



## Get Their Attention! (5 minutes)

Materials: Willy Worm Puppet

**WELCOME** kids to Wise Up! **EXPLAIN** that we will have so much fun learning how to listen and WISE UP as we wiggle through the Bible!

**INTRODUCE** yourself to the group as their leader. **INTRODUCE** and **PASS Willy Worm Puppet** by **SAYING**:

*This is Willy Worm. He LOVES to come to church and meet new friends.*

*When Willy Worm comes to you, wiggle your finger like a worm (wiggle pointer finger), and tell him your name. (Kids will introduce themselves while passing Willy Worm Puppet.)*

**AFTER** all kids have been introduced, **SAY** the following:

*Thank you for being a good friend to Willy Worm AND for listening to all your friends' names!*

*If you think you can keep being a good friend in our group today, let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*

**I Will Be** (thumbs to chest)

**A Good** (two thumbs up)

**Friend!** (give high five)

## Application Activity (8 minutes)

Materials: God's Story for Me Bible, Memory Cards, Friendship Guide

1. **TELL** kids we are going to read a story from God's Word, then **SHOW** and **READ** pp. 177-180 from **God's Story for Me Bible** ("David and Jonathan").
2. **PLACE Memory Cards** logo side **UP** in the center of the group.
3. **EXPLAIN** game for kids:

*As we go around the circle, everyone will get to flip over TWO cards. If your cards MATCH, then you get to answer a question! If your cards do NOT match, then it's time for the next person to have a turn.*

4. **PLAY** Memory Match with your group. When a child makes a match, read the corresponding statement from **Friendship Guide** and allow kids to respond.
5. Continue playing until all **Memory Cards** have been matched or as time allows. Then **SAY**:

*God gave you so many great friends, and He will help you be a good friend to them!*

*This week, you can WISE UP as you remember: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*

**I Will Be** (thumbs to chest)

**A Good** (cup hand around ear)

**Friend!** (give high five)

### Bible Story:

David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 16:15-23;  
18:1-4; 19:1-7

### Need to Know:

**I Will Be**

(thumbs to chest)

**A Good**

(two thumbs up)

**Friend!**

(give high five)

### Materials:

☞ Willy Worm Puppet

☞ God's Story for Me Bible

☞ Memory Cards

☞ Friendship Guide

☞ Hand Sanitizer

☞ Snacks

☞ Coloring Sheets

☞ Crayons

### Application Activity Summary:

Kids will play a matching game to discover how they can WISE UP and be a good friend.

**Filler Activities:**

Use any of the following to help keep kids engaged for the remainder of the small group:

**I Spy—Friend Style**

Play a game of “I Spy” but instead of spying objects, spy friends! Say the following: ***I Spy with my Friendship Eye, someone who***

\_\_\_\_\_. Finish the clue with hair color, eye color, clothing color, wearing hair bows or glasses, etc. Ex—I spy with my Friendship Eye, someone wearing purple shoes!

**Counting Friends**

Say/Sing the following with the group, having them do motions/act out.

***1, 2 Friends shake and move.***

***3, 4 Friends touch the floor.***

***5, 6 Friends jump and skip.***

***7, 8 Friends stand up straight.***

***9, 10 Friends sit down again.***

**Popping Friends**

Have kids sit in a circle. Kids will pop up and sit back down if you call out something that they are wearing. Call out any of the following: colors, flip-flops, tennis shoes, hair bows, glasses, etc.

**Wrap It Up (2 minutes)**

**Materials:** Hand Sanitizer, Snacks, Coloring Sheets, Crayons

**PRAY** with your group, having them repeat the following after you in short phrases.

***Dear God, thank you for my friends! Please help me to be a good friend. Thank you for my snack. I love you! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!***

**SANITIZE** hands with **hand sanitizer** and **PASS OUT snacks**.

As kids eat **snacks**, **EXPLAIN** and **PRACTICE** Remember Verse by saying:

***God has great things to tell me and you! We can WISE UP and learn these great things as we read the Bible! Let's say these words from the Bible together:***

(**SAY** each Remember Verse phrase and allow kids to repeat.)

***“Wise people*** (thumbs to chest)

***Can listen*** (cup hand around ear)

***And learn...”*** (point to head)

***Proverbs 1:5*** (show one finger)

**GIVE** each child a **coloring sheet** and **crayons**. As kids color, **TALK** about what they learned today.

**USE** Filler Activities on **LEFT** to keep kids engaged in small group until they are checked out.