

Application Activities

Select from the following choices. Each choice is designed for 20 minutes of small group time.

Pull It Together

Puzzle pieces, spray paint (various colors, adult use only), craft glue, cardboard, box cutter (adult use only), ruler, scrapbook paper, markers

- Cut the cardboard into 5-inch squares. Draw a 1-inch border around the frame and cut out (creating a 4-inch square opening in each frame).
- Spray paint the puzzle pieces and allow to dry.

Teacher Tip

Allow the puzzle pieces to dry for several days before using.

Pull It Together

Large sheets of paper, markers, scissors

- Print "Cards" (CD) and cut apart.
- Print "Wisdom on the Brain" (CD). Copy 1 per child.

Teacher Tip

Search the Internet for appropriate pictures of the brain to display.

Worship Through Arts and Crafts

- Invite the children to name who or where they go when they need advice.
- Ask: "Whom did King Belshazzar turn to for advice? Were the wise men able to help him? How was Daniel able to interpret the writing on the wall? How did Daniel know that he could depend on God for wisdom and understanding?"
- Review the Bible story.
- Say: "We can depend on God. God will always help us know what to do."
- Continue: "Let's create puzzle-piece frames to help us remember ways we can depend on God for wisdom and understanding."
- Distribute frame cutouts, puzzle pieces, and glue.
- Guide the children to glue the puzzle pieces onto the frame, overlapping the pieces as needed.
- Encourage the children to write the key Bible verse (Proverbs 8:33) on the scrapbook paper and glue it onto the frames.
- State: "The Bible helps us know what God wants us to do. When we read and study the Bible, we learn how God wants us to live. The Bible is one way we can depend on God for wisdom and understanding. In addition to reading the Bible, we can pray and ask God for help."
- Pray. Ask God to help the children trust Him for wisdom and understanding.

Worship Through Dramatic Play

- Explain: "One at a time, select a card and draw the item listed. The group will attempt to guess what you drew."
- Encourage a child to select a card and draw the item.
- Direct the children to call out guesses as the child draws.
- Write the name or place under the drawing as the children correctly guess.
- Permit each child to draw.
- Conclude: "Whom did King Belshazzar turn to for advice? Were the wise men able to help him? How was Daniel able to interpret the writing on the wall? How did Daniel know that he could depend on God for wisdom and understanding?"
- State: "The Bible helps us know what God wants us to do. When we read and study the Bible, we learn how God wants us to live. In addition to reading the Bible, we can pray and ask God for help."
- Distribute "Wisdom on the Brain."
- Guide the children to locate and read aloud the Bible verses.
- Discuss each verse and how it can help the children trust God for wisdom and understanding.
- Read aloud Proverbs 8:33.
- Say: "We can ask God to give us wisdom and understanding, but unless we are willing to do what God tells us to do, the wisdom and understanding will not help us. We must do what God tells us is right and trust Him at all times."
- Pray. Ask God to help the children trust Him for wisdom and understanding.

Pull It Together

Giant Game Floor Mat*, beanbag

- Print 5 sets of "Test Your Brain" (CD).
- Place 1 page in each mat pocket.
- Place the mat on the floor.

Teacher Tip

Looking for additional resources to enhance your teaching? Check out the *Levels of Biblical Learning* resources available at www.lifeway.com/levelsofbiblicalllearning.

Pull It Together

Craft foam, scissors, stickers, hole punch, lacing twine or yarn

- Print "Brain Facts" (CD). Copy 1 set for each child.

Teacher Tip

All statements are true.

Worship Through Games

- Ask: "Whom did King Belshazzar turn to for advice? Were the wise men able to help him? How was Daniel able to interpret the writing on the wall? How did Daniel know that he could depend on God?"
- Review the Bible story.
- Explain: "As we continue to grow and develop, our brains continue to grow and develop. Hopefully, we will never reach the point where we stop learning. God gave Daniel wisdom and understanding. We can depend on God for wisdom and understanding."
- Explain: "Our game is played with two groups. One person from your group will toss the beanbag on the mat. If the beanbag lands on *Physical Challenge*, your group must complete a physical challenge. If it lands on *Bible Brain Buster*, you must answer a question related to the Bible. If it lands on *Live It Out*, you must answer a present-day situation question. If it lands on *Opponents Choice*, the other team must decide whether you must do the physical challenge or answer a question."
- Form two groups.
- Select a group to begin. Play as time permits.
- Say: "In our game we made decisions. The results of our game are not life-changing. However, in life there are times when we must make decisions that can affect the rest of our lives. God wants to help us make the right decisions. The Bible says that God will help us. Listen to Proverbs 8:33."
- Read aloud Proverbs 8:33.
- Say: "We can ask God to give us wisdom and understanding, but unless we are willing to do what God tells us to do, the wisdom and understanding will not help us. We must do what God tells us is right and trust Him."
- Pray. Ask God to help the children trust Him for wisdom and understanding.

Worship Through Exploration and Discovery

- Ask: "Where did King Belshazzar turn to for advice? Were the wise men able to help him? How was Daniel able to interpret the writing on the wall? How did Daniel know that he could depend on God?"
- Review the Bible story.
- Explain: "As we continue to grow and develop, our brains continue to grow and develop. Hopefully, we will never reach the point where we stop learning. God gave Daniel wisdom and understanding. We can depend on God for wisdom and understanding."
- Continue: "Our brains need proper food and exercise to continue developing. Let's discover some facts about our brains."
- Distribute "Brain Facts" and craft supplies.
- Invite the children to read each fact and state whether it is true or false.
- Guide the children to create brain booklets by cutting apart and assembling the fact cards. Use the craft foam to create booklet covers.
- Suggest that the kids use their booklets to ask people facts about the brain.
- Read aloud Proverbs 8:33.
- Say: "We can ask God to give us wisdom and understanding, but unless we are willing to do what God tells us to do, the wisdom and understanding will not help us. We must do what God tells us is right and trust Him."
- Pray. Ask God to help the children trust Him for wisdom and understanding.