

FORGIVENESS

WORDS OF WISDOM

SELF-CONTROL

Large Group

Words of Wisdom

Series at a Glance for Elevate

About this Series:

How many words do you use each day? If you're like most people, it's about 16,000. Some of those words are quiet, some are loud, some are happy, some are sad, some don't mean much, and some may be life-changing. In this series, we'll discover four words that, when used wisely, can make a huge difference in our lives.

Key Verse:

Proverbs 14:8- People are wise and understanding when they think about the way they live.

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Topic:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: May 4/5	Yes Noah- Genesis 6-9	I can say yes to God's plan.
Lesson 2: May 11/12	No Ezra 4-5	Saying "no" can be a wise choice.
Lesson 3: May 18/19	Help David and Saul, Psalm 57, 23	I am strong enough to ask for help.
Lesson 4: May 25/26	Thanks 10 Lepers, Luke 17:12-19	I can always be thankful.

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Lesson 1: Yes

One day, God talked to Noah about a wild plan. A plan that included a flood, a gigantic boat, and a whole bunch of animals. It may have seemed crazy to others, but Noah knew that when something is God's plan, it's always wise to say "Yes." This week, we'll be discovering how saying "Yes" can change our lives, too.

Lesson 2: No

Saying "No" doesn't sound like much fun, but it's one of the wisest words we can use. This week, we'll hear how a man named Zerubbabel used the power of saying "No" to follow God and do something amazing.

Lesson 3: Help

Asking for help can be hard. When things go wrong, sometimes we want to fix them ourselves. Sometimes we get stuck in tough situations that could be so much better if we simply said "Help." This week, we'll find out how every one of us can get help when we need it.

Lesson 4: Thanks

When Jesus healed ten men who had a disease called leprosy, all of them probably danced, celebrated, and shouted for joy. Only one of them, however, learned that being healed was only the beginning. He discovered that Jesus had much more for him, all by choosing to say "Thanks."

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Lesson Outline for Elevate

Lesson 4: Thanks

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	0:00 – 15:00
Media Part 1 (Video) (6:00)	
Group Time (15:00)	
Media Part 2 (Video) (9:00)	15:00 – 45:00
Application (6:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Wrap Up (1:00)	45:00 - 60:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

Opening Song and Welcome

1:00



(Roll when directed) Elevate Opener

Welcome everyone, let's get started! You can throw away your popcorn and find a place to sit! While you're coming up here, see if you can answer this question! How many new words are added to the dictionary every year?

Do This: Allow kids to guess.

Know This: You will tell kids the answer as you are introducing the series, in about a paragraph.



(Auto advance) Elevate Slide and Underscore

Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. I am super excited to be with you today. We have so many awesome things ahead. We've got fun games to play, stories to hear, and songs to sing. Let's get started!

Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Words of Wisdom and clear audio

We're in a series titled "Words of Wisdom." We've been learning about small words that can make a big difference when we use them wisely. Did you know, there are around four thousand new words added to the dictionary every year? The words we say, write, and even think are super important. Today, we're talking about a word that gets used a lot around the month of November. See if you can guess what it is while we play a game called "Pumpkin Race!"



Game Title Slide: Pumpkin Race!

In this activity, your group will form two lines, and each line will get a pair of chopsticks. A bucket will be placed about ten feet away. Your goal will be to take a candy pumpkin out of your bucket with some chopsticks, move it to a line, and then get it back into your bucket. You can push the pumpkins, roll them, or lift them, but you can only touch them with the chopsticks! The first group where everyone moves the pumpkin down and back are the winners! You can look for your group leader by the flag with your grade on it and go there now.

Do This: Give all the groups time to get their chopsticks and find their starting lines.

Do This: Ahead of time, make sure each group has a starting line, and a line about 5-10 feet away from it.

Know This: For younger groups, you may take away the buckets, and just have them try to move the pumpkins down to the line and back with the chopsticks.

Everyone ready? Let's start the pumpkin race!



4:00 Countdown and fun game music!



(Auto-Advance) Game Title Slide: Pumpkin Race! (and clear audio)

Good work, everyone! All those pumpkins remind me a little of Thanksgiving. That might be related to the word we're talking about today. I bet our Question of the Day is, too. Let's answer it next!



QOTD Video



(Auto Advance) QOTD Slide: What's something you're thankful for?

What's something you're thankful for? Go ahead and talk about that with a couple people near you.

Do This: Give kids about thirty seconds to talk with each other, then move on.



Series Title Slide: Words of Wisdom

There are so many things we can be thankful for. You might have guessed already, but our word for today is “Thanks!”

Media: Part 1

6:00

I’ll let Rue and the Source team show us how saying thanks can make a big difference in our lives.



The Source: Part 1 (5:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Words of Wisdom

In your groups, you’ll get to talk about what choice you think they should make! You can head to your group flags now, and I’ll see you in a couple minutes.

Group Time

15:00



15:00 Group Time Countdown



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Words of Wisdom

Do This: Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to answer the question.

Know This: This is a time for kids to search for answers in the Bible and see how they can use the Bible to investigate and better understand life. This time is designed for kids to interact and deepen their understanding. They won’t get all the answers but allow them to question and discover as much as possible. Be ready to support group leaders in any way needed.

Do This: Give the groups a warning about one minute before this time is up.

Media: Part 2

9:00

Alright, you can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. Let's find out what happens to the Source team!



The Source: Part 2 (9:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Words of Wisdom

It's amazing just how much saying "Thanks" can change.

Application

6:00

What I want you to know today is this.



I can always be thankful.

We can always be thankful. It's not just something we talk about at Thanksgiving, being thankful is a choice you can make every day. The man who came back to say thanks to Jesus showed us that choosing to be thankful can make such a big difference in our lives. When we say thanks to God and to others, we could discover something amazing, something that never ends.

For the man who said thanks to Jesus, he learned that Jesus really cared about him. Jesus didn't just heal the man to make Himself look good. Jesus wanted all of those people to know that He loved them, and that God made them for a reason. The ones who didn't take the time to say thank you might have missed that.



Series Title Slide: Words of Wisdom

So, how can we say thanks today? Well, that's really up to you. We can always tell God thank you, for this world, for how much He loves us, for our homes, and for our families. There are tons of people we can thank, too, though. That's what we get to do now!

Do This: Make sure there are volunteers available to hand out "Thank You" cards and markers, as well as help kids who may have difficulty writing.

Know This: If it would work better, you could have the kids pick up a Thank You card and a marker from a table or other location in your room, rather than hand them out. If it works

better for your space, you may have the leader challenge kids to do this now, but have them fill out the cards at the end of the hour, rather than at this time.

Grab a card that says “Thank You” on it and write down a thank you note for someone. It could be for your parents, a friend, a teacher, or someone else you’re thankful for. Write why you’re thankful for them on there, too! Then, when you have the chance, give them your card.

I’ll give you about two minutes to finish your cards, then we’ll come back to the middle and sing a couple songs!



Series Title Slide: Words of Wisdom and calm background music.

Do This: Give kids about two minutes to write on their cards.



Worship Slide (and clear audio)

Worship

8:00

Alright, let’s take a few minutes to say thank you to God by singing! This first song is called “All I Need.”



Song #1: All I Need



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

I’m so glad we can follow God. Next up is another fun song about how amazing God is!



Song #2: Higher Than the Sky



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Words of Wisdom

It’s great singing with you all. You can sit, but let’s take a moment to talk to God.

God, we are so thankful for you. Help us choose to be thankful every day. Amen.

Wrap-Up

1:00

Next week, we're starting an exciting summer series. It's going to be amazing, so I hope you can all be here.

I've had a lot of fun being here with you all today, I hope to see you all next week!



Elevate Slide



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