

City SG—August 28th-30th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Brand New (Renew Your Mind) • *Romans 12:2*

Today's Bottom Line: Never stop growing in 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)

1. Wisdom Maze

What You Need: "Wisdom Maze" Page (1 per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Wisdom Maze" and a pen.
- Encourage the kids to complete the maze by making "wise decisions" about which way to go.

2. Cup Stackers

What You Need: Cups (20- 40 per Group)

What You Do:

- Form two teams.
- Give each team a stack of ten plastic cups.
- Explain that you will name something that they have all seen.
- If the thing you name is something that grows, kids will race to be the first team to unstack their cups and place them upright in a line.
- If the thing you name does not grow, they should place the cups upside-down in a line.
- Before each round, let teams restack their cups and play again.
- Use the list of items below or add others.
 - Chair
 - Tree
 - Rocks
 - Book
 - Seeds
 - Piece of paper
 - You
 - Wisdom

What You Say:

"You are right that wisdom is something that continues to grow—not like a plant—but in other ways.

[Transition] God keeps us growing strong in wisdom so that we do and say the things that please Him most."

3. Shattered Memory Verse

What You Need: Shattered Memory Verse Page (1 per kid), Colored Cardstock (1 per kid) Bibles, scissors, glue sticks (3-5 per group)

What You Do:

- Invite kids to look up the memory verse, James 1:5, in their Bibles and read it together out loud. (Or if you know that at least a few of your kids have the verse memorized, let them say it for the group.)
- Give each kid a "Shattered Memory Verse" Page, scissors, a piece of cardstock, and a glue stick.
- Instruct kids to cut out each piece on the page.

- Let kids reassemble the pieces to create a jar with the memory verse inside then glue the pieces in place on the cardstock.
- Review the memory verse together.

What You Say:

“You guys did a great job of assembling the memory verse jars! When we ask God for wisdom, sometimes He has to break us of the old way we used to think so we can begin to think wisely. What are some things you struggle to be wise about? *(Allow time for kids to answer.)* It’s okay that we struggle being wise, we just have to remember to **[Bottom Line] never stop growing in wisdom.**”

4. Mirror Motions

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

What You Do:

- Ask kids to choose a partner.
- Tell partners to stand face to face.
- Ask one partner to pretend they are combing their hair.
- Tell the other partner to “be the mirror” and closely follow the exact movements of the other kid as if looking in a mirror.
- Offer fun and simple actions for kids to use such as the ones listed below.
- Remind kids that the goal is to mirror or match one another’s movements and even the look on their face.
 - This means they will want to move slowly, not too fast.
 - Make sure they have decided who will be the LEADER and who will be the MIRROR.
- After each action, let kids switch roles or switch partners so they get a chance to be the mirror.
 - Eat an ice cream cone.
 - Do three jumping jacks
 - Wave.
 - Brush your teeth.
 - Dig a hole.
 - Play the guitar.
 - Put on a coat and zip it up.
 - Ride a horse.
 - Sing like a rock star.
 - Throw a ball.
- Let kids come up with their own movements if they’d like.
- Add variety by asking the Leader to do an action for the Mirror to imitate, but without saying what it is. See if they can guess it correctly.

5. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

What You Do: Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“Let’s all ask God to help us **[Bottom Line] never stop growing in wisdom.** Would anyone like to pray out loud for us? *(Allow kids to pray if they would like.)*

“God, thank You so much for how You teach and lead us in wisdom. Thank You for the Bible stories You have taught us all month long. Please help each kid here continue to seek wisdom as they all continue to grow and renew their minds. Please help us put these truths away in our hearts so we’re ready for situations where we need Your wisdom. We pray all these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”