

LEADER'S GUIDE

YOUNGER CHILDREN

BIG PICTURE:

PROVERBS

BIG IDEA:

WISE PEOPLE ASK

BIG POINT:

WE ARE WISE TO ASK GOD FOR WISDOM

BIG WORD:

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PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NLT)

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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture PROVERBS. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Psalms, Proverbs, Parables - Wisdom for Life' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Discover that God gives us wisdom when we ask for it.
- Understand that there are great benefits to wisdom.
- Learn that Solomon, one of the wisest kings in the Bible, asked God for wisdom.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Who is the smartest person you know?

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. What did Solomon ask God for?

Wisdom! God gave Solomon wisdom in abundance and because Solomon asked only for wisdom and not wealth and fame, God granted him wealth and fame also. Solomon needed wisdom to lead God's people and make good decisions. God may not tell us exactly what to do in every situation or make our decisions for us, but with wisdom we can make good choices. We are wise to ask God for wisdom, and God will give it to us.

2. Where can we find wisdom?

We can ask God for wisdom! We find wisdom in God's Word. The book of Proverbs was penned by the wise king Solomon, who has gone before us on the journey of life. Here's what you'll find in the book of Proverbs: Proverbs 1:2-6 (CEV) "Proverbs will teach you wisdom and self-control and how to understand sayings with deep meanings. You will learn what is right and honest and fair. From these, an ordinary person can learn to be smart, and young people can gain knowledge and good sense. If you are already wise, you will become even wiser. And if you are smart, you will learn to understand proverbs and sayings, as well as words of wisdom and all kinds of riddles."

3. Why is wisdom so valuable to have?

A life living by God's wisdom brings us (from Proverbs 3:13-4:20) happiness, long life, riches and honour, peace, safety, a stumble-free walk, a worry free life, sweet sleep, protection, confidence, healing and health. Wisdom is described as being more valuable than silver, gold and precious ruby stones. Proverbs 3:14-15 (NKJV) "For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her."

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: Make a crown to remember that wisdom is valuable, king Solomon asked God for wisdom and we can too!

Directions: Give each child a crown template to decorate with jewel coloured stickers and colour in with pencils. Help them to cut around the edges of the crown and then bend it into a circle shape to fit on their head, fixing the two ends together with a stapler. (If you have much younger children or a larger group you may like to pre-cut the crown shapes.)

Explanation: Solomon was the wisest king to ever live, he asked God for wisdom! God's wisdom is far above anything we could learn in a textbook, God's wisdom is far better than the smartest professor or scientist on earth. God's wisdom makes a person more than smart, it makes them wise! We are wise to ask God for wisdom.

BIG WORD

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Give each child a Big Word page to complete. Children can trace the words, unscramble the letters and solve the word pictures to reveal the words of the verse.

GAME

Cookie Munch

Set up your play area with a broom stick or pole secured between two points. From the broom stick, string on some cookies so they hang to around the level of the player's chins. Choose a few players to play at a time. Each child stands in front of their cookie. With their hands behind their backs players must eat their cookies. The first to finish their cookie, chewed and swallowed, is the winner.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Help us to recognise the voice of Your wisdom and apply it to our lives. Thank You that You give us wisdom.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Crown template printed for each child from print material files. Jewel coloured stickers, pencils, stapler.

Supplies Needed:

Big Word page printed for each child from the print material files, pencils.

Supplies Needed:

Broom stick or pole, cookies and string.