

UNDER CONSTRUCTION (Imaginarium)

WEEK 4 (AUG 24 2025)

BIG IDEA

God gives us true wisdom.

BIBLE

Solomon's Wise Ruling: 1 Kings 3:19–28; James 3:13–18

ABOUT THIS WEEK

From knowing which crews to hire to the best type of tool to use, construction sites are places where important decisions are made. This week, we'll hear about how Solom used wisdom and compassion to make a decision to settle a dispute between two women. Solomon had a unique response to his situation, which helps us to see how God gives us true wisdom.

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Felix Bucks Store (15 MIN)

Felix bucks store will be open every week (15 min before the experience begins 9:15am, 10:55am, 12:55pm).

Kids can shop as they arrive. Simply write their names and the date on a paper so you know who has already shopped that day. Same rules apply they can buy 2 small items or 1 large item each week.

Still start countdown right at the start of the experience (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm). Store is closed with 1 min left on countdown so you can begin the experience right as the countdown ends.

CHECK-IN/PLAYTIME (5 MIN)

Check-In Opens 15 min before the Experience begins and closes 15 min after it begins

Kids will play until the main experience begins and then you will start lesson (check in will still be open for 15 more minutes station one of your helpers at the door for the remainder of check in)

Start countdown as soon as the main experience starts (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm)

Whoever is doing check-in should stay there and welcome all kids. An Adult (18years or older) must drop kids off and check for name-tag with phone number on it.

Large Group Time

Welcome (5 MIN)

Introduce yourself and the other teachers

Welcome any first time kids (Have them come up front, introduce them, give them their 5 Felix Bucks and explain what Felix bucks are)

Pass out Felix Bucks (those attending more than one experience can receive Felix Bucks for all experiences they attend)

- Bible (1 Felix Buck)
- Notebook (1 Felix Buck)
- Paper from previous week (5 Felix Bucks)

Beep. Beep. Beep. We're backing up in our story of Solomon to find out what happened after God gave him great wisdom. Solomon helps solve a crisis by stepping in with an unusual solution. Let's *dig* in and learn more!

Rules (5 MIN)

Go over Rules quickly but thoroughly:

1. No Talking without Permission
2. Be Kind!
 - Use Kind words (no curse words)
 - Keep your hands and feet to yourself (no fighting/shoving)
3. No Running
 - No leaving the classroom without a leader
4. No personal Toys or Electronics
5. HAVE FUN!

You can give Felix bucks to those who know the rules (ex. what is rule #1? whoever can tell you gets a Felix Buck then quickly move to next rule)

Generosity Time (5 MIN)

Briefly explain what a tithe and offering is. That a tithe is giving back to God what is His and then he blesses the rest. An offering is anything more than our tithe. Everytime we sacrifice and give it opens the door for God to bless us even more.

MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5 (NIV) (5 MIN)

- ○ **PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Write out the scripture one word at a time on masking tape and put each word on a lego block; make 2 sets
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** Get two volunteers to race to put the blocks in order from top to bottom by building a tower. First word of the scripture on bottom then next word and so on
- **"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."**

Worship (8 MIN)

- Play one worship song from Pro Presenter
 - **1st Experience:** [Till the walls come down \(motions\)](#) by Planetboom (FWC Kids)
 - **2nd Experience:** [Lion \(Motions\)](#) by Elevation Worship (CR Kids)
- Lead Teacher go on stage and have 2 volunteers on either side of you (remind the volunteers what they are doing on the stage. Leading their friends in worship not playing)
- Don't be afraid to teach the kids about worship for a minute if you feel it is needed or explain the meaning of some of the words in the songs
- Make sure you pray out of worship. (pray for upcoming week, families, the kids, whatever Holy Spirit is leading you to pray)
- Don't forget to do Salvation Prayer.
 - make sure helper grabs green salvation bag from the back of Imaginrium, where the shirts are for those who said "yes".
 - Place bag by the door and give to kid(s) who said "yes" to Jesus as they leave. Also, let parent know the decision they made.

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

ACTIVITY | Tools And Towers (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have white board and 2 Jenga sets in the room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, you'll need either poster boards or a dry-erase board for kids to draw on that can be seen by the rest of the group, a list of simple construction-related words for kids to draw (dump truck, bucket, hammer, hard hat, wrecking ball, saw, traffic cone, crane, drill, tape measure, nails), two Jenga towers, and a timer. To play, divide your group into two teams, with one player from each team taking turns as the illustrator at a time. Use a countdown video or a timer for one minute. Set up two Jenga towers, one for each team, and each time their team doesn't get the answer correct in the allotted time, they have to remove a block from the tower. Play until one tower falls over.

- Wow, you guys were really able to show what you know about the construction world. In this game, knowing the answer wasn't enough ... you also had to be wise about which block to remove from your towers.
- Today we're talking about how knowledge and wisdom are not the same thing but how real wisdom comes from knowing God!

QUESTION | What's a decision you had to make today? (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the following question "What's a decision you had to make today?".
 - You can have every kid shout their answer but then ask a few kids to share their answers with everyone. Comment briefly on their answers—and have fun with this!
 - Give some examples like, did you decide to put on clean clothes or not to put on clean clothes? Did you decide to brush your teeth or not to brush your teeth? Did you decide to get up on time or did you decide to sleep in?
- **What's a decision you had to make today?**
- We all make decisions every day. Sometimes a decision is super easy, and we know what we should do. But sometimes, there seems to be no clear answer as to what might be the best way to go.
- Even when we are not sure what choice to make, we can trust that God is always there to help give us wisdom to make the right choice.

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

VIDEO | Under Construction, WEEK 4 (8 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Grow TV](#).

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BIG IDEA | God gives us true wisdom. (5 MIN)

- **PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Use 5 blocks from the giant castle blocks we bought; with painters tape write one word of the big idea on each block (will use these blocks each week just different words); Have a beach ball ready
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the words of the Big Idea on pieces of large painter's tape and attach them to one side of large cardboard building blocks (like [these](#) or make your own using tissue boxes). Stack them up so that the words are on the back. Create a "wrecking ball" by attaching a beach ball or indoor [sensory ball](#) to the ceiling or high fixture using string and duct tape. Allow kids to swing the ball to knock down the blocks (you can also have kids simply throw the ball). Have kids help you restack the blocks in order of the Big Idea.

- What a *build-up* to the Big Idea! Let's say the Big Idea together: **God gives us true wisdom.**

ACTIVITY | Wise, Not Wise (10 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this activity, you'll play a game like "Hot and Cold." To play, have one person step outside of the room while the rest of the group agrees on where to hide an object. After the item is concealed, invite the volunteer back in and try to locate the hidden item. The group calls out "wise" if they are getting closer and "not wise" if they are getting farther. Once they get really close, everyone says, "True wisdom!" If you don't have a lot of hiding places in your room, have the kids spread out in the room and give one person a small figurine or ball to hold in their hand as the item to find.*
- Great job getting the group's help to *wisely* locate the hidden object!
- Sometimes, we think being wise means we have to be the smartest person in the room. But that's not true, and that's not true wisdom. In Solomon's case, he probably was the smartest guy in the room. But it's not like he used complicated mathematical equations to solve the problem he was given. He used the wisdom God gave him.
- Being wise is not about having all the answers and all the information. It's all about what you do with that information to make the best choice possible.
- Being wise also means we are okay with asking for help with our decisions, especially asking God for help because **God gives us true wisdom.**

SCRIPTURE | James 3:13–18

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids close their eyes and listen as you read these verses to them.*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Remind preteens that God poured a lot of wisdom into the Bible. How well do they feel they know the Bible? What practical steps might they take to be more familiar with what the Bible says in order to receive true wisdom?*
- This scripture tells us about two different kinds of wisdom. One kind is selfish and hurtful, and the other is the true wisdom from God.
 - The first kind of "wisdom" only looks out for themselves. They care about winning and putting others down—which causes confusion and chaos.
 - Wisdom from God, however, looks very different. God's true wisdom is shown in the way we help others without looking for recognition or anything else in return. We do it because God gave us wisdom, and the least we can do is to help others with it. We can use God's wisdom to help others achieve peace, too.
- Jesus once talked about two different kinds of builders: a wise one and a foolish one (Matthew 7).
 - The wise man built his house on sturdy rock, while the foolish man built his house on sand.
 - **When it started to rain, whose house do you think remained standing?** The one on the rock, obviously!
 - Having true wisdom is like building a house on a rock, where we turn to God to be our support and strength.
- This passage in James reminds us to lean on God's true wisdom. Just like how Solomon settled a tricky matter and the man who built his house on sturdy rock, we can see that **God gives us true wisdom.**

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

RESPONSE | Wise Choices (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids sit in groups of two or three. Present a few scenarios where they need to discuss with each other about what might be the wisest choice to make. Use the scenarios below or create your own.
- **What are some decisions that you, or kids your age, might have where you need wisdom?** Let's practice using God's wisdom to help us make the best choice.
- **What would be a wise choice to make if ...**
 - **You know your friend is being dishonest, but you don't want to get them in trouble?**
 - **You got invited to two birthday parties on the same day and time, but you can only go to one?**
 - **Two of your friends are arguing, and they want you to pick a side?**
- We all need wisdom for different situations we find ourselves in, and God invites each of us to have wisdom. If we ever feel like we don't know what to do, we can always ask because **God gives us true wisdom.**

Small Group Time

DISCUSSION (if needed)

- **SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS**
 - **What problem did King Solomon have to solve in today's Bible story?** *He had to figure out who was the baby's real mother.*
 - **How did King Solomon know who was the rightful mother of the baby?** *The real mother begged him to save the baby's life even if it meant she couldn't have him.*
 - **Where did King Solomon's wisdom come from?** *God!*
 - **Read James 3:17. What does true wisdom from God look like?** *Pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere.*
- **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**
 - **Can you think of a time when you had a wise choice to make?**
 - **What are some sources or people you can go to when you are searching for wisdom?**
 - **What is one of the first things you can do when you have a decision to make?**