

JAM (Jesus and Me) – Sunday 9/6/20

BIG IDEA- Wisdom comes from God.

PREK and Kindergarten

ACTIVITY | Find the Pearl

- Today, we are learning about being wise. Being wise means making smart and good choices. Let's see if we can do that now!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Place a pearl (or something like it) under one of three cups and encourage the kids to see which cup it is under. Slide the three cups around and allow the kids to guess which cup the pearl is under. Repeat this game a few times.
 - **TODDLER HACK:** Use a larger ball so that it's easier to follow and less likely to be put in someone's mouth.

MUSIC | Make Me Wise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play "Make Me Wise" by Sovereign Grace Kids ([this video](#)). Encourage the kids to sing along!

VIDEO | Wise: Episode 1

INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's prek teaching video:
<https://vimeo.com/444670296/589c997cd8>

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 3:1-13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Place story items (indicated below) around the room before the kids arrive. As you tell the story, instruct the kids to bring the items to the front of the room.
 - **TODDLER HACK:** Have the story props in the front instead of hiding them around the room so the kids are less likely to be distracted by moving around
- Our story today is about a king who was the wisest person of all time! His name was Solomon! **Everyone say, "Solomon!"**
- Solomon was King David's son, and he loved God just like David did. [Ask a kid to find the crown hidden in the room and bring it to the front.]
- One day, Solomon traveled to Gibeon, the place the Israelites worshipped God in until the new temple was built. Later that night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream. God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!" [Ask a kid to find the pillow hidden in the room and bring it to the front.]

- Solomon replied and said, "Give me an understanding heart so that I can be a good king and know the difference between right and wrong." Basically Solomon asked God to make him wise! [Ask a kid to find the owl toy or image hidden in the room and bring it to the front.]
- God was so pleased by what Solomon asked for and said, "Because you have asked for wisdom to be a good king for my people, I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart like no one else has ever had!" [Ask a kid to find the heart-shaped item hidden in the room and bring it to the front.]
- Not only did God give Solomon the wisdom he asked for, God also gave Solomon more riches and fame than any other king before or after him had ever had! [Ask a kid to find the gold coins hidden in the room and bring them to the front.]
- Solomon wasn't selfish. He only asked God for wisdom to better lead God's people, and God gave him even more good things!

ACTIVITY | People of Wisdom

- God gives us wisdom by also giving us people in our lives who are wise! Now let's talk about some different people who can help us make wise choices!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Write the word "WISDOM" on a large piece of poster board, and gather kids around it. Ask kids about the people in their lives who help them make wise decisions. Prompt, if necessary – parents, grandparents, teachers, pastors, aunts, uncles, tutors, etc. Help kids write those people's names (or just title, like "dad") anywhere on the poster, and draw pictures.*

Elementary

ACTIVITY | Chocolate Bar Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Select two kids and give each kid a candy bar. Instruct them to unwrap it using only one hand. The first to finish unwrapping their candy bar is the winner!*
- **What are some ways you had to use wisdom for this activity?**
- We are beginning a new series this week called, Wise. We will be talking about what it means to be wise and how we can gain and use wisdom in every situation we are in!

QUESTION | What is Wisdom?

- **What do you think wisdom is?** Wisdom is combining knowledge and experience to produce good judgment and action!
- **Why do we need wisdom?** Wisdom allows us to navigate through tricky situations and make better decisions!
- **Who are some people you think are wise? How do you know?** We can learn about people who made wise decisions in the Bible, and learn from the people in our lives who make wise decisions.

VIDEO | Wise: Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's Cool Carll teaching video:*
<https://vimeo.com/443046020/76b18c793b>

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 3:1-13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up 1 Kings 3:1-13 and read it aloud.*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Ask kids a warm-up question: If you were in Solomon's shoes and could ask God for anything, what would it be?*
- **Who was the king before Solomon?**
- Even though he had every reason to rely on the wisdom of his father, Solomon decided to lean on the wisdom of God.
- **Why do you think Solomon asked God for wisdom?** He could have anything he asked for. Anything! **Can you imagine if God asked you what you want most? What would it be?**
- Of all the things he could have, Solomon asked for wisdom. Solomon knew one important thing: wisdom comes from God! **Why do you think God gave Solomon more than he asked for?**

POLL | Would You Rather?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce the main idea of the story by providing the kids with one or more "Would You Rather" questions. Designate one side of the room as "A" and another as "B." Have kids physically move to these areas in response to the questions.*
 - Would you rather be covered in A) scales or B) fur?

- Would you rather A) live on pizza for the rest of your life or B) never be hungry again?
 - Would you rather have to A) sing everything you say or B) dance everywhere you go?
- **Would you rather A) have wisdom or B) be able to see the future?** With the gift of wisdom, we do not need to see the future. We can trust God will lead us to make the right decisions for what's happening in our lives right now.
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Let older kids have some fun by writing their own "Would You Rather" questions and sharing them with the group.*