

City LG - August 4-5, 2018

Bible Story: Walk This Way (Jesus Grows in Wisdom) • *Luke 2:41-52*

Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, search for 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

CG: Welcome Video

LARGE GROUP LEADER WELCOME/WORSHIP LEADER WELCOME

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

WORSHIP: “Every Beat” and “Rising Up”

Worship Leader prays...

“Hey, everyone! The hunt is on! We’re searching for something more valuable than gold. It’s wisdom!

CG: Wisdom Slide

“**Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.** There are lots of times in life when it’s hard to know what to do. That’s why we need God’s wisdom. Wisdom is ALWAYS worth searching for.”

“Speaking of searching, I’m on the hunt for some really awesome talents. I’m talking about top-notch talents and skills. What a great way to start out the month and get to know each other better!

“Make sure you’re circled up with your small group. We’ll give each Small Group Leader a sheet of stickers (*hold up the sheet of labels*) with the 10 amazing talents that I’m looking for. Leaders, if you’ve got more than 10 kids in your group, you’ll need two sheets.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Talent Labels Sheets (2 per group)

Pass out the sheets of labels.

(Holding up the sheet of labels) “Okay, I’ll call out these talents one at a time, and everyone in your group needs to show your Leader how great you are at that talent. Then, at the end, your Leader will choose a talent sticker for each one of you. Are we ready to rock? Let’s play ‘The Great Talent Scavenger Hunt!’

CG: “The Great Talent Scavenger Hunt” Game Slide

(Referencing your sheet of labels) “Everyone show your Leader **how you can plank...**

“**Show how you can roll your tongue.**

“**Show how you can touch your tongue to your nose.**

“**Show how you can move one eyebrow at a time.**

“**Show how you can bark like a seal while hopping on one foot.**

“**Show how you can wiggle your ears.**

“Show how you can crab walk.

“Show how you can snap your fingers.

“Show how you can do the robot.

“Show how you can say the alphabet backwards.

“That was so fun! *(Hold up the sheet of labels.)* Leaders, now you can choose an expert in your group for each of these amazing talents.

Leaders stick one label on each kid. (For groups with more than 10 kids, the Leader can choose multiple kids per talent).

“Great job. Now let’s get to know everyone in the room! This time, I’ll call out each talent, and only those of you with that sticker will jump up and do it together. Fun, right?”

(Referencing your sheet of labels) “Okay. Let’s see all of our planking experts! *(Repeat for the rest of the talents.)*

“Wow! What a stunning display of skill! Give yourselves a hand. This room is so full of talent, I think it might explode!”

(Transition)

“Ok, everybody! Today, we’re looking at a time when Jesus had gone missing.”

“Here’s what we know. This story comes from Luke, chapter 2. *(Hold up Bible.)* This is when Jesus was just a boy—12 years old. We know that Jesus’ family traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast every year. The journey took nearly a week. His parents, Mary and Joseph, took Jesus for the annual trip to Jerusalem. Let’s take a look at what happened!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 4:14)

“Think about it. Why did Jesus decide to spend time in the temple? He was only 12, but He already knew that He needed God’s wisdom.

“Sure enough, as Jesus grew up, He GREW in wisdom. That’s what it says at the very end of Luke, chapter 2, verse 52.

“Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people, (NIRV).”

“Mary and Joseph found Jesus at the temple picking up wisdom. If the Son of God went looking for wisdom, we should too! That’s a scavenger hunt we should ALL want to do. Don’t just sit and wait for wisdom to come to you. Go and search for it!

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “**If you want to be wise, search for wisdom.** You can search for wisdom in lots of ways. You can read your Bible and learn how God wants you to live. You can talk to people who follow God and ask them for advice—people like your parents, your grandparents, and your Small Group Leader.

“AND don’t forget, you can ALWAYS talk to God and ask Him for wisdom. That’s what our Memory Verse says. It’s James, chapter 1, verse 5. Read it with me.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

KIDS: *"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you," (NIRV).*

"Isn't that awesome? God WILL give you wisdom. All you have to do is ask. He'll help you **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** today and every day.

"Now it's off to Small Group, where your hunt for wisdom will continue. Before we head there, let's pray and worship God with our offering!"

Pray: "Dear God, we know that You're the source of all wisdom. You know us better than we know ourselves. You know the things we need to do to be able to live the best possible way. Please help us to follow Jesus' example and search for Your wisdom every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

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.