

# City LG-August 18-19, 2018

**Bible Story:** Everybody Wants to Rule the World (Rehoboam Listens to Fools) • 2 Chronicles 10 (Supporting: Proverbs 13:20)

**Bottom Line:** If you want to be wise, hang out with wise people.

**Memory Verse:** “If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you.” James 1:5a, NIRV

**CG: 2-Minute Countdown**

**CG: Welcome Video**

**LARGE GROUP LEADER WELCOME/WORSHIP LEADER WELCOME**

*(with energy and enthusiasm, welcome children and invite them to stand for worship)*

**WORSHIP: “We Are Royals” and “Hands Toward Heaven”**

**Worship Leader prays...**

“Hey, everybody! Today we’re continuing our search for wisdom. If you were here last week, you might remember that King Solomon was one of the wisest people who ever lived. Solomon asked God for wisdom, and God gave it to him! Solomon wrote down a bunch of wise sayings for us in the book of Proverbs. *(Hold up Bible.)*”

“One of the Proverbs Solomon wrote is Proverbs 13:20. Here’s what it says.

*Open the Bible to Proverbs 13:20 and read.*

**CG: Proverbs 13:20 Slide (leave up)**

*“Walk with wise people and become wise. A companion of foolish people suffers harm, (NIRV).*

“Solomon understood that the people you hang out with can either help you or hurt you. They can lead you toward wisdom OR trouble.

“Solomon had a son named Rehoboam. After Solomon died, Rehoboam became king. *(Point to the Proverbs 13:20 slide.)* How do you think this played out in Rehoboam’s life? Do you think he listened to wise people or foolish people? Let’s find out!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 4:21)**

“King Rehoboam decided to listen to the friends he grew up with instead of his father’s wise advisors, and it ended up in disaster. You see, Jeroboam and many people in the nation of Israel left to start their own country, with Jeroboam as their king. Rehoboam lost a large number of his followers, and his people weren’t pleased with him at all. The nation split in two because Rehoboam chose to listen to foolish advice.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

“Don’t miss this: **[Bottom Line] If you want to be wise, hang out with wise people.**

“Rehoboam didn’t listen to the right people. He chose to listen to his friends, who really didn’t know how to run a kingdom. He should have listened to his father’s wise advisors who actually knew what to do.

“Remember, **wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.** To do that, you need to hang out with wise people who will give you good advice. God has put wise people in your life like your parents, your Small Group Leaders, and your friends who follow Him. Will you have the wisdom to listen to what they have to say?

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us hang out with wise people.”

**Pray:** “Dear God, sometimes it’s hard to know what to do . . . and it’s even harder to know who to listen to. Help us to make wise choices and surround ourselves with wise people. Thank You for giving us family, friends, and Leaders who can help us make wise decisions. Help us to listen to wisdom so that we can avoid making bad choices. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“If you spend time with unwise people, you might be tempted to make unwise decisions like they do. You might try to be cool by breaking the rules, doing something you know you shouldn’t do, or talking about people behind their backs.

“But if you spend time with wise people, you’ll become wise like them. You’ll see that you can still be cool and funny without breaking the rules or hurting people. So choose your friends wisely. Pick friends who are wise and who **[Basic Truth] treat others the way they want to be treated.**

“Now, my loyal subjects, it’s on to Small Group so you can talk more about how to choose wise friends! Before we head there, let’s worship God with our offering!”

### **Offering Time:**

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

**Homer Glen: Victor**

**New Lenox: Daniel**

**Orland Park: Michael and Valerie**

**CG: Picture of Child**

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our brand new offering container! (*show offering container*).”

“Thank you for your kindness and generosity City! Have fun in Small Groups!”

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*