

GOD'S WISDOM



Year 1–Quarter 1 “God the Father”

Quarter Aim: God is not distant or unapproachable; rather, He is a caring Father who loves us deeply and wants the best for our lives.

Lesson 3: God’s Wisdom

Make Wise Choices

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 119:105, 1 Kings 3. King Solomon asks for wisdom.

SUMMARY:

We all face tough choices in life, and sometimes it’s hard to know the right thing to do.

Thankfully, we can go to God and receive the wisdom we need to make the right choices.

Solomon was the son of King David. He was a good man who loved God. God was pleased with Solomon’s heart, and he offered to give Solomon anything he wanted. Solomon asked for wisdom to make the right choices and be a good king. Because he made that wise request, God made him the wisest man to ever live.

Solomon was so wise, rulers from across the world came to visit him, just to learn from him. They brought him gold and wealth and riches, making him not only the wisest but the wealthiest king on Earth. At the end of his life, though, Solomon wisely saw that these things were nothing compared to God.

When we are faced with tough choices, bring it to God because He wants to help you make the best (wisest) choice.

Object Lesson: Board Game

ITEMS NEEDED: Board game with instructions

Choose a board game the kids probably don’t know, like an old school classic such as Monopoly Jr. or Operation. Have it set up, and ask the kids how they think the game is played.

Explain: Some things in life don’t really require directions. Your moms and dads can probably pull a new appliance out and plug it in without giving it a glance. But when it comes to board games, it’s a little harder. Each game has different pieces - tokens, characters, spinners, dice, cards. Some even have houses, hotels, and characters.

The best place to start, if you’re trying to learn a new game, is to read the directions. They tell you step by step how to set up the game, how to start, how to play, and how it ends. Board games are full of strategy, choices, and chance.

Apply: So is life. And when life presents you with a tough choice, it’s good to know where we can go for instructions. God, our creator, is the source of all wisdom. He made Solomon the wisest ruler in history, and that same wisdom can be ours if we ask for it. We can go to God in prayer, seek the counsel of more mature Christians, and we can go to the Bible, a book that has a verse for everything.

Power Point

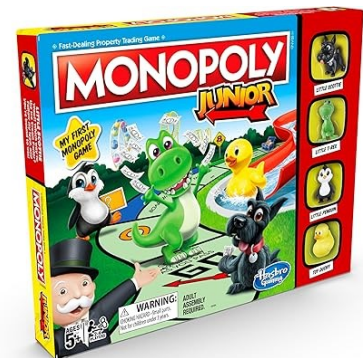
Seek God’s wisdom when making choices.

Lie:

God makes mistakes.

Truth:

2 Samuel 22:31,
“God’s way is perfect. The word of the Lord doesn’t have any flaws. ...” (NIRV)





Large Group Game

PEANUT BUTTER RACERS

ITEMS NEEDED:

Two jars peanut butter

Two jars of jelly

Two loaves of bread

Dull knives and spoons

Two blindfolds

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is a game for two teams of two. Set both teams up at separate tables. One teammate will wear a blindfold and assemble the sandwich. The other teammate's job is to talk them through the process

any of the items on the table, even if they -
ble a sandwich wins.

VARIATION:

For younger kids, use a non-sharp spreader for the peanut butter. You may want to eliminate the jelly to make the game easier and quicker.

For older kids, you could make it a beauty contest vs. a timed contest. Whoever makes the prettiest plate of peanut butter and jelly sandwich wins.

WHAT'S THE POINT:

Say: Today we're talking about wisdom and making wise choices, to do that we have to be willing to listen and follow instructions. If we don't, we may end up with a sticky mess on our hands!

Small Group Discussion

Discussion Starters:

- What would you have asked for if you were Solomon?
- How is God's Word like a lamp for our feet and a light for our path?
- How can we ask God for wisdom when we need it?

Say: There's a verse for every question we have because God, in His wisdom, gave us the Bible. The same source of wisdom Solomon met in his dream is available to us here in the Bible. God

