



## 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

### YOU AND YOUR FUTURE

PROPS NEEDED: Play money (several bills)

Small Group Notes

#### LESSON:

- What do I have in my hand?
- Play money. Now if I was playing Monopoly this might work, but could I take this into Walmart and buy a t-shirt?
- No. I couldn't.
- Some people have tried to make money and then use it. It is called counterfeit money.
- Counterfeit money is not real money, but looks very much like real money.
- Counterfeit means to illegally imitate something.

- People want to know their future and instead of trusting God they trust in counterfeits.
- Such counterfeits are found in games, fortune cookies, fortune tellers, and horoscopes.

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is a counterfeit? (illegally imitating something)
2. The word of wisdom is what? (supernatural wisdom about the plan of God)
3. How should we seek our future? (trust in God)

#### POINT TO MAKE:

- God cares about us very much and has given us the Holy Spirit to help us in many ways.
- One way that the Holy Spirit helps us is through the word of wisdom.
- The word of wisdom is supernatural wisdom about the plan of God.

### SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

### HOLY SPIRIT: WORD OF WISDOM

#### MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 12:8, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit." (KJV)

#### BOTTOM LINE:

The word of wisdom is supernatural wisdom about the plan of God.



## 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

### ICE BREAKER Questions:

#### Question #218:

- What do you want to be when you grow up?

#### Question #528

- What kind of car do you want to have when you get older?

### ICE BREAKER Game: The Animal Game

- Have the children go around the circle naming an animal that starts with a letter of the alphabet starting with the letter A.
- For example the first child says, "Antelope", the second child says, "Beaver", and so on.
- Keep going around the circle until you get to the letter Z.



## 2. BIBLE Time

### READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Joseph's Brothers (pages 21 & 22)*

*3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Genesis 42:1-9 and Genesis 44:1-7*

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

### BIBLE STORY:

*Joseph's Dream Comes True*

### BIBLE CONNECTION:

*Joseph became a ruler in Egypt because he obeyed God. As a ruler he saved food for seven years. There came a famine in Egypt and, because Joseph had saved food, people were saved. Joseph's brothers came for food. (When Joseph was young, he had a vision his brothers would bow to him. Because of this they sold him in slavery.) Now many years later Joseph forgave his brothers.*

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. How did God give Joseph the word of wisdom? (in a dream, his brothers bowing to him)
2. Did it come to pass? (yes)
3. How did God use the word of wisdom for a nation? (gave Joseph wisdom to save food for seven years)

**POINT TO MAKE:** *Joseph saw his future and it did come to pass.*