



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

WISE GUYS
WEEK 1 LEARN GOD'S WAY

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **What would you do if you had a jet pack?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	5 straws
Per Group	1 roll of tape

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Used straws (<i>Throw them away.</i>)

To Do

Say: Let's build a tower using my hands as the foundation. Use these straws and try to build on my hands!

1. **Give** each kid five straws to build with.
2. **Hold out** your hands, palms up, for kids to build on.
3. **Shift** your hands around as kids **build**.

Say: OK, that wasn't fair. But that's what it's like when we live our own way! It's like building our life on a shifting, shaky foundation. It's much wiser to build on God's way, because it's a firm, strong foundation! How about we build on this nice, firm floor for our foundation this time?

4. Kids **tape** their straws together to build on the floor.
5. **If time allows**, kids can **tear down** and **rebuild**.

Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **What do you think Konnect IQ is like?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What do you think about Edison joining Konnect HQ?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Be wise. Learn God's way.

Proverbs 3:6 NLT

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

1. **Who will show us the right choices to make?** *God*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does wisdom mean?** *Knowing and choosing God's way*
2. **What's the difference between being smart and being wise?** *Being smart is only about your brain. Being wise means you know God's way in your heart, and you choose to follow it.*
3. **Jesus is a firm foundation. It is wise to build our lives on Him. How can we do that?** *Choose to follow Jesus, learn God's way, and obey God's way.*
4. **How long does it take to learn all of God's wisdom?** *Your whole life, and even then, you still won't have all of God's wisdom!*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do this week to learn more about God's way?** *Study the Bible, do the things I learn in church, pray, learn from others who follow Jesus, etc.*
2. **What do you think you can you do to remember to choose God's way instead of your own way?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for teaching us Your way. Please help us follow it. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **tear down and rebuild** structures.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.



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WEEK 2 ASK GOD

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **Would you rather play soccer or dance?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Pause, Pray, Pick Activity Supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Pause, Pray, Pick Activity Supplement (Save it to be used later.)

To Do

Say: It takes practice to remember to ask God for wisdom every time we need it. So, let's practice!

1. **Practice** the motions listed on the activity supplement.
2. Kids **walk in place** while you **read** the story.
3. Kids **do** the correct motion each time you read a bolded word.
4. Kids **walk in place** in between bolded words.

Say: Great job! That was lot of practice! Now, you can remember to pause, pray, and pick!

5. **If time allows**, read the story again, but faster.

Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **How do you think Sydney showed wisdom in the story?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What do you think made it hard for Harper to pick between soccer and dance?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What advice would you give to the girl whose friends were fighting?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Be wise. Ask God for wisdom.

James 1:5 NIRV

If any of you need wisdom, ask God for it. He will give it to you. ...

1. **How can you get wisdom when you need it?** *Ask God for it.*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does wisdom mean?** *Knowing and choosing God's way*
2. **What does it mean to, "Pause, pray, and pick?"** *When you need wisdom, take a minute to ask God what to do. Choose to do what He shows you to do.*
3. **When should you ask God for wisdom?** *When making choices, when you're not sure what to do, etc.*
4. **In the Bible story, Solomon asked for wisdom instead of riches, fame, or power. What do you think made him want wisdom?** *Answers will vary.*
5. **What choices do you think kids usually need God's wisdom for?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What will help you make a habit of asking God each time you need wisdom?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What are you going to ask God for wisdom about this week?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for Your promise to give us wisdom. Please help us remember to ask for it. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **do** the activity again.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.

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BE WISE
WEEK 3 LEARN FROM LEADERS

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the question: **What's the latest you've ever stayed up at night?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Leader Says Activity Supplement

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Leader Says Activity Supplement (Save it to be used later.)

To Do

Say: Listening to your leaders is wise. Since I'm your leader, I'm going to see how well you can listen to me!

1. **Read** a command from the activity supplement.
2. Kids **obey** the command.
3. **Repeat** steps 1-2 for as many commands as you like.
Note: Make sure you include all bolded commands.

Say: Some of those commands were just for fun, but some were wise. Which commands could you learn from?

4. Kids **answer**. If they need help, **remind** them of the **bolded commands** you gave.
5. **If time allows**, play again.

Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **Who was the leader Captain Ray needed to get help from?** *The dentist*
2. **Amanda visited Konnect HQ with a problem. She wanted her parents to quit telling her what to do. What advice would you give her?** *Answers will vary.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Be wise. Learn from leaders.

Proverbs 1:8 NLT

My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction.

1. **In the Bible verse, who are the most important leaders to learn from?** *Parents*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does wisdom mean?** *Knowing and choosing God's way*
2. **What do you think is wise about learning from leaders?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **Share good advice you got from a leader.** *Answers will vary.*
4. **In the Bible story, what did Rehoboam do that wasn't wise?** *He ignored the advice of the wise, older leaders and listened to his friends, instead.*
5. **What do you think made Rehoboam listen to his friends instead of to his leaders?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **If you've chosen not to listen to a parent or leader in the past, what can you do to turn it around?** *Ask forgiveness, listen next time, ask for help, etc.*
2. **Think of someone you know who is wise. How can you learn from them this week?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for giving us leaders to teach us. Please help us learn wisdom from them. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **play** Leader Says again.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.

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WEEK 4 LEARN FROM MISTAKES

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **What would you do if you saw a dog vomit?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	1 paper bag 1 Proverbs 26:11 Label 5 sheets of green note paper
Per Group	1 set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	The bag and notes they created
You Keep	Extra bags, labels, and note paper (<i>Save them to be used later.</i>)

To Do

Say: When we follow Jesus, God forgives all our mistakes. But we still need to learn from them, or we're as foolish as a dog eating its vomit!

1. **Give** each kid a bag, a label, and five papers.
2. Kids **stick** the label on their bags.
3. Kids **write or draw** mistakes they've made on each paper.
4. Kids **crumple** each mistake and **pretend to vomit** them into their bags.
5. **If time allows**, kids **decorate** their bags with markers.

Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **What do you think was the craziest mistake Mike and Maurice made?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **How did things get so bad at Konnect HQ?** *Mike and Maurice didn't learn from their mistakes.*

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Be wise. Learn from mistakes.

Proverbs 26:11 NLT

As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.

1. **What is it like when a person repeats the same mistake over and over?** *A dog who eats its puke*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does wisdom mean?** *Knowing and choosing God's way*
2. **What can you learn from each mistake you put in your vomit bag earlier?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **When is making a mistake a good thing?** *When you learn from it and try not to make it again.*
4. **Think about the Bible story. When Joshua made a huge mistake, what did he learn?** *Ask God first before making decisions.*
5. **You can learn from other people's mistakes, too. Talk about a mistake someone else made that you learned from.** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What can you do this week when you make a mistake?** *Learn from it, ask God to help me make a better choice next time, etc.*
2. **Share a mistake you make over and over. What do you think will help you quit making that mistake?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for forgiving us when we choose to follow Jesus. Please help us learn from our mistakes. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. **Talk about** earning points by returning the Challenge Card, and **continue decorating** bags.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. **Encourage** families to do the Challenge Card together.

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