

Dig Deep: Discover what matters most



Use this guide to help your family learn
how God can help us find wisdom.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Wisdom:
finding out
what you
should do
and doing it

Memory Verse

"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault."
James 1:5, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus Grows
in Wisdom
Luke 2:41-52

Bottom Line

Wisdom is worth
searching for.

Activity

Eyes on the Prize

What You Need:

Paper, writing utensil, "prize" (could be a treat, favorite snack, small toy, etc.)

What You Do:

Choose at least five places in your home to hide your "clues." Think: the sofa, inside the fridge, the pantry, beneath a kitchen chair, in a toy box/bin.

Then, tear your paper into five strips. On those strips, write down clues that will tell your child where the next clue is hidden.

For example: "Where do we keep your favorite stuffed animals?" That clue would lead your child to the toy box (or their room). There, they'd find another clue leading them to a new location in your home. The last clue should lead them to a spot where they find their prize.

Once you've hidden the clues, say, "I've set up some different clues for you. I'll read the first one, and you have to figure out where it leads you. There, you'll find another clue that leads you to a new spot. At the end of the hunt, you'll find a prize!"

Now it's time to play!

(Depending on your child's reading level, you may have to help them read the clues. You may also need to give them additional hints. For example, say, "You're getting warmer," as they get closer to the next clue.)

When they find their prize, celebrate with a little dance party. Before you finish, say, "Was this prize worth searching for? You know what is definitely worth searching for? Wisdom. Wisdom is one of the best prizes ever!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Who in our story today searched for wisdom? (*Jesus*)

If Jesus thought it was important to learn and grow, do you think it's important for us to learn and grow, too? (*Yes. If Jesus sought out wisdom, we should do the same!*)

Where can we search for wisdom?
What are some ways we can become wiser? (*going to church, reading the Bible, learning from our mistakes, asking questions, etc.*)

Parent: Share about a time when you searched for wisdom and God showed you what you should do. This can be any kid-friendly scenario where you weren't sure what decision to make, and God used the Bible, a friend, a pastor, or a parent to help you know the wise thing to do.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, Your wisdom is so valuable! Your wisdom protects us, teaches us how to treat one another, and shows us how You want us to live. God, we know we can trust You no matter what. And when we search for Your wisdom, You give it to us. Give us the courage to ask questions. Help us to grow in wisdom like Jesus did. In His name we pray, amen!"

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Key Question

What does it
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Scripture Scramble

What You Need:

About 30 note cards (or quarter sheets of paper), writing utensil, timer

What You Do:

Write down the words from the memory verse, James 1:5, on the cards—one word on each card. (Or you could put a few words on each card to make it a little easier.) Mix up the cards.

Say, "We're going to play Scripture Scramble. These cards are the words of James 1:5 scrambled together. You have 30 seconds to put as many of the words in order as you can. Then it's my turn. We'll see who can get the most words in the correct order in 30 seconds. Let's read the memory verse out loud together.

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Ready? GO!"

Start a 30-second timer and see how many cards your child can get in the correct order before time runs out. When the timer goes off, reshuffle the cards. Now it's your turn!

If time allows, play until someone can complete the entire verse. If someone gets the verse correct on their first try, lower the time limit, shuffle the cards, and see if they can get it done faster.

Talk About the Bible Story

According to James 1:5, how can we find wisdom? (We can ask God for it.)

Based on our story today, do you think Jesus values wisdom? (Yes—even Jesus wanted to learn more and grow in wisdom when He was on earth.)

Is there a difference between being smart and being wise? (Encourage your child to explain their answer. This is an opportunity to discuss the difference between knowing a lot of facts and making wise choices.)

What are some ways we can become wiser? (going to church, reading the Bible, learning from our mistakes, asking questions, etc.)

What's one situation that you need wisdom for right now?

Parent: Share about how you go about making a wise decision. Where do you seek wisdom?



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