

City LG - August 25-26, 2018

Bible Story: Don't Stop Believin' (Trust in the Lord) • *Proverbs 3:5-6 (Supporting: 1 Kings 10:1-10)*

Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.

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

CG: 2-minute Countdown Video

CG: Welcome Video

While Welcome Video is playing, Large Group Leader/Worship Leader enthusiastically greets children and invites them to stand for Worship.

WORSHIP: "We Are Royals" and "Hands Toward Heaven"

(Worship Leader Prays)

Begin Large Group...

"Hey, everybody! We've been talking all month about wisdom, and we've also been talking about a certain wise king named Solomon. If anyone knew how to discover God's wisdom, it was Solomon. He was one of the wisest people to ever live!

"When Solomon became king, he asked God for wisdom to help him lead the Israelites. One of the things Solomon did for us was to write down a bunch of wise sayings—or proverbs. What he wrote down makes up much of what we now call the book of Proverbs in the Bible. *(Hold up Bible.)*

"Let's look at another one of those Proverbs. It gives us a great road map for living with wisdom.

Here's what Solomon wrote in Proverbs 3:5-6.

Open the Bible to Proverbs 3:5-6 and read.

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide

"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, (NIV).

"When you trust God, He makes your path like a smooth, straight road.

Walk in a straight line across your room.

"What does that really mean, though? Does it mean that if you trust God, you'll never have any problems, and everything will go exactly the way you want it to? *(Pause.)* Not exactly. It means that trusting God is the beginning of wisdom. Let's let our Bible Story video today explain a little more. Watch this!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:15)

"What does it look like to live a life of wisdom?"

CG: Proverbs 3:5-6 Slide

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“God is the Source of ALL wisdom. He wants to show us the best path for our life. But we have to ask Him for it. We have to trust Him to give us wisdom as we make choices every day.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.

“You can trust God for the journey ahead. He will never leave you. He will ALWAYS give you wisdom to know what to do. Let’s pray.”

Pray: “Dear God, it’s so good to know that we can ask for wisdom and You’ll give it to us! Help us to trust You with all of our hearts and not to depend on our own understanding. Help us to obey You in all our ways, so that You can make our path smooth and straight. Help us to choose Your wisdom every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Solomon was so wise! He knew to trust God more than himself when it came to wisdom. If we’re honest, that can be tough to do—especially when we’re facing something that we don’t understand.

“That’s the thing about wisdom, though. Sometimes it takes time. We might not understand everything that’s might happen to us in life, but remember; we can only see part of the path. God sees the whole story. He sees the big picture.

“You can be like Solomon when you trust your future to God. Ask Him to help you grow in wisdom. Read your Bible. Ask people who are wise to help you. Pray to God and talk to Him about what’s going on in your life. Ask Him for the wisdom you need for ANY situation.

“You’ll talk some more about that back in Small Group. 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’s a picture of Kenyan Flag!”

CG: Picture of Kenyan Flag

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.