

Lesson Plan

March 22nd, 2026

This Month's Truth: I Am Meant To Know God—God Is Wise

Bible Story: God's wisdom on display (Daniel 2:1-30)

Theme Verse: This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and the one You have sent—Jesus Christ. (John 17:3)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day! Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus!

Share: When Daniel had the opportunity to interpret a king's dream, Daniel looked to God for wisdom. (Read Daniel 2:20-22.) In the same way, we want to help kids know that God is wise. No matter what they face in life, kids can turn to God and trust His wisdom and leadership.

Pray: Invite God to help your team lead with wisdom and discernment today.

Pre Service

Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Service

What To Do:

- **Teacher** Start 5-minute countdown **5 minutes prior to service start time.** The Countdown Video is meant to be played as a signal to transition to Large Group. The video is fun and interactive with opportunities for the kids to respond and cheer. Help kids engage and interact with the video by calling out what's happening, asking for their guesses, and cheering with them.

Teacher Opener: Hi, everyone! My name is ____, and I am so glad to see you here! High-five a neighbor, and say, "It is good to see you!" (It is good to see you!) We are going to talk about being plugged in. Ask, "Plugged in to what?" (Plugged in to what?) I am so glad you asked! The

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same way an electronic device was made to be plugged in to work, we are meant to “plug in” to God and know Him. Everyone, say, “Plugged in!” (Plugged in!)

Mystery Box

Mystery Box Items: Pair of jeans, Pencil, Extension cord, Spoon, Water bottle, Stuffed animal

Leader Prep: Place the box on a table with the open end facing the audience and the holes on the left and right sides of the box. Gather the items to be guessed and place them in an out-of-sight spot.

Game Rules:

1. Invite one player to the front.
2. Prompt the player to turn around as you get out the box. Place the open front of the box toward the other kids so they can see the object inside. (Tell the other players not to shout out what it is.)
3. Start a 45-second timer.
4. Instruct the player to reach into the box and guess the object.
5. Stop the round either when the time runs out or when the object is guessed, whichever comes first.
6. Repeat the process with different kids using different objects each round.

What You Say: (Hold up the box.) It is time for the “Mystery Box!” Everyone, say, “Ooo!” (Ooo!) Say, “Ahh!” (Ahh!) With this Mystery Box, we will see how well some of you know different objects. These are objects that many people use in everyday life. One at a time, someone will come to the front. You will have 45 seconds to reach your hands through the holes in the box and guess what is inside by feeling it. These are very common objects, so nothing is strange, scary, or weird.

When each person is playing, cheer! Everyone, say, “Let’s go!” (Let’s go!)

Leader Tip: Feel free to use any other objects that you think would be recognizable for kids. Things that are common in their life.

(Invite one player to the front, instructing that player to turn around so you can show the audience the object before putting it in the box. Set the timer for 45 seconds and lead the game. Repeat with different players, changing the object each time: a pair of jeans, a pencil, an extension cord, a stuffed animal, a spoon, and a water bottle.)

Keep It Going: Play another round in which the other kids cannot see the object. Instead of players at the front trying to guess the object, they describe what they feel and let their teammates try to guess the object.

Let's cheer for all our players who played our game! (Allow time.) For the players who came to the front, what was it like to try and guess the object in the Mystery Box? (Allow kids to answer.) You may have easily known the object if you were already familiar with the object.

We can know a lot of people, places, and things around us. It is great to know our friends, our family members, and people in our communities. We also enjoy knowing about facts and activities we enjoy. Today we are going to talk about Someone we can all know. Ask, "Who is it?" (Who is it?) I'm glad you asked! We are all meant to know God. He made all of us to know Him and connect with Him by learning more about Him. That is how we get plugged in! Let me hear you say, "Plugged in!" (Plugged in!) Now say, "I am meant to know God!" (I am meant to know God!)

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: When I say, "Get to Know!" you say, "You Show!" "Get to Know!" (You Show!) "Get to Know!" (You Show!) That is right! It is time for a talk show called The Get to Know You Show! Get our show started by saying, "Plugged in!" in 3-2-1! (Plugged in!)

Play Intro Video

What You Say: Ms. Minnie sure was classy, sassy, and sweet! She gave Bobby some really good advice because she is one wise grandma. We have Someone even more wise we can trust and listen to. Ask, "Who?" (Who?) I am glad you asked! God is wise! He is wiser than anyone else, and we can always trust and follow Him. Everyone, say, "God is wise!" (God is wise!) We are meant to know God, and we can know that God is wise.

Worship

What You Say: I'm so excited to worship with you this morning! Let's all come up front!

What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2-3 songs of worship

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- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

What To Do:

- Have the kids **open up** a physical Bible and find the Bible story for that day.
- Use the Bibles provided in the classroom if a kid does not have their own Bible with them.

Transition Script to go into the Bible Story Video: (Open the Bible to Daniel 2:1-30.) Reading our Bibles is one way we can know God and get plugged in to Him. Everyone, say “Plugged in!” (Plugged in!) The Bible is God’s true message to us about Himself. Our story today comes from the first part of the Bible called the Old Testament in the book of Daniel. What book? (Daniel!) Daniel was a man who was plugged in to God and knew God is wise. We will see how God worked through Daniel to show His wisdom to others. If you are ready for our Bible story, say, “I am ready!” (I am ready!)

Play Bible Story Video

Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
 - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

Making The Connection Script: Daniel knew God, and He knew that God is wise. Say, “God is wise!” (God is wise!) He knew that God always has perfect knowledge and good judgment. Not only did the king want Daniel to interpret his dream, but he wanted Daniel to tell him what his dream actually was too! That is a pretty big assignment. Faced with this seemingly impossible task of telling the king his dream and interpreting it, Daniel and his friends turned to God and asked Him for help. They knew that God is wise and knows everything. Daniel trusted in God’s wisdom and prayed for God to reveal the mystery, and God did! Daniel praised God and told the king that God was the only One who could reveal the mystery of the king’s dreams.

Like Daniel, we can also know that God is wise and knows everything, so we can always trust Him. Again, let me hear you say, “God is wise!” (God is wise!)

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle 1) God is wise, and He knows everything because He is the One who created everything. God created the world and everything in it, including people. They knew that God is wise because He walked with them and talked with them here on earth.

(Circle 2) Even though the first people God created knew the truth about God, they did not follow what God said. The first people sinned, meaning they did what they thought was best rather than trusting and following what God said was best. Sin separated them from God. We all sin, which means we have all chosen to do what we think is best instead of what God says is best. Because of sin, we choose to trust other people or even ourselves rather than God, thinking those people are wiser than God. Sin separates us from God, and there is nothing we can do to fix our sin problem on our own. God is perfect and wise, and He knows that sin deserves to be punished.

(Circle 3) But God is wise. He knew we would all sin before He created any of us because He knows everything. God knew we would need help to know and follow Him, so He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin and make the way for us to have a relationship with Him. Jesus took the punishment we deserved because of sin by dying on a cross. He rose again and came back to life on the third day, showing that He is more powerful than sin and death.

God forgives all our sins when we admit our wrong choices and repent. Repent means to turn away from those wrong choices so we can follow and obey God. When we believe in Jesus and confess our faith in Him, we can have a relationship with our wise God forever. He calls us children of God, and He leads us with truth and wisdom. We are meant to know God. One thing we can know is that God is wise. Say, "God is wise!" (God is wise!) We can trust God to lead us and help us because of who He is.

So what can we do when we are not sure what to do? Like Daniel, we can turn to God and ask for His wisdom. God knows everything, and He always leads us in what is right and true. We are meant to know God, and we can trust that what He says is right because He is wise. Everyone, say, "God is wise!" (God is wise!) If you want to talk more about what it means to know God and have a relationship with Him, come talk to me or your small group leader. We are ready and happy to take some time to talk more about how you can know God and have a relationship with Him!

Offering

What To Do:

- Play video explaining offering to kids
- Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket
- Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering

Theme Verse Review:

Choose between the Video-Led Theme Verse option or the Host-Led Theme Verse option.

Theme Verse Motions:

This is eternal life: (Bring both your hands around in front of you with palms up, then drop them.)

that they may know you, (Bring your right hand around with your palm up, then drop it.)

the only true God, (Bring your left hand around with your palm up, then drop it.)

and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (Bring your right hand around with one finger up, then point up to sky.)

John 17:3 (Hold both your hands out like a book.)

Option #1: Put the memory verse slide on the screen.

What You Say: Everyone, say, “I am meant to know God!” (I am meant to know God!) Let’s take some time now to learn our Theme verse. This verse helps us remember that we are all meant to know God. And when we know God, we are plugged in to Him! Everyone, stand up!

Repeat after me: (Use the motions above.)

This is eternal life: (This is eternal life:)

that they may know you, (that they may know you,)

the only true God, (the only true God,)

and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ.)

John 17:3 (John 17:3)

You sounded fantastic! Let’s say it again. This time say it like you are really sleepy or like you just woke up from a dream.

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that they may know you, (that they may know you,)
the only true God, (the only true God,)
and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ. (and the one you have sent—Jesus Christ.)
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We are meant to know God. One thing we can know is that God is wise. He knew we would need help to know Him and follow Him. God sent Jesus so that we can know Him and have eternal life with Him; that means life with Him forever!

Option #2: Play Memory verse video

What You Say: Everyone, say, “I am meant to know God!” (I am meant to know God!) Let’s take some time now to learn our Theme verse. This verse helps us remember that we are all meant to know God. And when we know God, we are plugged in to Him!

Play Memory Verse Video

What You Say: We are meant to know God. One thing we can know is that God is wise. He knew we would need help to know Him and follow Him. God sent Jesus so that we can know Him and have eternal life with Him; that means life with Him forever!

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: We are all meant to know God. One thing we can know about God is that He is wise. He created everyone and everything, and He knows everything about everyone and everything everywhere for all time! Everyone, say, “God is wise!” (God is wise!) Remember, when you are not sure what to do, turn to God for wisdom. You can always trust God because He is always right, true, and wise. Let’s pray and thank God for His wisdom in 3-2-1.

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for being wise. Thank You for knowing everything about every one of us. You know what is best for all of us. Thank You that we can ask You for wisdom, like Daniel and his friends did. Help us to trust You all the time because You are always right. We love You and thank You for letting us know You. Amen.

Transition to Small Group Time: Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

Small Group Time:

Option #1: Connection Questions

What To Do: Now we get a chance to talk more about what it means to be plugged in to God.

1. Name someone who is very smart and wise. What do you think makes that person so wise? (Allow kids to answer and share your answer.)
2. Smart devices know a lot and can give us a lot of answers, but sometimes they get stumped. How is God's wisdom different than the information you get from a smart device? (Allow kids to answer. Point out that God knows everything about everyone. He always has the right answer and always leads us in what is right and true.)
3. The Bible tells us that we are meant to know God. One thing we can know is that God is wise. Let's open our Bibles to Daniel 2:20-22 and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) Daniel praised and thanked God for His wisdom after God revealed to Daniel the mystery of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. How can it bring you comfort to know that God is wise and that He gives His wisdom to us when we ask? (Allow kids to answer. We can take comfort in knowing that we can always ask God for wisdom, in any situation, and we can always trust Him because He is wise.)
4. God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins because He is wise and knew that we would need Someone to rescue us from our sins. How can remembering that God knows our need for Jesus help us trust Him? (Allow kids to answer. Tell kids that God took care of our greatest need—our need to know Him—so we can trust Him with all our other needs as well.)
5. The Bible tells us that we are meant to know God. We see that God is wise through Bible stories like our story today. God works through us when we are plugged in to Him, like God worked through Daniel to show the king that God is wise and can always be trusted. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Option #2: Daniel Prays for Wisdom

What To Do: Today we talked about how God is wise. Everyone, say, "God is wise!" (*God is wise!*) God knows everything about everyone, and He knows we all need Jesus. A relationship

with God helps us turn to God and trust His wisdom no matter where we are. So we're going to make a card to help us remember that!

We have a picture of Daniel that we are going to cut out and decorate today. On the picture it says, "God, thank You for giving me wisdom and revealing the king's mystery!" and Daniel 2:23 at the bottom "Thank You, God, for giving me wisdom and power. . ." Daniel prayed for God to give him wisdom. He asked for God's help. Now when we look at the cards we made we can remember our Bible story and know that God can give us wisdom to help us in our lives.

Loud And Clear: Like Daniel asked God for help in our story today, we can always ask God for help. Before we were born, God knew we would all need to be rescued from our sin, so He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin. God also knows about everything else we need help with. Turning to God for help is part of being plugged in to God. Everyone, say, "Plugged in!" (*Plugged in!*)

Option #3: Activity Page

What To Do: This activity page helps us remember some big things we have learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Leader Tip: Get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story or remind them that we are meant to know God. Like Daniel, we can know that God is wise.

Loud And Clear: God is wise because He knows everything about everyone and everything. He knew that we would need Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. Now we can all know God, and we can always trust God to lead us and help us because He is wise.

Close out in prayer:

What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Pray with the group
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

What You Say: God, You are wise. You are wiser than anyone on earth, and You know everything about everyone. Thank You for knowing everything about us and sending Jesus because You

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knew we would need Him to rescue us from our sins. Help us to remember that You are wise and that we can always ask You for wisdom. Thank You for always leading us in what is right and true when we ask for Your wisdom. We love You. Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader Tip: Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.