



DIG DEEP

DISCOVER WHAT
MATTERS MOST

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-5th grade)

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TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Wildest Dreams (Solomon Asks God for Wisdom) • 1 Kings 3:4-28

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE: Trust God to give you wisdom.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE: *If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault. James 1:5 (NirV)*

MONTHLY LIFE APPLICATION: Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it.

BASIC TRUTH: I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Catching Wisdom" activity page and a sheet of paper

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to hold up their sheet of paper or book in front of their faces.
- Prompt them to make any facial expression they choose. (Happy, sad, weird, crazy, angry, nervous, etc.)
- Instruct them, on the count of three, to lower the book/paper and reveal their faces to the rest of the group.
- Comment on the different faces and praise them for their creativity!
- Again tell kids to hold their paper/book in front of their faces.
- Read one of the scenarios from the "Catching Wisdom" Activity Page.

- Instruct kids to make a face that represents whether the scenario is a wise choice or unwise choice.
- Tell them to hold the facial expression until you count to three.
- Count to three and let kids lower their book/paper and reveal their faces again.
- Continue as time and interest allow.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys did great with that! These scenarios might not have been real to you or maybe you have faced something similar. The decisions we make when we face certain things in life will let us and the world know we are wise.

"Solomon had to make a lot of really difficult decisions. One of the first decisions we saw him make in our Bible story is what to ask God for. Out of ANYTHING in the world, he asked for wisdom. Wow! He could have asked to be rich or famous or have all the chocolate in the world . . . but he chose wisdom. That must mean it is super important!

"Wisdom isn't just knowledge or knowing what to do—it's finding out what you should do and doing it. Sometimes it can be really hard to make a wise decision, but you can **[Bottom Line] trust God to give you wisdom**. God wants us to be wise. So when we ask Him, He will help us know the wise thing to do. AND He'll help us grow in wisdom, too!"

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"God, thank You that You didn't just promise wisdom to Solomon, but You promise it to us if we ask for it. Please be with each kid here and give them the gift of wisdom in the areas they wrote down. Help them know there are so many ways they can seek wisdom from You and help them know that they don't have to do it alone. We love You, and we are so grateful for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask all of these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

One of your friends wants to explore an old barn, but your mom specifically told you not to play there. You ignore what your mom said and explore anyway.

Your sister asked for your help with some homework, and you told her you would help her after school. Instead, you decide to play with your friends and don't help her.

A kid at school makes you really mad. You decide to show them how mad it made you by hitting them.

You make mean and disrespectful comments to your mom.

One of your friends wants to explore an old barn, but your dad specifically told you to not to play there. You listen to your dad and head home instead.

Your sister asked for your help with some homework, and you told her you would help her after school. Instead of playing with your friends, you keep your word and help her.

A kid at school makes you really mad, and you decide to use respectful words to let your teacher know about the situation.

You tell your mom how much she means to you and how awesome she is. You help her with the dishes.

What to Do:

Print and cut apart. Provide one scenario for each kid.