

**TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE****TODAY'S BIBLE STORY****Much Needed Advice**

Rehoboam Listens to Fools  
2 Chronicles 10  
(Proverbs 13:20)

**TODAY'S KEY QUESTION**

Who are some wise  
people in your life?

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**MONTHLY VIRTUE**

Wisdom—Finding out what you  
should do and doing it

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**PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience**

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZi> for a visual on some of the activities.

**SMALL GROUP**

**15**  
MIN

**SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction**

Just for Fun  
Opening Activity

**LARGE GROUP**

**35**  
MIN

**STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways****WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God**

Welcome/Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story (Communicator Script)  
Key Question  
Prayer

**SMALL GROUP**

**25**  
MIN

**GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect**

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot  
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and  
Discussion Questions  
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You  
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

**HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience**

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)  
Devotionals for Kids  
Parent Cue App

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There's Always More to Explore

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PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



*Before kids arrive, pray that you will be able to have a great time with your kids, talking about wisdom and encouraging them in their relationships at church, and friendships that can point them toward making wise choices in their lives.*

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## 1. JUST FOR FUN

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, notecards, pens

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids individually as they arrive.
- If kids brought an offering, ask them to place it in the container.
- Invite kids to share who they enjoy hanging out with and why.
- When enough kids have gathered, direct them to sit in a circle.
- Give each kid a note card and pen.
- Direct kids to write the following sentence starter at the top of their notecard: "Does anyone know . . . ?"
- Tell kids to finish the sentence, without others seeing what they write, by filling in a random question such as, "Does anyone know...how to snorkel . . . what's for lunch . . . where to buy a kangaroo . . .?"
- Collect the cards, mix them up, then place them face down in the middle of the circle.
- Invite the kids to take turns choosing a card, reading it, then guessing who wrote it.
  - If they guess correctly, they keep the card.
  - If incorrect, the card is placed in a random spot in the deck.
- Continue until all the cards have been guessed correctly. The kid with the most cards is the winner.

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## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Headphones, device for playing upbeat music; or individually wrapped ear plugs; *Optional: cleaning wipes*

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Attach the headphones to the device for playing upbeat music.
- Invite one of the kids to put on the headphones and play music at a loud (but safe) volume. (If using earplugs, unwrap a pair and give them to the kid to safely put in their ears.)
- Choose another kid to whisper or quietly speak a few words of a nursery rhyme, song, or a random sentence to the kid listening to the music. (See below for suggestions.)
  - If you prefer, lead the rest of the group in singing or humming a familiar song.
- Challenge the kid wearing the headphones to guess what the other kid is saying.
  - If they cannot get it after several attempts, direct them to remove the headphones or earplugs and listen without.
- Switch and let others take turns being the whisperer or wearing the headphones.
  - *Note: If earbuds are the only option, provide wipes for cleaning prior to each turn.*
- Let kids come up with silly sentences to whisper or use the ones below.
  - Cheeseburger and fries
  - Swim fins
  - I see a shark!
  - Jesus loves you.
  - Mary had a little llama.
  - Pass the pizza, please.
  - Put the dog out.
  - I have an octopus in my pocket.
  - Can you hear me?
  - Where are my shoes?
  - I went snorkeling on Saturday.

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### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Have you ever been listening to music or playing a game and were completely unaware that someone was speaking to you? It happens! Maybe that person had to wave their arms or tap you on the shoulder to get your attention. Learning to listen well is important! We can grow in wisdom by paying close attention to people who are wise. **[Transition] In Large Group today, we'll hear about a guy who messed up big time by not listening to wise advice.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

## MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



## 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to share some of the things they like about their friends. If kids aren't sure what to say, prompt some ideas with a few of the following questions:
  - What do you enjoy doing with friends?
  - What's the nicest thing a friend has ever done for you?
  - What makes a good friend?
  - How do you choose your friends?
  - If you could have one quality in a friend, what would it be?
  - Would you rather have 20 friends that you don't know very well or one best friend?
- **[Make it Personal] Share some of your ideas about what makes a good friend.**
- Invite kids to pair up. (It's okay if there's one group of three.)
- Explain that one kid will be the "mirror" and imitate the movements of the other kid without speaking as if looking in a mirror. (For groups of 3, there will be two "mirrors".)
  - Additionally, they must do their motions as if they were deep sea divers floating underwater.
- Lead each pair to decide who will lead the movements first. Give them a moment to think of something friends do together or something they do for one another. If any kids need prompting:
  - Playing baseball
  - Hiking
  - Reading or studying
  - Laughing
  - Watching a movie
  - Playing a video game
  - Listening to music
  - Talking
  - Praying
- Choose one team to begin their mirroring as the remaining kids try to guess what the divers are acting out.
  - If the group has not gotten it after 10 or so guesses, direct the pairs to stop and for the kid leading the movements to reveal the correct answer.
- Switch and repeat until all the partners have had at least one turn.
- In closing, encourage kids to think about the following questions:
  - Would you consider yourself to be a wise person that people would want to hang out with? Why or why not?
  - If not, in what ways might you need to change?
- Invite kids to share their thoughts or think about their answers silently.

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## 2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, notecards, pens

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Review the Bible story by inviting kids to share what they remember about Rehoboam from Large Group.
- If kids need a few prompts to spark their memory, ask some of the following review questions:
  - What was the important decision Rehoboam had to make?
  - Who did Rehoboam go to for advice?
  - What did the advisors tell Rehoboam to do?
  - What did his friends tell him to do?
  - What did Rehoboam decide to do after listening to the advice he was given?
- Split the group into pairs. (It's okay if there's one group of three)
- Give partners a Bible, two notecards, and pens.
- Help kids find 2 Chronicles 10 in their Bibles.
- Direct each pair of kids to write one fact or statement about the Bible story on each note card, using their Bibles if needed.
  - Assign each team a different portion of the story to avoid repeated statements.
- When kids are finished, collect the cards.
- Choose one kid to stand in front with their back turned away from the group.
- Explain that you'll give a kid in the group a note card to read aloud but in a disguised voice.
- Choose one kid to give the first notecard to.
- Prompt with voice ideas below, if needed:
  - Squeaky
  - Old man or lady
  - Robot
  - Opera singer
- Give the kid whose back is turned three tries to guess who is speaking.
- Choose a new kid to guess and continue until you've read through all the notecards.
- Ask:
  - Why do you think it's important to hang out with wise people?
  - Who is someone you think is wise? Why do you think they are wise?
  - What can you learn from Rehoboam's mistakes?
  - How can you figure out who is giving good advice and who is giving bad advice?
- Encourage kids to talk with parents and other trusted adults to get advice when they have a tough decision to make, or when they feel like they don't know what to do.
- Remind them that the more they hang out with wise friends and spend time with those who love and follow Jesus, the wiser they will become.

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## 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Who are some wise people in your life?
- What could be an example of a choice that seems like “no big deal” at the time but later can become a huge deal? (*Remind kids of Rehoboam’s decision that totally backfired.*)
- What can you do if you find yourself surrounded by people who make unwise choices and try to involve you in them?

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## 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, white tissue paper, pens, "Wisdom" Activity Page

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Bible.
- Invite kids to look up Proverbs 13:20 using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

***Finding verses with 4th-5th graders:** Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.*

- Invite kids who would like to read the verse aloud to the group.
- Ask:
  - How would you define "bad company"? (or whatever phrase is used in your translation)
  - How would you define "good company"?
  - Why are we sometimes drawn to friends who are not following God?
  - What kind of harm might come to someone who hangs out with others who make a lot of bad choices?
  - How do you look for and become friends with someone who is wise?
- Point out that being someone's friend doesn't mean we have to always agree with the choices they make. We can be kind to others without behaving like them.
- Challenge kids to take note of who in their life seems to make good choices. Being friendly and kind to everyone is important, but encourage kids to spend the MOST time with wise people.
- Give each kid a "Wisdom" Activity Page and a pen.
- Give each kid sheets of tissue paper in random amounts ranging from 1 - 5 sheets.
- Direct kids to place all of their tissue paper on top of the Activity Page then trace the word while trying to keep as much detail as possible.
- When kids have finished tracing, let them compare.
- Ask what this activity illustrates can happen when we surround ourselves with those who make poor choices. (Help kids arrive at the idea that we can gradually lose focus on wisdom if we surround ourselves with foolish friends instead of wise ones.)
  - How might foolish friends blur the lines between wise and unwise choices?
  - What should you do if you have friends who make a lot of unwise choices?
- Remind kids that even when those around them are being unwise, they can choose to be wise and ask for God's wisdom.

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage kids to give an example of a time when a friend helped them make a wise choice.
- **[Make it Personal] Share a time when a friend helped you avoid an unwise decision by giving you wise advice that helped you make a wise choice.**
- Remind kids that sometimes the wisest people in our lives are those who are older than us.
- Invite the kids to name wise people in their lives – friends, teachers, coaches, and family members, etc. then thank God for their influence.
- Lead kids in prompted prayer:
  - “God, You are . . . (pause for kids to finish the sentence out loud or silently)
  - “Thank You for the wise people You have put in my life. Thank You especially for . . .
  - “Please help me be a wise friend this week by . . .
- Close in a prayer, asking God to provide wise friends for each of the kids in your group and for them to be that wise friend to someone else.

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## GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

### SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

**(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

#### 1. JUST FOR FUN

*Made to Connect:* an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Offering container
- Notecards, one for each kid
- Pens, one for each kid

#### 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

*Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Digital music source such as a phone or other device, one for each Small Group
- Set of headphones (preferably over-the-ear style), one set for each Small Group
  - Or disposable, individually wrapped, ear plugs, one per kid
  - *Note: If using earbuds or other headphones that are worn in the ear, provide disinfecting wipes to use prior to each kid's turn.*

### GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

**(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)**

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- Notecards, one for each kid
- Pens, one for each kid

#### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

*Made to Connect:* an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

#### 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

*Made to Create:* an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print "Wisdom" Activity Page on cardstock, one for each kid.
- Bibles, one for each kid
- White tissue paper, one package for each Small Group
- Before group time: Cut the tissue paper to fit over the Activity Page. (Each kid will need varying amounts ranging from 1 to 5 sheets.)
- Pens, one for each kid

#### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

*Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

### HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue app.**