

Preteen | W3

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity - Memory Verse Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review – Bible Story Extension | Made to Create
Preteen Discussion Questions

Prayer Activity



Bible Story

The Wise and Foolish Builders | *Matthew*
7:24-27 (Supporting: *John* 10:27-28)

Bottom Line

Practice hearing from God.

Monthly Memory Verse

Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come. | 1 Timothy 4:8 NIRV

Conversation Starter

How can you hear from God?

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

Preteen – Verses to Take with You | Made to Explore

What You Need

-  Few different Bible translations or Several access to a Bible app on a device that can show different versions (like NlrV, NIV, The Message, NLT)

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to find this month's verse, 1 Timothy 4:8, in a standard translation like the NlrV. Read it together.
- Then, display or read the same verse from a few other translations.
 - **NIV:** *For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.*
 - **The Message (MSG):** *Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever.*
 - **New Living Translation (NLT):** *Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.*
- Ask the group:
 - How are these verses different? How are they the same?
 - Does reading a different version help you understand the Bible verse in a new way? How?
 - Why do you think we have different translations of the Bible? *(to help more people understand it)*

- Encourage kids to work in pairs.
- Don't pressure kids to read aloud.

What You Say:

"It's cool to see how different translations can help us understand the Bible better. No matter which version you read, the truth is the same: growing in our faith is the most important thing we can do. Reading the Bible, in any translation, is a key way we **[Bottom Line] practice hearing from God.**"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

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What You Need

-  Craft Sticks 0
-  Marker 0

What You Do:

- Give each kid 2-3 craft sticks and a marker.
- Challenge the kids to think of what it means to be a wise builder, and write each thing on a craft stick (go to church and do what you hear, read the Bible and live out what you read, listen to godly people and take their advice, listen to the Holy Spirit when He guides you throughout your day).
- Use all the sticks from the group to build the outline of a house.

- *Work in pairs to assist with writing.*

5 min

Discussion Questions

5 min

Preteen Discussion Questions

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Why do you think Jesus compared hearing His words and doing them to building a house

What You Say:

"Look at the house we built together. What a strong house!"

"Jesus' point was clear. It's not enough to hear what God says—we have to also put it into practice. We have to build our lives on a firm foundation. The main way we do that is to **[Bottom Line] practice hearing from God** by reading the Bible, by listening to people who love Jesus, by hearing the Holy Spirit as He guides us, and then actually doing what we hear."

on rock? And not doing them to building a house on sand?

- What are some things that can make it hard to hear from God in your everyday life?
- What are some ways you can slow down and make time to listen for God's voice?
- What are some ways you hear from God?
- When have you felt like God helped you make a wise choice or encouraged you through someone else?
- How can reading the Bible, talking with people who love Jesus, or listening to the Holy Spirit and doing what you hear help you build a strong foundation like the wise man?

5 min

Prayer

5 min

Preteen – Make It Personal with Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to pair up.
- Instruct the pairs to play one game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors."
- Explain that in each pair, the person who WINS the game gets to pray for the person who lost.
- Give them a simple prayer prompt: "God, please help [kid's name] to be a wise builder this week by listening to Your words and doing them. Amen."
- After the first round, instruct the kids to find a new partner and play again.
- Continue for several rounds so the kids get to pray for a few different people.

What You Say:

"It's awesome to be able to pray for each other. That's one way we can help each other be wise builders. Let's finish our time by praying together for our whole group."

"God, thank You that You speak to us in so many ways—You want us to build our lives on a firm foundation. Help us not just to be hearers of what You say, but doers. Help us make the wise choice to listen and obey You this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

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Quantity

Several

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| 1. | Craft Sticks | 0 |
| 2. | Marker | 0 |