



DEEPER BIBLE

What Should I Do With a Specific Question Like David Had?

[15 min]

Supplies

- Bibles*
- index cards
- pens
- "God's Guiding Word" handout (1 per child) (download [here](#))

Reexamine

Say: **We're learning that we need God's guidance. Let's take another look at what questions David asked God for help with.**

Read 2 Samuel 5:19, 23.

Ask: • **What do you notice about these questions?**

Say: **I don't know about you, but I've never asked God whether I should fight Philistines. David's questions were really specific!**

So what do we do when we have really specific questions like that? How can we get God's guidance? Let's dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Have kids sit with their small groups, and have small-group leaders distribute index cards and pens. Have kids write their own specific questions for God about how to handle situations in their lives—for example, "Should I study for my math test?" or "What should I do when my two best friends are fighting with each other?" Let kids know that other kids will see what they write.

Say: **Let's find out one way we can seek God's guidance.**

Read Psalm 119:105.

Say: **God's Word is a way he guides us! That means when we need God's guidance, we can look to the Bible for help. Let's do that now.**

Have small-group leaders distribute a "God's Guiding Word" handout to each child, and allow time for kids to read the verses, circling any that advise them in their situation. Then have small groups discuss the following question.

Ask: • **What guidance did God's Word give you to help with your question?**

Give Advice

Say: **Let's find out another way God can guide us.**

Read Proverbs 15:22. Then have small groups discuss the following question.

Ask: • **Advisers are people who give good advice. Who gives good advice to you?**

Say: **Let's seek advice from each other now! Find a partner in your small group, and trade index cards. It might be best to find a partner who *isn't* very familiar with you or your question. Read your partner's question, then look at the verses on your handout and think through what wise advice you could give. Sometimes it's easier to think about how to handle a situation when you don't feel all the emotions of being the person in that situation.**

Allow time for partners to trade, consider, and then share advice.

Ask: • **What good advice did you get from your partner? Have a few kids share with everyone.**

Say: **We need God's guidance, and God can guide us through other people who can see things differently since they're not in the situation. It's important that we find wise, trustworthy advisers—not everyone gives good**

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advice!

Maybe you didn't get good advice from your partner, and none of the Bible verses on our handout seemed to apply to your question. That's okay! The Bible tells us what to do: Keep on asking God for wisdom.

Read James 1:5.

Say: We need God's guidance. And we can keep on asking him for wisdom, digging into the Bible, listening for God's voice, and asking wise people for advice. God promises to help us out!

God's Guiding Word

"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too" (Philippians 2:4).

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

"Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically" (Romans 12:11).

"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!" (Matthew 5:44).

"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do" (Ephesians 6:1).

"A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need" (Proverbs 17:17).

"A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare" (Proverbs 15:1).

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need" (Matthew 6:33).

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them" (Ephesians 4:29).

"Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:37-40).

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).





HIGH-ENERGY GAME

Radar Nose

[10 min]

Supplies

- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Tips

- If not everyone can cross the room at the same time because of your space, just place a couple of rounds so everyone has a turn.
- You can purchase downloadable music and other items to enhance your DIG IN program [here](#).

Kids Walk Toward a Wall

Say: **Today we're exploring how we need God's guidance. We'll talk more about that in a minute or two; right now it's time for a game of Radar Nose!**

- Have kids help you clear the center of the room of any obstacles you can quickly move.
- Have kids line up side by side with their backs against one wall. Have them put their hands behind their backs, lean forward, and close their eyes.
- Explain that at your signal, they'll start walking forward. Their goal is to walk to the far wall—keeping their eyes closed the entire way—and to stop with their noses as close to the wall as possible without actually touching the wall. Whoever gets closest the quickest will be declared Radar Nose Champion. Kids can stop moving forward whenever they want.
- If you've chosen to play music, start it now.
- Encourage kids as they go, but after 60 seconds have passed, start a 30-second countdown to keep kids moving. Adjust the timing depending on the size of your room.
- Have the kids return by turning around, leaning forward, folding their hands in front of them, and with eyes closed backing up toward the opposite wall. How close can they come to backing into the wall without touching it?
- When you've finished playing, have kids sit with their small groups.

Talk About It

Say: **Well done! No noses broken, no behinds bruised. That's a success!**

Have small groups discuss these questions.

Ask: • **If you're like most people, you were tempted to open your eyes—or you actually did sneak a peek. Either way, what was behind your urge to take a look?**

• **In life, do you prefer to control what you do or seek God's guidance?**

• **How was this game like being guided by God? What's different?**

Say: **Thanks for sharing your thoughts—I love hearing them!**

It can be scary moving forward when we can't see where we're going. It feels risky, even if all that might happen is we get a thump on our sniffers. Most of us usually prefer to be in control. We'd rather open our eyes during the game, make our own decisions.

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But sometimes we can't see what's ahead. David didn't know what the Philistines would do! We need God's guidance because no matter how much we try to stay in control, we can't control life. Only God can help us! The good news is, God is with us. We're not alone, we're loved, and we can trust God to be our guide!