there were, he got scared, and he started being mean to them.

"God's people cried out to God for help. He answered! He brought His people out of slavery into a beautiful home He had for them—the Promised Land! After some time living in the Promised Land, God's people wanted a king like the other nations around them.

"The first king, Saul, made lots of unwise choices. But the next king was named David, that same man we mentioned earlier. David wasn't perfect, but he loved God with his whole heart and tried to follow Him. And that's where we are in God's Big Story."

TRUTH

"This week, we're moving right along in the Bible! We're going to look at a book that's right in the middle of the Bible—the book of Psalms. If you open your Bible right to the middle, you'll likely open it to this book!

"Let's step back in time and look at what David was going through when he wrote some of those psalms, and how he was honest with his good friend God every step of the way.

"I'd like for you to sit in your Small Group, and at points in the story, we'll turn and talk about some questions. **(PAUSE AS KIDS GET INTO THEIR SMALL GROUPS.)**

"Great! Let's get started. Before David was King David, he was just David—the youngest in his family. If you think your chores are tough, imagine being the little brother who gets stuck outside with the sheep. David's job was lonely, sometimes boring, and occasionally scary.

"But out there, it's very likely that David learned something important: he learned to talk to God. He sang songs, played his harp, and poured out his feelings—joy, fear, confusion, hope. That's where many of the psalms that David wrote started. They were basically David's journal, set to music.

→ **Hold up the harp (or stringed instrument) and the journal from the prop box for a moment, then put them back in the prop box.**

"Now, David's story didn't stay simple for long. God chose him to be the next king, even though nobody expected it. You've probably heard about David and Goliath—how a young man with a slingshot and five smooth stones stood up to a giant because he trusted that God was with him. That's brave.

→ **Hold up the five smooth stones from the prop box and put them back in the prop box.**

"After David became famous for defeating Goliath, his life actually got harder. King Saul, who was supposed to be David's mentor and friend, became jealous and started chasing David down.

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"Imagine what that's like: You go from hero to running for your life. David spent years hiding in caves, moving from place to place, on the run from Saul and his army.

"Let's Turn and Talk. Turn to your Small Group sitting around you and discuss these two questions:

- If you were David, hiding out, what would you pray about?
- Have you ever felt alone or like things were out of your control?

→ **Pause for one minute of discussion in Small Groups.**

"Here's where it gets real. David's life wasn't just a series of victories. He made big mistakes, and sometimes he made really unwise choices—choices that hurt other people. David sinned.

"But here's what makes David different: whenever he sinned or failed, he came back to God. He didn't try to hide. He wrote songs admitting when he was wrong, asking God for forgiveness, and asking for wisdom to do better next time.

"Let's read a piece of one of David's real prayers—it's recorded in Psalm 51.

→ **Open the Bible to Psalm 51:1, 2, 10 (NirV) and read.**

*God, have mercy on me
according to your faithful love. ...
Wash away all the evil things I've done.
Make me pure from my sin.*

*God, create a pure heart in me.
Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you.*

"David was honest about his sin. He believed wisdom wasn't just about never making mistakes—it was about knowing where to turn when you did. Over and over, he turned to God.

"Let's turn and talk to each other for a minute or so. Turn and Talk to your Small Group and discuss the questions your Small Group Leader has:

- Do you think being wise means you never mess up?
- Or is it more about what you do after you make a mistake?

→ **Pause for one minute of discussion in Small Groups.**

"David's journey wasn't smooth, but he kept coming back to God, asking for help, and growing wiser through it all.

COMMUNICATOR: "David's life wasn't one smooth ride. He had high highs, low lows, and a lot of times where it was hard to know what was right. But that's what makes the psalms he wrote so real. They aren't fake words—they're honest. They show us what it looks like to chase after wisdom, even when life is confusing.

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Story

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Worship

"Let's see how David's songs give us a picture of what real wisdom is.

"When David was amazed by God's creation, he wrote:

→ **Open the Bible to Psalm 8:1 (NirV) and read.**

*Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in the whole earth!*

*You have set your glory
in the heavens.*

"David would literally stare up at the sky and wonder how a God so huge could care about him.

"Let's Turn and Talk some more. Turn to your Small Group that's around you and discuss the question your Small Group Leader has.

→ When was the last time something made you stop and feel small—or grateful?

→ **Pause for one minute of discussion in Small Groups.**

"When David was in real danger, he wrote:

→ **Open the Bible to Psalm 18:2 (NirV) and read.**

*The Lord is my rock and my place of safety. He is the God who saves me.
My God is my rock. I go to him for safety.*

"Picture David hiding in a cave, cold, hungry, hearing Saul's soldiers outside. He felt fear, but he brought it to God.

"When David was sad, he didn't pretend he was okay. He wrote things like:

→ **Open the Bible to 6:6 (NirV) and read.**

*My groaning has worn me out.
All night long my tears flood my bed.*

"David didn't fake it for God.

"Let's Turn and Talk some more. Turn to your Small Group that's around you and discuss the questions your Small Group Leader has.

→ Do you feel like you have to hide your real feelings, even from God?

→ Why do you think David wrote honestly about sadness and fear?

→ **Pause for one minute of discussion in Small Groups.**

"David even wrote a psalm showing how thankful he was that God took care of him like the best shepherd.

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- Hold up the shepherd's staff (or walking stick) from the prop box momentarily, and put it back in the prop box.
- Open the Bible to Psalm 23:1-2 (NirV) and read.

The Lord is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.

He lets me lie down in fields of green grass.

He leads me beside quiet waters.

"For David, wisdom wasn't about always being strong or having all the answers. It was about bringing every moment—happy, sad, scared, or grateful—to God.

"Let's talk honestly: Wisdom doesn't mean never having questions. Sometimes, wisdom means asking good questions. Sometimes, it means sitting in the tension of 'I don't know yet.' But the Psalms show us: if you want to be wise, you start by focusing on God.

"Not just looking for quick fixes or shortcuts, but really being honest with Him—about your struggles, your victories, and your doubts.

"Let's Turn and Talk some more. Turn to your Small Group that's around you and discuss the questions your Small Group Leader has.

- What do you think it means to "focus on God" in your own life?
- Is there a psalm, song, or prayer that helps you do that?

- **Pause for one minute of discussion in Small Groups.**

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "David discovered something that changed everything for him: When you focus on God, when you keep coming back, no matter what—God gives you the wisdom you need for each moment.

"And that's not just a 'David' thing. That's for you too.

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"This week, we're still up here in the part of this picture of God's Big Story with David kneeling and having Samuel pour oil over his head to anoint him as the next king. **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)** That's where we are in God's Big Story!

"This week, we looked at David and the psalms. David wrote a lot of the psalms, and as we saw, he talked about everything with God. He ran to God like a fortress in times of trouble, he praised God for His beauty and bigness, he turned to God when he had messed up. David went through life as God's friend, and God loved it! God said that David was a man after His heart. But David wasn't just a good king, he was a special king. God was so honored by David's love and trust, that He wrote this

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shepherd-boy-turned-king into the rescue story He was writing. God used David's love in His plan to save us. Because many, many years after David, from David's family, would come Jesus! And Jesus would rescue us all!

"God had been working on His rescue plan to save us through every image of this timeline! **(GESTURE FROM THE BEGINNING OF YOUR TIMELINE ALL THE WAY TO THE END.)**

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!"

SLIDE → Week 2 Timeline Image

→ **If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.**

"This week we talked about David and psalms."

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "So, what about us? David wrote songs about every part of his life—joy, heartbreak, mess-ups, victories, questions, even doubts. He brought it all to God, over and over. He discovered that wisdom isn't about having the perfect answer every time. It's about going to God when you don't. It's about bringing everything—your best moments, your hardest choices, your mess-ups—to God, and trusting Him to lead you.

"Here's what's true: God's wisdom isn't just an old story or something for 'church people.' It's for you, right now, in the middle of whatever you're facing. You might not always feel wise. You might wonder:

SLIDE → Conversation Starter

[CONVERSATION STARTER] "How do you know what's wise?"

SLIDE → Theme Background

"That's a good question. Start by doing what David did: focus on God. Ask Him for help. Look for wisdom in His Word, in the example of Jesus, and in people you trust who are following God too.

"So—what's our part in the story? It's to keep asking, 'How do you know what's wise?' It's to keep showing up, keep being honest, keep coming back to God—even when you're not sure.

"Let's pray.

③ Prayer

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

COMMUNICATOR: “That’s a good question. Start by doing what David did: focus on God. Ask Him for help. Look for wisdom in His Word, in the example of Jesus, and in people you trust who are following God too.

“So—what’s our part in the story? It’s to keep asking, ‘How do you know what’s wise?’ It’s to keep showing up, keep being honest, keep coming back to God—even when you’re not sure.

“Let’s pray.

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Welcome/ Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Memory Verse Slide
- ☐ "Wisdomland Theme Park" Slide
- ☐ "Spinning Teacups of Doom" Slide
- ☐ "Splash Zone" Slide
- ☐ "Loop-De-Loop Banana Coaster" Slide
- ☐ "Mystery Tunnel" Slide
- ☐ "Chill Zone Bumper Boats" Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Know You More" from Focus
- ☐ "Further Faster" from This Little Light

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Know You More" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "Further Faster" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

Note: We've suggested worship songs below from Amazing Kids Worship and Orange Kids Music. We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate for elementary and preteen kids, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.

We've chosen these specific songs that amplify our teaching content for this month. We recommend that you use these songs as scripted below, or combined with other popular worship songs that your kids know and love. Be sure to share the links to these songs with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car! Songs can be purchased at store. thinkorange.com or for free with APlay.

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:

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- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop

What You Need:

NOTE: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!

If you want to follow "God's Big Story," read the following script straight through. Each week will build on the previous ones. But, if your church wants to teach a Large Group session on its own as a standalone, without connecting it to what has come before, there are two sections in the script below that are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer."

Whatever way you decide to use the following, know that we're praying diligently for you—we're asking God to help kids see and believe that He loves them, He invented them, and He wants to be their closest Friend. Forever. It's an honor to get to know God with you through the Bible this year!

- ☐ Communicator
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Printed copy of "Turn and Talk Questions," one for each Small Group Leader
- ☐ Harp or small stringed instrument (for David's music)
- ☐ "Journal" notebook/prop (for David writing Psalms)
- ☐ Five smooth stones (when referencing how David defeated Goliath)
- ☐ Shepherd's staff or a long walking stick (for Psalm 23)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Conversation Starter Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ "Psalms for Every Season" Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Collect all of the props in a prop box and make sure it's available to the Communicator.
- Make sure each Small Group Leader has a copy of the "Turn and Talk Questions."

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

Feature Presentation: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue

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WEEK

THREE

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Welcome

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 has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [NAME OF ENVIRONMENT]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "Welcome, everyone! Who's pumped to be back at Wisdomland? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.) Nice!

"I don't know about you, but when I hear the word 'theme park,' I think about adventure, wild rides, making choices, and maybe even getting a little lost along the way.

"Today, we're not just talking about wisdom—we're going to need it, right from the start!

"Why? Because you and our on-stage team are about to try ... (MAKE A DRUMROLL ON YOUR LEGS, OR INVITE THE DRUMMER FROM THE WORSHIP BAND TO DO IT.)

"The **Wisdomland Escape Room!**

"Here's how it works: I'll invite a team of 3–4 volunteers up front.

"The rest of you out there? You're not just an audience. You're the 'park guests,' and our stage team can call on you for help at any time—so pay attention!

"You'll work together to solve three Wisdomland 'escape' puzzles. Each one is themed like a park 'attraction'—but instead of rides, you'll face riddles, tricky choices, or problems you'd face in a real theme park.

"Let me pick three (OR FOUR) kids who want to do the escape room. Can you raise your hand if you want to try?

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

- **Choose three (or four) confident kids who like a challenge and invite them on stage.**

"Great! Let me continue on with the game. Like I was saying, you all are going to work together to solve three Wisdomland 'escape' puzzles.

"For each puzzle, we're going to ask what the audience thinks too—it's always helpful to talk to a 'Wise Friend,' and that's kind of what they are. Audience, when it's your turn, you can shout suggestions, send up clues, or brainstorm with these three **(OR FOUR)**.

"Let's meet our team!

- **Ask the three—or four—volunteers their names, favorite ride, etc.**

"Great! Now that we know everybody, let's get started.

"Here's your first puzzle:

Puzzle #1—The Map Mix-Up:

"You've just entered Wisdomland and you're handed a confusing park map. There are arrows pointing in every direction, and you're supposed to get to 'Proverb Pavillion.'

"But wait—two paths are blocked, and there's a shortcut that's ... suspicious.

"Audience, what would you do?

- **Take a few crowd answers. Remind everyone of the dilemma, if needed.**

"Team, the audience has weighed in. What would you do?

- **After the team has shared their answer, ask: Why did you make that choice?**

"Great! You got out of that escape room and figured out a solution together! Here is your next puzzle!

Puzzle #2—The Snack Stand Dilemma:

"Your group is starving, but you only have enough tokens for one snack. You spot a kid by themselves who looks lost and hungry. What's the wise thing to do?

"Team, huddle up. Audience, help them out! What would you do?

- **Take a few crowd answers.**

"Team, the audience has weighed in. What would you do?

- **After the team has shared their answer, ask: Why did you make that choice? Try to guide them to an empathetic answer if they haven't come up with one.**

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"You guys figured out an empathetic answer. Great work! Here's your last puzzle, and this one's for everyone:

Puzzle #3—"Who Would You Ask?"

"You're stuck at Wisdomland's biggest crossroads—there are four rides, no signs, and everyone's confused.

"You can:

- A) Guess and rush ahead.
- B) Ask a random stranger.
- C) Stop and ask the park guide.
- D) Sit and do nothing.

"What's the wisest move? Why?

→ **Allow both the team and audience to shout out, then highlight choosing to "ask for wisdom."**

"The park guide would know the park the best, so they could give you the best information that you could make the wisest decision from!

"Great job working through those puzzles! You made it through! Sometimes the smartest thing you can do is slow down, ask for help, and listen to wise voices around you. That's what we'll be talking about today—how you can ask God for wisdom, just like King Solomon did.

"Escape Room team, thank you! You can head to your seats! Let's give our Escape Room team and our whole crowd a huge Wisdomland cheer!
(PAUSE WHILE THE KIDS RETURN TO THEIR SEATS.)

"Now, before we dive into the story, let's worship through music together!

"Worship isn't just about singing songs—it's about connecting with God, listening for His voice, and letting Him shape our hearts.

"So, let's get on our feet, shake off those nerves, and get ready to praise the God who loves us, leads us, and fills us with wisdom!"

② Worship

→ **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! I love seeing you all here and ready to worship.

"Who here ever feels like life is a little wild—like a roller coaster, or maybe even a theme park? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)

"Yeah—me too! The amazing thing is, no matter where life takes us, God is with us, giving us wisdom and strength for every twist, turn, and loop.

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Story

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Worship

"Let's start with a song about wanting to know God more—because getting to know Him is the wisest thing we can do with our lives. And as we get to know Him and His ways—He is faithful, He is honest, He is true—we'll learn what's right and wise. So let's make this song our prayer and sing it out together.

AUDIO → "Know You More" / track 1 from Focus

"That sounded awesome!

"Next, let's sing: 'The Good Thing.' It reminds us that God's wisdom is a good thing that God wants to give us! He loves us so much that He wants to give His wisdom to us! Let's sing this together!

AUDIO → "The Good Thing" / track 1 from The Good Thing

"Great job! Before we finish, let's check out our Memory Verse this month. We are focusing on a certain verse so we'll have it in our hearts when we need it!

"I'll say the Memory Verse first, then we'll say it together, line by line:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

It is much better to choose understanding than silver. —Proverbs 16:16 NIV.

WORSHIP LEADER: It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

WORSHIP LEADER: It is much better to choose understanding than silver.

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: It is much better to choose understanding than silver.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Proverbs 16:16."

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: "Proverbs 16:16."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great! Let's try it together—this time, try saying it like you're announcing it on a roller coaster!

"I'll put the Memory Verse slide up there to help, but announce with all of your heart!

SLIDE → Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: (WITH A "RIDE ANNOUNCER" VOICE)

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

It is much better to choose understanding than silver. —Proverbs 16:16

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Worship with music is a way of giving our hearts and voices to God—and it's also a way of saying, 'God, I need You and Your wisdom.'

"God also gave us the Bible to help us learn His wisdom! So as we move into our true story from the Bible today, let's open our hearts to God's wisdom!"

③ Bible Story (Communicator Script)

SLIDE → Theme Background

→ **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.**

INTRODUCTION

→ **Set out the box of props, so they are available to the Communicator.**

COMMUNICATOR: "All right, Wisdomland travelers—before we jump into the story of Solomon, I want to tell you about one of my most embarrassing theme park moments ever.

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: "Picture this: I'm at the entrance of the world's coolest amusement park. I've got a backpack, some money, and—most importantly—a mission to buy the perfect souvenir. I saw people everywhere with these massive, glittery, glow-in-the-dark hats. I mean, you could see them from a mile away.

"So, I ran straight to the first shop I could find. I was worried they'd sell out, so I grabbed the hat, paid a crazy amount of money, and wore it all day long.

"At first, I thought the hat was awesome. But after a couple of hours, my head started to sweat. The hat didn't fit quite right, and the glitter started flaking everywhere.

"By lunchtime, I realized almost everyone else had waited in line for the new, limited-edition plush, and that was the thing everyone wanted—not the hat. The one thing I wanted most became the thing I wanted to take off the most! **(GRIN, A LITTLE DRAMATIC.)**

"Ever had a moment like that? When you made a choice that felt right at the time, but later you realized it may not have been your best move? **(PAUSE FOR A FEW HONEST OR FUNNY RESPONSES.)**

"We all have moments we wish we could redo, or choices we wish we could 'trade in' for something better. But here's the good news:

"God actually wants us to ask for help, for guidance—for wisdom—before

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we get stuck with a glittery regret on our heads. Sometimes we think we know what's best. Sometimes we just follow the crowd, or grab the first thing we see. But what if you had the chance to ask God for anything—not just at a theme park, but in life? What would you ask for? Money? Stuff? A lifetime Fast Pass? **(PAUSE FOR FUN ANSWERS.)**

"Today's true story from the Bible is about a guy who got that chance—Solomon. God offered him anything he wanted. What do you think he chose? Let's find out together.

"But before we get into Solomon's story, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year!

"We're going through the key stories in the Bible from cover to cover!

"Why? Well, part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we can get to know Him! So as we go through the stories of the Bible this year, hopefully we'll learn about Him!"

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"We're going to go through God's Big Story! **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)**

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along. **(GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)**

"Let me bring you up to speed on where we've been in God's Big Story so far!

"So you might remember that in the very beginning, God made everything! He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! It was so sad.

"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

"God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Many years later, Abraham's great-grandson Joseph ended up in Egypt. After some hard times, God helped Joseph become a super-important leader there! Joseph saved his whole family by bringing them to Egypt. But hundreds of years passed. God grew and grew His people. A new Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, came along. He didn't know about Joseph. He saw how many of God's people there were, he got scared, and he started being mean to them.

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"God's people cried out to God for help. He answered! He brought His people out of slavery into a beautiful home He had for them—the Promised Land! After some time living in the Promised Land, God's people wanted a king like the other nations around them.

"The first king, Saul, made lots of unwise choices. But the next king was named David. David wasn't perfect, but he loved God with his whole heart and tried to follow God. King David had a son named Solomon, and Solomon became king after David. And that's where we are in God's Big Story."

TRUTH

"This week, we're moving right along in the Bible! King Solomon, whose story we're going to look at today, was the third king of Israel, of the nation made up of God's people.

"Before we jump into the drama, let's set the stage.

"When King David died, his son Solomon became king of Israel. Solomon was still young when he started to lead. He had HUGE shoes to fill, and everyone was watching to see if he'd be wise, or just another ruler with a crown.

"So imagine: new king, tons of responsibility, a dad who was a legend, and everyone looking at you, wondering, 'Will he mess up? Or will he follow God's ways?'

"Solomon was probably a little nervous, but he was suddenly responsible for a whole nation.

"Solomon knew he needed help. So he went to a special place called Gibeon and offered God a huge sacrifice.

"That night, Solomon fell asleep, maybe under the stars, maybe in a big tent—wondering, 'How am I going to do this? How will I lead people? How will I know what's right?'

"Then, in the dream, God appeared. Not in a spooky way, but in a real, close, honest way. And He said this:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 3:5 (NIV) and read.**

"Ask for anything you want me to give you."

"Let's pause and make a giant 'Wisdom Tree' up here on the whiteboard. As we go through Solomon's story, we'll write key ideas we learn about wisdom on the branches of our tree.

→ **On the whiteboard, draw a big tree with long, empty branches (like a tree in winter). You will be filling in five of them.**

"Great! Now back to the story. What could Solomon ask for? Let's brainstorm!

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- Take answers from the kids—money, power, revenge, strength, fame, a giant roller coaster, etc.

"Solomon could have asked for any of these—honestly, most of us probably would have picked something for ourselves. But Solomon surprised everyone. He might have remembered something his dad told him: 'You want to be a great king? Start by loving and following God.'

"So, Solomon responded to God's question this way:

- Open the Bible to 1 Kings 3:7, 9 (NirV) and read.

"Lord my God, you have now made me king. You have put me in the place of my father David. But I'm only a little child. I don't know how to carry out my duties. ... So give me a heart that understands. Then I can rule over your people. I can tell the difference between what is right and what is wrong."

"Wisdom was Solomon's answer to God's question. Solomon didn't ask for stuff. He asked for help. For understanding. For wisdom.

"Now, what did God do? Did He roll His eyes? Get annoyed? Nope. God was thrilled. Let's read how He responded to Solomon's request for wisdom:

- Open the Bible to 1 Kings 3:11-14 (NirV) and read.

"You have asked for wisdom ... Because that is what you asked for, I will give it to you. I will give you a wise and understanding heart. ... And that is not all. I will give you what you have not asked for. I will give you wealth and honor. ... Obey my laws and commands, just as your father David did. Then I will let you live a long time."

"That's so awesome. Solomon wanted wisdom, and God was so very happy about it! God was so happy that Solomon wanted wisdom, that God blessed him with even more incredible things! Let's write that wise truth about wisdom on our 'Wisdom Tree!'

- Write "God loves it when you ask for wisdom." on an empty branch of the "Wisdom Tree."

"God really does love it when you ask for wisdom! It makes Him so happy! Now, let's continue with our story.

"Solomon woke up. He was stunned, and probably a little amazed. Let's see what choices Solomon faced next and how he used the new wisdom God gave Him.

COMMUNICATOR: "Word spread: the new king was wise. People were hopeful—but also watched closely.

"Here came one of his first big tests. Two women come to Solomon with a heartbreaking problem.

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- **Solomon volunteer enters stage wearing crown and robe. Put sword prop behind him. The two female volunteers enter stage as well, one holding the swaddled baby doll, and stand before the Solomon volunteer.**

"Both women said they were the mother of the same baby. There were no birth certificates, no family photos, and no way for anyone else to know the truth. The whole palace was waiting, whispering: 'What will the new king do?'"

"Let's pause here. What would you do? Would you guess, flip a coin, make both women share custody, or give up and hope someone else solves it?"

- **Invite a few answers from the crowd.**

"Because Solomon had already received wisdom from God, he was able to come up with a plan to figure out who the true mother was.

"Solomon called for a sword.

- **Nod to the Solomon actor to encourage him to pick up the sword prop. Pause to let the crowd react—"Wait, WHAT?!"**

"Then Solomon said:

- **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 3:25 (NIRV) and read.**

"Cut the living child in two. Give half to one woman and half to the other."

"There might have been a few gasps, maybe a few horrified faces. That sounds wild, right?"

"But watch what happened next.

- **Encourage the female actors to silently act out what you're describing.**

"One woman yelled, 'NO! Please, don't hurt him. Give her the baby. Just let him live!'"

"The other woman shrugged and said: 'Fine by me.'

"And Solomon? He didn't blink. He looked at both women and said ...

- **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 3:27 (NIRV) and read.**

"Give the living baby to the first woman. Don't kill him. She's his mother."

"Solomon knew that a mother's love is so strong that she'll do anything to see her child unharmed. God helped Solomon make a wise choice, just like He had promised.

"But Solomon didn't keep that wisdom to himself. After Solomon's wise

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decisions, word traveled fast. People start showing up from all over the kingdom, asking for his help and insight. He shared God's wisdom with the entire nation as he ruled. Solomon followed God and His ways, and the nation was blessed. The nation of God's people was more prosperous under Solomon than it ever was.

"That's another truth about wisdom. Wisdom helps you live well. As you follow God and His ways, you'll live wisely and well. Let's write that truth about wisdom on our 'Wisdom Tree.'"

- **Write "Wisdom helps you live wisely and well." on one of the empty branches of the "Wisdom Tree."**

COMMUNICATOR: "With God's wisdom, Solomon ruled over the nation well, but it didn't stop there. Even kings and queens from other nations heard about Solomon's wisdom. Some sent people to listen to him. The most famous visitor? The Queen of Sheba herself came—she was a powerful ruler from far away.

"She came with huge questions and gifts, ready to see Solomon's wisdom for herself. She asked him every question she had, and Solomon answered every one. The Queen was amazed—and she praised God for Solomon's wisdom.

"This is what she said:

COMMUNICATOR (AS QUEEN OF SHEBA):

- **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 10:9-10 (NirV) and read.**

"May the Lord your God be praised. He takes great delight in you. He placed you on the throne of Israel. The Lord will love Israel for all time to come. That's why he has made you king. He knows that you will do what is fair and right."

"God made Solomon so wise! And we get the benefit from some of this wisdom too! Some of Solomon's sayings, thoughts, and life lessons were written down and became a lot of the book of Proverbs. Let's read a few that still shape people's lives today. Here's one:

- **Open the Bible to Proverbs 15:1 (NirV) and read.**

*A gentle answer turns anger away.
But mean words stir up anger.*

"And here's another:

- **Open the Bible to Proverbs 3:5-6 (NirV) and read.**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Do not depend on your own understanding.
In all your ways obey him.
Then he will make your paths smooth and straight.*

"There are so many, but here's another:

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10 MINUTES

Worship

→ **Open the Bible to Proverbs 3:5-6 (NirV) and read.**

A friend loves at all times.

They are there to help when trouble comes.

"We can still benefit from the wisdom God gave Solomon today! Let's add another branch to our decision tree: 'Share God's wisdom with others.'

→ **Write "Share God's wisdom with others." on an empty branch of the "Wisdom Tree."**

"If God shares His wisdom with you—through the Bible, through an impression on your heart through the Holy Spirit—share it!

"Solomon wasn't perfect. He made mistakes later on, and the entire nation suffered. But while Solomon followed God and His ways, the wisdom God gave him changed a nation, and even today, if we learn God's wisdom and follow it, it can change us too.

"So here's a challenge for you—turn and talk for thirty seconds with someone near you: Where do you need wisdom right now? Is there a situation or a relationship where you could use God's help?

→ **Allow a short time for sharing.**

"The best part? God's offer of wisdom isn't just for Solomon. It's for you, for me, for anyone willing to ask.

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "So, what's the point of this whole story? Why does it matter that Solomon asked for wisdom, or that he got it?

"Here's the thing—Solomon's story isn't just about being smart, or making one good decision, or being a famous king. It's about knowing he didn't have all the answers. It's about asking God for help.

"The Bible says:

→ **Open the Bible to James 1:5 (NirV) and read.**

If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone.

"God promises that He will give you wisdom when you ask. Let's write that on our 'Wisdom Tree.'

→ **Write "God will give you wisdom when you ask." on the "Wisdom Tree."**

"Wisdom isn't about looking perfect on the outside. It's about trusting God enough to admit you need help, listening for His answer, and having the courage to act—even when it's hard.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Imagine if, before every big choice—before every regret, before every 'I wish I could redo that moment'—you paused, turned to God, and asked: 'God, what's the wise thing to do?'"

"Let's put that question on our 'Wisdom Tree,' because it's a key question we can always ask God any moment of the day when we need wisdom.

→ **Write: "Ask: God, what's the wise thing to do?" on an empty branch of the "Wisdom Tree."**

"What if you did that when you're with your friends? When you're with your family? When you're alone and you think no one sees? What if you turned to God and asked Him for help whenever you need it?"

"God's offer of wisdom is still open. It's not locked up in a palace or reserved for someone with a crown. It's for anyone—especially those who are willing to ask.

"Let's look at our 'Wisdom Tree.' We filled it up with wisdom we ourselves learned in the last little bit. Let's look at the five truths it shares:

"God loves it when you ask for wisdom.

"Wisdom helps you live wisely and well.

"God will give you wisdom when you ask.

"Share God's wisdom with others.

"Ask: 'God, what's the wise thing to do?'"

"What a beautiful, wise tree we've made together! Thank you so much for going through Solomon's story with me.

"As we wrap up, take a second to look at your life. Where do you need wisdom? Is it with your friends? Your future? A tough decision, or something you haven't told anyone about?

"What would it look like to ask God for wisdom this week? He promises to give it—no glittery hat required.

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!"

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"This week, we're still up here in the part of this picture of God's Big Story with David kneeling and having Samuel pour oil over his head to anoint him as the next king. (GESTURE TO SLIDE.) That's where we are in God's Big Story!"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"This week, we looked at David and the psalms. David wrote a lot of the psalms, and as we saw, he talked about everything with God. He ran to God like a fortress in times of trouble, he praised God for His beauty and bigness, he turned to God when he had messed up. David went through life as God's friend, and God loved it! God said that David was a man after His heart. But David wasn't just a good king, he was a special king. God was so honored by David's love and trust, that He wrote this shepherd-boy-turned-king into the rescue story He was writing. God used David's love in His plan to save us. Because many, many years after David, from David's family, would come Jesus! And Jesus would rescue us all!

"God had been working on His rescue plan to save us through every image of this timeline! (GESTURE FROM THE BEGINNING OF YOUR TIMELINE ALL THE WAY TO THE END.)

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!

SLIDE → Week 3 Timeline Image

→ If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.

"This week we talked about David and psalms."

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "So, after everything we've explored about Solomon and wisdom, what's our part?

"Solomon started out asking for help. He didn't pretend to have all the answers. He turned to God and said, 'I need You.' And God loved that!

"That's still true for us. We don't have to have it all figured out. In fact, the wisest people you'll ever meet are the ones who keep asking God for help, who pause before big decisions, who slow down enough to listen for His voice.

"This week, you're going to face moments that require wisdom—maybe at home, at school, with your friends, or even just inside your own thoughts. You might feel the pressure to figure it out on your own. But you have the same invitation Solomon did: Ask God for wisdom. Trust Him to answer. Listen for His leading. And don't be afraid to talk it out with people you trust too.

"Here's our Conversation Starter—you can chew on this question as you head to your Small Groups:

SLIDE → Conversation Starter

[CONVERSATION STARTER] "When do you need wisdom?"

SLIDE → Theme Background

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"And let that other question we talked about go with you this week. When you feel lost, confused, or just need help—pause, turn to God, and ask: 'God, what's the wise thing to do?'"

"He promises to listen. He promises to give you what you need."

"Let's talk to God about that right now."

③ Prayer

COMMUNICATOR: "God, thank You for loving us so much that You want to share Your wisdom with us because You want us to live wisely and well. Help us remember to ask You for wisdom—not just when we're desperate, but every day. Give us the humility to ask for help, hearts that listen, and courage to follow what You say. 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

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Welcome/ Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ 3–4 confident volunteers (on-stage “escape” team)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Know You More" from Focus
- ☐ "The Good Thing" from The Good Thing

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Know You More" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "The Good Thing" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

Note: We've suggested worship songs below from Amazing Kids Worship and Orange Kids Music. We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate for elementary and preteen kids, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.

We've chosen these specific songs that amplify our teaching content for this month. We recommend that you use these songs as scripted below, or combined with other popular worship songs that your kids know and love. Be sure to share the links to these songs with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car! Songs can be purchased at store. thinkorange.com or for free with APlay.

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:

"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe
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- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop

What You Need:

NOTE: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!

If you want to follow "God's Big Story," read the following script straight through. Each week will build on the previous ones. But, if your church wants to teach a Large Group session on its own as a standalone, without connecting it to what has come before, there are two sections in the script below that are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer."

Whatever way you decide to use the following, know that we're praying diligently for you—we're asking God to help kids see and believe that He loves them, He invented them, and He wants to be their closest Friend. Forever. It's an honor to get to know God with you through the Bible this year!

- ☐ Communicator
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Whiteboard and dry-erase markers for "Wisdom Tree" (You can also use posterboard and regular markers.)—on an easel or somehow visible to the audience
- ☐ Male Solomon volunteer
 - Crown
 - Robe
 - Sword prop (for Solomon and the baby decision)
- ☐ Two female volunteers for "two mothers" (Solomon and the baby decision)
- ☐ Baby doll (for Solomon and the baby decision)
- ☐ Box for props

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Conversation Starter Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Set up the whiteboard or posterboard for the "Wisdom Tree" so it will be visible to the audience throughout the Bible Story. (Consider using an easel, if needed.)
- Place all props in the box and make sure it's accessible to the three volunteers.

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

Feature Presentation: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue

APlay

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APlay is free with your curriculum subscription and packed with features to help your weekly experience run smoother. APlay gives you more time to focus on what truly matters — more ministry, less media management with Apple TV-based media solutions.

WEEK

FOUR

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Opener
- Worship ("Know You More" and "Further Faster")
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Conversation Starter
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Take a Snapshot
2. Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
3. Verses to Take with You
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](#)

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



Today's Bible Story

The Kings

1 & 2 Kings

Conversation Starter

Why do your choices matter?

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.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Welcome

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 has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [NAME OF ENVIRONMENT]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to Wisdomland! Take a look around—imagine you just walked through the front gates of the world's best theme park. You can smell popcorn, hear people laughing, and see a hundred different ways to have fun. But what really makes a theme park awesome? Is it the biggest roller coaster? The wildest snacks? The souvenirs? I think it's all about the choices you get to make. Every step, you get to decide: Which ride next? Who do you hang out with? Do you go for the thrill, or do you play it safe?"

→ **Pause, let students respond.**

HOST: "But here's a question: Have you ever made a choice at a theme park that totally changed your day? Maybe you picked the longest line, and waited forever. Maybe you spent all your money on one snack and missed out on something better. Or maybe—just maybe—one little decision led to the absolute best day ever. This month we're looking at how God goes with us throughout our lives to help us make wise choices, to live wisely and well. But let's start our time off with a little game, shall we?"

HOST: "To kick things off, we're doing a Wisdomland challenge called the 'Thrill Ride Line-Up!' Let's get into our Small Groups for this game.

→ **Pause as kids get in their Small Groups.**

"Here's how the game works: I'll call out a few scenarios, and your job is to line up across where your group is—in order—based on that prompt. For example, maybe it's by birthday, from January to December. Or

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Story

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Worship

maybe it's by how many theme parks you've visited, or who got up the earliest today, or who would actually ride the scariest coaster. You can talk to each other, but you only have 30 seconds for each challenge. It's all about making quick decisions, listening, speaking up, and figuring out where you fit."

"Let's try a practice round first. I'll call out a challenge, and you do that challenge in your Small Group. Ready for the first one? **(PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.)**

- **Set your timer for 30 seconds, and start it after you've read the challenge.**

"Okay, here's your first challenge: Put yourselves in order of who's most likely to try a new ride first.

- **Let the kids debate, laugh, and solve the problem together. After 30 seconds, call "time."**
- **Try 2-3 more rounds, some options are listed below.**

Challenges:

- Put yourselves in order by who got the least sleep last night.
- Put yourselves in order by answering this question: "Who's tried the weirdest fair food?"
- Put yourselves in order by answering this question: "Who's the biggest morning person?"

HOST: "Freeze! Take a look at where you ended up. Did you have to speak up, or did you let someone else lead? Did anyone disagree on what order to stand in? Did you learn anything new about someone else? That's real life, isn't it? Sometimes you have all the facts, sometimes you just guess, and sometimes you wait for someone else to make the call. But either way, your choices—what you say, how you listen, how you act—they all add up."

"As you head back to your seat, think about this: Today, every single part of Wisdomland is about the choices we make and how God wants to help you make the wise choice—not just here, but everywhere you go."

② Worship

- **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! I don't know about you, but after that Thrill Ride Line-Up, I'm feeling pretty hyped. But here's what's cool about Wisdomland: No matter how many rides you go on or what choices you make, worship is always the main event. It's the moment we get to connect with God, be real, and invite Him into every part of our lives.

"You might think worshipping with music is just about singing, but it's way more than that. It's about saying, 'God, I need Your closeness

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more than anything. I need You in my choices, my thoughts, and my friendships. I want Your wisdom, not just what everyone else is doing.' Whether you're the first one to stand up and sing, or you like to hang back and listen, this time is for you. God isn't looking for perfect voices—He's looking for honest hearts. God wants friends.

"We've got two songs today that fit this theme perfectly. The first one is called 'Know You More.' As we sing, think about the words and make it your prayer—ask God to help you know Him more. Being God's friend is the wisest thing you can do with your life!

AUDIO → "Know You More" / track 1 from Focus

WORSHIP LEADER: "Love it. Our next song is 'Further Faster.' It reminds us that when we follow God and His wisdom, He helps us go even further in life.

"Think about where you want God to lead you this week. Maybe it's being brave, maybe it's making a wise choice at home, or maybe it's just not feeling alone. Wherever you are, He's right there with you."

AUDIO → "Further Faster" / track 6 from This Little Light

WORSHIP LEADER: "Let's look at the verse we're memorizing this month. We memorize verses from God's Word, we put them in our hearts, to help us know and live by what is true.

"This month's verse will help us remember how valuable God's wisdom is!

SLIDE → Memory Verse

"Let's say it all together, loud and clear:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

It is much better to choose understanding than silver. (Proverbs 16:16 NIV)

"God's wisdom is so precious, and He wants to give it to us! Let's sit down to hear our true story from the Bible today about what happened when some kings chose to follow God and that precious wisdom, and some kings didn't."

③ Bible Story (Communicator Script)

SLIDE → Theme Background

→ **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.**

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: "Okay, before we get to the story, let's imagine something for a second. Picture yourself as the ride operator at the front of the biggest, most popular roller coaster in Wisdomland. The line is outside the gate. People are excited, nervous, some are trying to sneak ahead, some are with friends, some are totally alone.

"You aren't just pushing buttons—you're in charge of the whole experience. And your rules? They matter. You could make them super-strict, super-chill, or somewhere in the middle. But whatever you choose, it's going to change how everyone in the park feels.

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: "So, let's do this—if you were in charge, what's the first rule you'd make for your ride or your park? Think for a second, then share it with someone next to you."

→ **Pause, let students share with a neighbor.**

"All right, let's hear a few! If you want, just shout your park rules out." Let students share—funny, serious, creative answers. Respond to a few: "I like that one!" "Interesting. Why?" "What if someone breaks that rule?" "You know what's interesting? Even the best rules—like 'no cutting,' 'be kind,' or 'everyone gets a turn'—aren't always easy to follow. And not everyone agrees on what's fair. Sometimes people push back. Sometimes they break the rules on purpose. Sometimes you're the rulebreaker. Sometimes it's me.

COMMUNICATOR: "Here's the real-life twist: Leadership always means making choices for other people, not just for yourself. Sometimes it means doing the hard thing, or the unpopular thing, because it's right. Sometimes you won't know if your decision is wise until later. Sometimes it costs you something. And sometimes, even with the best intentions, things go sideways.

"Have you ever tried to do the right thing and still got misunderstood or called out? Have you ever made a rule in a game and then realized it didn't actually work? Real wisdom isn't just about knowing the right answer—it's about the courage to choose what's best for everyone, even when it's tough."

COMMUNICATOR: "That's what today's Bible Story is about. It's not just a history lesson or a list of kings. It's the story of what happens when people—leaders—stand at their own 'Decision Doors' and have to choose which way to go. Sometimes they chose God's way. Sometimes they didn't.

"But no matter what, God kept working in the story. He didn't give up on people who made mistakes. God was faithful to His great rescue plan, even if people weren't faithful to Him.

"So, as we jump in today, ask yourself: What kind of leader do you want to be? What rules do you want your life to run by? And when you're standing in front of your own 'Decision Door,' what helps you choose the wise way—even if it's not easy?"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Let's get ready for the ride—because the choices in the story you're about to hear changed everything, and the choices you make can too."
 "Before we get into our story today, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the story of the entire Bible together!

"Why? Is it just so we can become really smart Bible people? No! Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so that we can get to know Him. So we're going through the Bible together to get to know God!

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"We're going to go through God's Big Story! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)

"Let me bring you up to speed on where we've been in God's Big Story so far!

"So you might remember that in the very beginning, God made everything! He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! It was so sad.

"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

"God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Many years later, Abraham's great-grandson Joseph ended up in Egypt. After some hard times, God helped Joseph become a super-important leader there! Joseph saved his whole family by bringing them to Egypt. But hundreds of years passed. God grew and grew His people. A new Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, came along. He didn't know about Joseph. He saw how many of God's people there were, he got scared, and he started being mean to them.

"God's people cried out to God for help. He answered! God brought His people out of Egypt into a beautiful home He had for them—the Promised Land!

"After some time living in the Promised Land, God's people wanted a king like the other nations around them. God gave them a king, and then many more kings (AND ONE QUEEN) followed. And that's where we are in God's Big Story."

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

TRUTH

"So let's get started as we continue looking at the big story in the Bible. This week, we're going to look at some of the kings of God's people and whether or not they followed Him and His wisdom.

"Here's the thing about wisdom: It's not just about knowing the right thing. It's about choosing it and doing it—sometimes when it's complicated, and sometimes when nobody's watching. The kings of God's people? They had every kind of 'Decision Door' you could imagine. And the ride they took—up, down, and all over the place—affected not just themselves, but their whole nation.

"So today, we're going to live-vote our way through their wild story. At each crossroads, I'll ask what you think the king will do. Raise your left hand if you think they're going to make the wise choice, and raise your right hand for the other option. Ready?"

- **NOTE: The kids' hand raising will line up with the image on the screen—LEFT hand for the wise choice, the RIGHT hand for the not-so-wise choice. Because of the mirror effect and the effect of presenting things on stage, the Communicator will be calling out the opposite hand arrangement than the one they experience. But the kids will line up with the image!**

COMMUNICATOR: "The story starts with King Saul—the first king Israel ever had. The people wanted a king like the other nations around them, so God gave them Saul.

"At first, Saul tried to do things God's way, but soon he faced a huge moment: a battle was coming, and he was supposed to wait for the prophet Samuel before offering a sacrifice. But Samuel was late, the people were nervous, and Saul got scared."

SLIDE → Wait/Go Ahead Decision Doors

"All right, let's do a live vote:

"Raise your left hand if you think Saul waited for Samuel, even if it was hard and everyone was getting worried.

"Raise your right hand if you think Saul just did it himself. It was faster, and everyone expected him to lead."

- **Pause while the kids vote. If the room is split, point it out.**

"Saul chose to go ahead and make the sacrifice himself. Maybe he thought, 'I'm the king, I'll take control.' But God had told him to wait. That one choice? It changed everything. Samuel arrived, saw what Saul did, and said:

- **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 13:13-14 (NirV) and read.**

"You haven't obeyed the command the LORD your God gave you. If you had, he would have your kingdom secure over Israel for all time to come. But now your kingdom won't last."

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Saul's shortcut looked smart in the moment, but his disobedience cost him the kingdom. Sometimes the wise way takes longer. Sometimes you lose people's approval. But following God's way is still the right thing."

COMMUNICATOR: "Next up, King David. God had anointed David as king because God saw that David loved and followed Him. And that was the most important attribute for a king to God."

"Before David even assumed the role of king, the Bible says this about him:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 13:14 (NirV) and read.**

"The LORD has already looked for a man who is dear to his heart. He has appointed him king of his people."

"Once David did become king, he made tons of choices. Sometimes he totally failed, but what made him different was that when he messed up, he came back to God. He was good friends with God."

"One day, David's army was attacked by a giant enemy, the Philistines. When enemies attack God's people, part of a king's job is to defend them. When enemies came up against God's people, what do you think King David did?

SLIDE → Trust God/Hide Decision Doors

"All right, let's do a live vote:

"Raise your left hand if you think David asked God what his battle plan should be, then he trusted God and what He said."

"Raise your right hand if you think David just hid and hoped someone else would fight.

→ **Pause while the kids vote. If the room is split, point it out.**

"David chose to pray and trust God. That's what David did over and over and over as king—he talked to God about whatever he was facing and followed Him. David went through everything with God! God was his closest friend.

COMMUNICATOR: "After David, his son Solomon became king. God literally gave Solomon a blank check: 'Ask Me for anything,' God said. Solomon could have asked for money, power, fame—anything."

SLIDE → Wisdom/Wealth Slide

"Let's do a live vote!

"Raise your left hand if you think Solomon asked God for wisdom.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Raise your right hand if you think Solomon asked for money, power, or anything else."

→ **Pause while the kids vote.**

"Solomon asked for wisdom. The Bible says:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 3:9 (NirV) and read.**

"Give me a heart that understands. Then I can rule over your people. I can tell the difference between what is right and what is wrong."

"Because Solomon valued wisdom, God gave it to him—and more. For a while, he was the wisest, richest king ever. But even the wisest people have to keep choosing to follow God and His ways."

COMMUNICATOR: "As Solomon got older, he stopped listening to God and made some choices that didn't just hurt him—they changed the country. He started marrying people from nations that didn't follow God and leading the people to worship other evil gods from those nations."

SLIDE → God's Way/Crowd Decision Doors Slide

"Let's do another live vote for King Solomon because he changed his ways at the end of his life."

"Raise your left hand if you think King Solomon stuck with God's way even when it meant going a different way from what a lot of the people around him were doing."

"Raise your right hand if you think King Solomon tried to please the crowd."

→ **Pause while the kids vote.**

"Solomon drifted away from God and His ways. He went with the way of the crowd, choosing to follow their evil gods. The Bible says:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Kings 11:6 (NirV) and read.**

Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. He didn't completely obey the LORD. He didn't do what his father David had done. "His choices really hurt the nation."

COMMUNICATOR: "After Solomon, his son Rehoboam became king. The people came to him and said, 'Please, be kind to us. Don't be so harsh and strict.' Rehoboam had a choice—listen to his father's older, wiser advisors who said, 'Be gentle and make the people's work lighter,' or listen to his friends who said, 'Show the people who's boss. Be even tougher.'"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

SLIDE → Wise Advice/Friends' Advice Decision Doors

"Let's do a live vote for King Rehoboam!"

"Raise your left hand if you think King Rehoboam listened to wise advice, even if it felt less cool."

"Raise your right hand if you think King Rehoboam just did what his friends said, showed off, and tried to look tough."

→ **Pause while the kids vote.**

"Rehoboam ignored the wise advice. He did what his friends wanted—he was harsh, and the people walked away from him. The Bible says:

→ **Open the Bible to 2 Chronicles 10:13-14 (NirV) and read.**

The king answered them in a mean way. He didn't accept the advice of the elders. Instead, he followed the advice of the young men.

"And because of that unwise choice, something absolutely terrible happened. Lots of people abandoned King Rehoboam, and the kingdom split in two. Now there were two kingdoms—the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. Two whole groups of people, two sets of leaders, and double the drama.

"One moment of pride changed so much."

COMMUNICATOR: "From there, the northern kingdom of Israel had evil king after evil king after evil king. There were 19 kings in the northern kingdom of Israel, and every single one turned their back on God and His ways. They worshipped evil gods, hurt their own people, and just did whatever felt good in the moment."

"Let's speed-run a couple, and you vote on what they did. It'll be really easy because every one of the 19 kings of the northern kingdom of Israel was bad, bad, bad.

→ **Do these two rounds quickly.**

SLIDE → Stick with God/New Idols Decision Doors

"King Jeroboam: Do you think he led the nation to keep worshipping God the way God wanted, or did he make up new ways and new idols to follow God?"

"Raise your left hand if you think he stuck with God and the ways He said to follow Him.

"Raise your right hand if you think King Jeroboam made up his own way to follow God and made up new idols.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"King Jeroboam didn't want the people to go down to the nation of Judah to worship God the right way. So he made new idols and disobeyed God. Boo, King Jeroboam!"

SLIDE → Help Others/Selfish Decision Doors

"King Ahab: He had power, but he was greedy and mean. He killed a man just to get the man's vineyard! So do you think King Ahab used his power to help others, or to just get whatever he wanted no matter what?"

"Raise your left hand if you think King Ahab used his power to help others."

"Raise your right hand if you think King Ahab used his power to be selfish."

"You got it! He was selfish. King Ahab was one of the cruelest kings of all. Boo, King Ahab! You were so bad!"

"After 19 kings and decades and decades of turning their back on God so badly, God allowed other nations to conquer the kingdom and scatter the people in it. The northern kingdom of Israel was never heard from again. Their kings led the people to a bad place, and bad things happened."

"In the southern kingdom of Judah, things were a little bit different! It was a bit like a wild roller coaster—some kings went up high by making wise choices and following God, but most kings went crashing down with unwise ones. There were 20 kings in the southern kingdom of Judah. Most didn't trust and follow God, but there were a few bright spots! We'll look quickly at those!"

"Raise your left or right hand quickly on these! Let me give you a hint, these were all bright spots in the southern kingdom, so your left hand might get tired!"

→ **Go through these kings and slides quickly.**

SLIDE → Lead Back to God/Go with the Flow Decision Doors

"King Asa: He worked to help people worship God again. Did he go with the flow, or lead everyone back to God?"

"Raise your left hand if you think he led people back to God."

"Raise your right hand if you think he went with the flow."

"Asa picked wisdom and led people back to God! Go, King Asa!"

SLIDE → Invest in God/Ignore Problems Decision Doors

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"King Joash: He fixed up God's temple and encouraged everyone to worship God again. Do you think he invested in what matters to God, or did he just ignore the problems?"

"Raise your left hand if you think he fixed the temple. helped people worship God, and invested in God.

"Raise your right hand if you think he ignored the broken temple.

"Joash picked wisdom! He restored the temple! Go, King Joash!"

SLIDE → Pray/Do It Alone Decision Doors

"King Hezekiah: Surrounded by enemies, he could pray or panic. Do you think he trusted God, or just tried to face the enemy apart from God?"

"Raise your left hand if you think he prayed and trusted God.

"Raise your right hand if you think he panicked and faced the enemy alone.

"Hezekiah chose wisdom! He prayed! Yay, King Hezekiah!"

SLIDE → Lead People/Easy Road Decision Doors

"King Josiah: Last one! He became king at only eight years old, he found God's word that was lost in the temple, and he called everyone to follow God again. Do you think he took the easy road, or did he lead people back to God, even though it was hard?"

"Raise your left hand if you think he led people back to God, even though it was hard!"

"Raise your right hand if you think he took the easy road!"

"Josiah chose wisdom! He led the people back to God! Yay, King Josiah!"

COMMUNICATOR: "But even after some great kings in the southern kingdom of Judah, more and more kings turned away from God. The Bible says:

→ **Open the Bible to 2 Kings 17:13-14 (NirV) and read.**

The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers. He said, "Turn from your evil ways. Keep my commands and rules. Obey every part of my Law." ... But the people would not listen. They were stubborn just as their people of long ago had been.

"After Josiah, unwise king after unwise king after unwise king led the southern kingdom of Judah. The people turned away from God, and soon the southern kingdom fell to enemies too. It was the lowest part of the roller coaster—a total crash."

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

COMMUNICATOR: "Here's the part that still blows my mind: God never quit on them. Even when they failed, even when all those kings seemed to mess it up, God kept working. He kept whispering, 'I have a rescue plan, and I'm not done yet. This ride is not over.'

"Even though the northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed, God did something different in the southern kingdom of Judah. He preserved a remnant, a small group of people! He was going to bring His Savior through that little group of people He preserved. God had not forgotten His plan to rescue us. He loves us too much.

"The truth is, all those ups and downs, all those wise and unwise choices—they weren't the end of God's story. God kept His promise. He didn't leave His people in failure. He didn't let the ride end in a crash. Instead, He brought hope. He sent Jesus.

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "Jesus is God's own Son. Jesus' whole life was God's wisdom in action. He welcomed the people others left out. He spoke truth even when it made people angry, and He forgave people nobody else would. Jesus did what no king before Him ever could: He chose God's way, every time—even when it cost Him everything."

"The Bible says:

→ **Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 1:24 (NIV) and read.**

Christ is God's power and God's wisdom.

"Jesus is what real wisdom looks like. He trusted God, He loved people, and He gave His life to rescue everyone—even people who kept making the wrong choices. That's what the cross is all about. It's not just forgiveness for our mistakes, it's also an invitation to a new way of living—one where we can actually make wise choices, because God is with us and in us and for us."

COMMUNICATOR: "That doesn't mean life gets easy or that you'll always get it right. But the biggest thing is this: You're not on this ride alone. God gives you His Spirit to go with you. He faces every Decision Door you do, with you. And He promises to give you His wisdom when you ask.

"You don't have to fake it, you don't have to be perfect, you don't have to know all the answers. You just have to go with God throughout your life, and He will help you every step of the way."

"Every time you face a choice, God is right there. You get to decide: Will you take the shortcut? Will you follow the crowd? Or will you trust that God's way—even if it's slower, harder, or less popular—is always worth it in the end?"

"Your story matters. Your choices matter. And wisdom isn't about always getting it right—it's about choosing, every day, to lean in, ask God for help, follow His way no matter what, and trust that He's leading you somewhere good."

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!"

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Let's zoom out like we're at the highest point of a super-tall roller coaster and take a look at where we are in God's Big Story. This week, we covered a lot of ground in this picture of God's Big Story. We talked a little bit about King David in this picture here, where he was being anointed as king, and then we went a little down the path and talked about some other kings who came after David! We're a little down the path—that's where we are in God's Big Story!"

"This week we saw how God put kings over His people because they asked Him for one. Some kings were wise—like David, Hezekiah, and Josiah! But even the best kings sinned sometimes. That's why God promised to send someone even better—a perfect King. This perfect King lived a perfect life, and He gave His perfect life so that anyone who wanted to could be close friends with God. God was continuing His rescue plan through that little group of people in the nation of Judah who He protected. Because many, many years later from that little group of people would come Jesus! Jesus was the Savior God had promised. And Jesus would rescue us all!"

"God had been working on His rescue plan to save us through every image of this timeline! **(GESTURE FROM THE BEGINNING OF YOUR TIMELINE ALL THE WAY TO THE LAST IMAGE YOU'VE PUT UP.)**

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!"

SLIDE → Week 4 Timeline Image

→ **If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.**

"This week we talked about the kings of Israel and Judah and how their choices mattered!"

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "As we saw today, the kings of Israel and Judah changed history with their choices, for better or worse."

"You might wonder, 'What about me? I'm not a king or queen.' It can be easy to think their choices were way bigger or more important than ours. But God's Word reminds us that our choices matter just as much. Every word you say, every action you take, every time you decide to help or hurt, to forgive or hold a grudge, to listen or ignore—each one is a decision door that shapes your story, and even shapes the world around you."

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"When you choose to help a classmate instead of laughing at them, that's a wise choice. When you tell the truth—even if it means getting in trouble—that's a wise choice. When you forgive someone who hurt you or include someone who feels left out, those are wise choices. Every time you choose kindness, honesty, or patience, you're showing the world Jesus. He is kind. He is patient. He is good. And you are being just like Him.

"God hasn't called you to be perfect. He hasn't promised you'll never mess up, or that every decision will be easy. What He has promised is that He will go with you every step of the way and show you the wise way to go.

"And what you choose in the quiet, in the conflict, in the moments nobody else sees—those choices are the story you're writing with your life. So here's the Key Question to take with you:

SLIDE → Conversation Starter

[CONVERSATION STARTER] "Why do your choices matter?"

SLIDE → Theme Background

"Think about it this week. Your choices shape who you become, the impact you have, and the story you tell about what matters most. God's story isn't finished—and you get to be part of it, as you go with Him one choice at a time.

"Let's pray.

③ Prayer

COMMUNICATOR: "God, thank You for never giving up on Your people, for always working in the mess and the mystery. Thank You for Jesus, who shows us what wisdom looks like and who gave His perfect life to rescue us. Please help us remember that our choices really do matter—to You, to others, and to ourselves. Give us Your wisdom when we need it. Help us to walk with You every step of our lives and choose Your wisdom at every Decision Door we face. We want to go with You through everything. 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

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Welcome/ Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ Timer (phone, watch, or countdown video)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- *Optional: Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. Note: Some presentation software, such as ProPresenter, has a countdown clock built into the program that you can overlay on a still image*

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Know You More" from Focus
- ☐ "Further Faster" from This Little Light

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Know You More" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "Further Faster" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

Note: We've suggested worship songs below from Amazing Kids Worship and Orange Kids Music. We've created these songs to be developmentally appropriate for elementary and preteen kids, incorporating simple, direct language, fun dance movements, and upbeat, current arrangements.

We've chosen these specific songs that amplify our teaching content for this month. We recommend that you use these songs as scripted below, or combined with other popular worship songs that your kids know and love. Be sure to share the links to these songs with parents so they can stream them at home or in the car! Songs can be purchased at store. thinkorange.com or for free with APlay.

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:

"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe
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- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 4 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop

What You Need:

NOTE: We're so excited to be going through key stories of the Bible this year and learning more about its Author—God! It's God's Big Story! But to provide you with flexibility as you experience God's Big Story in your own unique setting, there's more than one way to use the following script!

If you want to follow "God's Big Story," read the following script straight through. Each week will build on the previous ones. But, if your church wants to teach a Large Group session on its own as a standalone, without connecting it to what has come before, there are two sections in the script below that are optional—"God's Big Story Opener" and "God's Big Story Closer."

Whatever way you decide to use the following, know that we're praying diligently for you—we're asking God to help kids see and believe that He loves them, He invented them, and He wants to be their closest Friend. Forever. It's an honor to get to know God with you through the Bible this year!

- ☐ Communicator
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ "Decision Doors" Slides (printed or projected)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Conversation Starter Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Wait/Go Ahead Decision Doors Slide
- ☐ Trust/Hide Decision Doors Slide
- ☐ Wisdom/Wealth Decision Doors Slide
- ☐ God's Way/Crowd Decision Doors Slide
- ☐ Wise Advice/Friends' Advice Decision Doors Slide
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- ☐ Pray/Do It Alone Decision Doors Slide
- ☐ Lead People/Easy Road Decision Doors Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

Feature Presentation: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue

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