



## Battle Squids

### Book of Proverbs: Big Wisdom in Little Packages

<b>BIG IDEA:</b>	God gives wisdom to even the littlest creatures, so I'm not too small to make wise choices.
<b>BIBLE BASIS:</b>	Proverbs 30:24-28
<b>KEY VERSE:</b>	"You have been taught the holy Scriptures... they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15 (NLT)

### ★ SMALL GROUP CONNECT

#### BATTLE SQUIDS CONNECT QUESTIONS

**Say:** This is the last week of our series called "Battle Squids". We're going to have an awesome competition to help us learn all about a really wise saying from the Book of Proverbs. In today's story we'll be learning about four tiny creatures who have big wisdom!

**Question:** What's the wisest decision you've ever made?

**Question:** Do you have any pets? If so, do you think they're wise? Why or why not?

#### ADDITIONAL TIME ACTIVITY—THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

Simply ask the kids in your group to share one good thing that happened this week (thumbs up) and one not-so-good thing (thumbs down). This is a great way for your group to share celebrations and struggles with one another.

### ★ LARGE GROUP LESSON





## ★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

### STORY QUESTIONS

#### For Younger Kids:

1. What did you like best about this proverb?
2. Which of the four creatures do you think was the wisest? Why?

#### For Older Kids:

1. What do you think this proverb was trying to teach us?
2. Which of the four creatures do you think was the wisest? Why?

### SQUID BATTLE (Application Activity)

**Say:** Our memory verse today is from 2 Timothy 3:15. It says, “You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:15 (NLT). God’s Word is able to make us wise! No matter how old or young you are, God wants to give you big wisdom. We are going to play a game that will remind us of the wise proverbs that we’ve learned about over the last few weeks. Having God’s Word in our heads helps us make wise choices!

**Directions:** Place the four question cards face down in the middle of your group. Pick two kids to have a tentacle (thumb) war! The winner gets to choose a card. Have the group look up the verse on the card. After reading the verse, allow the winning kid to answer the question on the card first, followed by the kid who lost the battle. Afterwards, choose two more kids and repeat. Continue playing until everyone has participated in a battle and answered a question. If all four cards have been used before everyone has had a turn, replace the cards and do another round. (Note: If you go through the cards a second time, it’s not necessary to look the verse up again.)

#### Question Cards:

- Read Proverbs 16:16. Tell the group about a time when you needed wisdom and asked God for it. What happened?
- Read Proverbs 18:24. Tell us about a wise choice you have made with a friendship.
- Read Proverbs 15:1. Tell us about a time when you used your words wisely.
- Read Proverbs 19:17. Tell us about a time you were wise by showing compassion to someone.

### TOSS-A-VERSE (Bible Memorization Activity)

**Directions:** Place the Bible verse sign in the middle of the group and read it carefully with your kids several times so they can begin to memorize it. Practice saying it together a few times. When everyone is ready, turn the sign over so they can no longer read it. Today’s Bible verse says:

**“You have been taught the holy Scriptures... they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:15 (NLT)**

Tell the kids they’re going to toss an imaginary object to each other. The kid who catches the object has to say the next word in the verse. Let the kids take turns deciding what the imaginary object will be. It could be something really small, like a feather; really big, like a refrigerator; or really hot, like a fireball. They’ll have to adjust how they throw the object based on what’s being thrown.



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Continue throwing the object until the whole verse has been recited. When finished, have the entire group say the whole verse together. Next, choose a different imaginary object and begin another round. Continue playing rounds until the kids have confidently memorized the verse. When finished, ask the following question:

**Question:** How do you think the Holy Scriptures (God's Word, or the Bible) are able to make you wise?

## **PRAYER HUDDLE** (Group Prayer Activity)

**Directions:** Encourage kids in your group to share prayer requests or praises with one another. During the "Battle Squids" series, we have been studying the Book of Proverbs, this is a great time to ask the kids if they need prayer for wisdom in any particular situation. When kids are finished sharing, have them get on one knee and huddle in a circle with their arms around one another. Open the group in prayer. Allow the kids in the group to take turns praying aloud for themselves or for each other. When finished, close the group with a final prayer.

