

#### LESSON 4 TODDLER TIME

# LESSON 4 WORDS OF WISDOM

#### **LESSON AT A GLANCE**

WONDER TRUTH: God Wants Us to Listen to Wisdom

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 8

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Solomon writes in a unique way: he gives wisdom a voice through Lady Wisdom. God wants us to think about the voice of wisdom, which calls out to everyone to listen to and learn God's ways.

#### **Activity: Find the Treasure**

# **Activity: Let's Listen**

#### Worship

# **God's Big Story**

# **Prayer and Blessing**

# **Activity: Wisdom Says**



Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

#### **Activity: Find the Treasure**

**SUPPLIES:** Toddler Bible, scissors (prep only) **Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Toddler Jewels Sheet

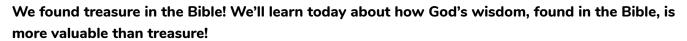
Before kids arrive, print the Toddler Jewels Sheet, and cut apart the jewels/coins. Hide each of the treasure items within the pages of a toddler-friendly Bible.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

#### Welcome! I'm so glad you're here today!

Hold up a toddler Bible. Look what I have here! It's a Bible! Can you say, "Bible"? There is something special hidden inside this Bible. Let's see what we can find!

Let kids help you flip through the Bible and find the hidden jewels.



## **Activity: Let's Listen**

God wants us to be good listeners when we hear His wisdom. Let's see how well you can listen. I'm going to be quiet, but when you hear me say the word wisdom, point up as a reminder that wisdom comes from God.

Sit quietly, and periodically say the word wisdom and encourage the kids to point up when you say the word. **Great listening! We can listen to God and His wisdom!** 

#### Our Wonder Truth today is GOD WANTS US TO LISTEN TO WISDOM.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—Point up.

WANTS US-Point to self.

TO LISTEN—Cup ear.

TO WISDOM.—Point at head.

## Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the Wise Up Early Childhood Spotify playlist

Today we're learning that God wants us to listen to wisdom. Let's sing together and praise God for being so wise!

Play songs from the <u>Wise Up Early Childhood Spotify playlist</u> and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.



#### **God's Big Story**

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, bag or pillowcase, scissors (prep only)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: God's Big Story Video, Story Jewels Sheet

Ahead of time, print the Story Jewels Sheet and cut apart the jewel shapes. Put them into a bag or pillowcase.

Our part of God's big story is a great part of the Bible about a person named Solomon. Encourage the kids to say, "Solomon." Let's find out from the Bible what Solomon says!

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, or read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided.

Solomon was a king who wrote part of the Bible about Wisdom. God's wisdom is true, which means His wisdom can only say true words.

I have a special treasure bag here! We're going to pull some treasure out from the bag and see what it says about Wisdom. Let one of the kids pull one jewel out of the bag. You can go in any order, but read the correct script below that corresponds with that jewel.

Silver: Wisdom only says what is honest. Wisdom never lies.

Gold: Wisdom says we should choose to listen because God's wisdom only says what is true.

Ruby: Wisdom is understanding from God. God wants us to think about all Wisdom has to teach us about God's ways.

Wisdom is wise, honest, and true. God wants us to listen to Wisdom!

#### **Prayer and Blessing**

Let's talk to God.

God, help us always listen to Your Wisdom. Help us to remember that what You say is always wise, always honest, and always true. When we aren't sure what to do, help us listen to what You have to say. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you go forth this week listening for God's Wisdom. May you know that He will only speak what is wise, what is honest, and what is true. May you always be willing to listen to what He says.

#### **Activity: Wisdom Says**

Gather kids to a play a game like Simon Says — but instead it will be called Wisdom Says.

We are going to play a game of Wisdom Says. I'm going to be Wisdom, and you listen to what I say. If "Wisdom Says" to do something, you do it. If Wisdom doesn't say something, then you should not do it.

Call out different things for the kids to do, such as clapping their hands, stomping their feet, standing up and sitting down, sticking out their tongue, etc. With some of the commands, start with "Wisdom Says," and with others just give the command.

