



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 2026

SMALL GROUP

4,5,6

BIG IDEA

God wants us to seek Him for wisdom in times of trouble.

BIBLE

James 1:2-5; 2
Chronicles 20:1-30

KEY VERSE

"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you." James 1:5 (NirV)

ORDER OF SERVICE

8:45/10:45 **Pre-service Activities**

9:05/11:05 **Large Group**

- Welcome
- Worship (2 songs)

9:25/11:25 **Small Group Time**

- Whose Voice?
- Bible Study

10:05/12:05 **Check Out UPSTAIRS**

- Choose an activity during checkout

Lead confidently—your voice and energy set the tone!

Kids will follow your excitement and engagement. If you're all in, they will be too.

Feel free to give gentle reminders to help keep your group on track. Creating a calm, focused environment helps every child feel safe and seen.

By the time a child leaves eKids, we want them to:

- *Feel happy to be here*
- *Feel like they belong*
- *Learn one true thing about God*

Every activity, question, game, and conversation helps move us toward that goal.

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"What Would You Do?"

"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you." James 1:5 (NIV)

Read a few situations and have students move to one side of the room if they think they know exactly what to do, or the other side if they would need help deciding.

Scenarios:

- Your best friend wants you to lie for them.
- You're being left out at school.
- You studied for a test but still don't understand the material.
- Someone is being bullied, and no one is helping.
- Your parents tell you something you don't want to do.

Ask:

- Were some choices harder than others?
- Why isn't it always easy to know the right thing to do?
- Where should we go when we don't know what to do?

Transition

Say:

"Life is full of difficult situations. The good news is that God doesn't expect us to figure everything out on our own. He promises to give us wisdom when we ask Him."

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James 1:5 (NIV)

Big Idea

God calls us to seek Him for wisdom in times of trouble.

Bible Basis

James 1:2–5; 2 Chronicles 20:1–30

Main Goal

Help preteens understand that when they face challenges or difficult decisions, God wants them to seek Him first. He promises to give wisdom to those who ask Him.

Summarize James 1:2–5; 2 Chronicles 20:1–30

King Jehoshaphat was the king of Judah. One day he received terrible news: several powerful armies were coming to attack his kingdom.

The people were afraid because they knew they couldn't win on their own.

Instead of panicking, King Jehoshaphat did something wise.

He gathered all the people together to pray and seek God's help.

He admitted that they didn't know what to do, but they trusted God.

God answered through one of His prophets and gave them this message:

"Do not be afraid... The battle is not yours. It is God's."

The next day, instead of sending soldiers first, King Jehoshaphat sent singers out to praise God!

As they worshiped, God caused the enemy armies to fight each other, and Judah didn't even have to fight.

God gave them victory because they trusted Him and followed His wisdom instead of relying on their own plans.

James reminds us of this same truth:

"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it."

When we don't know what to do, God invites us to come to Him first.

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Optional Scripture Readings

- 👉 James 1:5 — Ask God for wisdom
- 👉 James 1:2–3 — Trials grow our faith
- 👉 2 Chronicles 20:12 — "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You."
- 👉 2 Chronicles 20:15 — "The battle is not yours, but God's."
- 👉 Proverbs 3:5–6 — Trust in the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Understanding Questions

- Why was King Jehoshaphat afraid?
- What was the first thing he did when trouble came?
- Why do you think God wanted the people to trust Him instead of their own strength?
- According to James 1:5, what does God promise to everyone who asks Him for wisdom?

Personal Connection Questions

- What is something that feels difficult or confusing in your life right now?
- Why do you think it's sometimes hard to ask God for help first?
- How have you seen God help you through a hard situation?
- Who are some wise people God has placed in your life?

Application Questions

- The next time you have a difficult decision, what could you do before making a choice?
- How can prayer help you when you're worried?
- What is one area where you need God's wisdom this week?
- How can trusting God give you peace, even when your situation doesn't change right away?