

Alley Rundown—August 7th-9th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Wildest Dreams (Solomon Asks God for Wisdom) • 1 Kings 3:4-28

Today's Key Question: Why do you need wisdom?

Today's Bottom Line: Trust God to give you wisdom.

Monthly Memory Verse: If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5 (NIV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

"Hey, everybody! Love getting the chance to hang out with you! Let's kick off this time with a question. Have any of you been on a scavenger hunt before? *(Pause for response.)* Yes! Several of us have! Okay, what about a treasure hunt for real treasure? And I'm not talking about digging through your granny's jewelry box and discovering vintage clip-ons or finding a half dollar in your grandpa's junk drawer. I'm talking about discovering real, legit riches. Anybody? *(Pause for response.)* Not too many of us!"

Share a true story of someone who discovered an amazing treasure accidentally or use the following.

"A number of years ago, there was a man who came upon a staggering treasure accidentally. In the Philippines, this man was fishing off the coast of an island when he noticed a big, white object stuck to his anchor in the water. The 75-pound mass was over two feet long, but the man managed to haul it into his boat. Whatever it was, the man thought it looked cool but never told anyone about the find. He placed it under his bed where it sat for ten years until his house burned down. Remarkably, the big, white treasure survived the fire and is actually on public display. Anybody know what the man found? *(Pause for response.)* Good guesses! The man stumbled upon the world's biggest natural pearl from a giant clam. How much do you think this giant pearl was valued at? *(Pause for response.)* It is estimated to be worth \$100 million."

"It's crazy to think he found an item of such value by chance! In life we likely won't find a valuable hunk of pearl attached to an anchor or a big bag of gold doubloons. Regardless, this story reminds me of the way a lot of us have found wisdom."

"Reflect back on your life. I would venture to say most in this room who have heard incredible words of wisdom from coaches, discerning teachers, sensible grandparents, or some YouTube sensation. Most of you were likely not seeking the wisdom. Instead, the pearl of wisdom stumbled into your life by happen stance!"

"Is this how we are supposed to gain wisdom? Are we supposed to walk through life hoping to stumble upon wisdom with no idea of where it will come from or how it will be used? What if there was another way? What if you could seek out more wisdom instead of waiting for wisdom to appear?"

"Questions like this are important. When we have these sorts of questions, it's good to start with the Bible. In the Bible, not only can we find all sorts of wisdom from SUPER wise people who had personal experiences with God, but we can also find out how we can BE super wise people. Let's head there now with the help of this week's Episode of the So and So Show!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:00)

“The reason this story stands out to me is because we have a new king who could have asked God for anything! Instead of wasting the opportunity on a temporary treasure, Solomon asked for wisdom! During a dispute, we see how God’s wisdom helped King Solomon. The king wasn’t going to harm the baby, but he was wise enough to recognize the true mother of the baby. Because of the wisdom God gave Solomon, the Israelites trusted he was a wise king who would rule them justly. God made Solomon so wise that his understanding couldn’t even be measured—like the sand on the seashore.”

“The story reminds us where all wisdom comes from—God! If you are facing a tough decision, you can go to God and ask for wisdom like Solomon did. When you don’t know what to do, talk to God! Our memory verse this month echoes this truth. It says,” *(read directly from slide)*

CG: Memory Verse SLIDE

“Pearls of wisdom should not only be found accidentally stuck to the anchors of life. Wisdom should be sought from God. Wisdom can be found when we trust God.”

“As you head to Small Group today, think about this:

SLIDE: Key Question Slide

“**Why do you need wisdom?** Think about the different sorts of decisions you make throughout the day. Will you study for this test? Will you talk to that kid? How do you respond to that question? What do you say in that situation? How could wisdom help you in those sorts of situations? If you’re not sure, that’s ok, too. You’ll have a chance to chat all about it with your Small Group. Before you head to groups, let’s pray and thank God for giving us wisdom when we need it. Let’s pray.”

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard.
After prayer, lead offering and dismiss kids to Small Group.*

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering you can bring it up now as we dismiss to Small Groups.

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri, New Lenox: Daniel, Homer Glen: Victor