

# Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.

Read James 3:17



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#### Do What is Wise

Below is a list of things that are wise and things that are unwise. Read the list below and only act out the wise choices!

- ⇒ Eating an apple over a cookie
- → Making a mean face to a friend.
- ⇒ Sharing a toy with a friend.
- ⇒ Pushing your brother or sister.

Remember, you can make the wise choice.

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#### Wild for Wisdom

Read this week's verse a few times to yourself. Once you got the hang of it, recite the verse making fun voices! Some ideas you can use are: a roaring lion voice, make a crocodile mouth with your arms and chomp down every time you say a word, or just shout it out loud!

Look for ways that you can live like the wise.

**2** 

#### Don't Just Think, Do!

Finding wisdom isn't the hard part, it's acting on that wisdom that you know is right. Draw a picture of a time that you made the right choice. When finished, show someone special and ask them when they made a wise choice.

Know that having wisdom is better when you use it.

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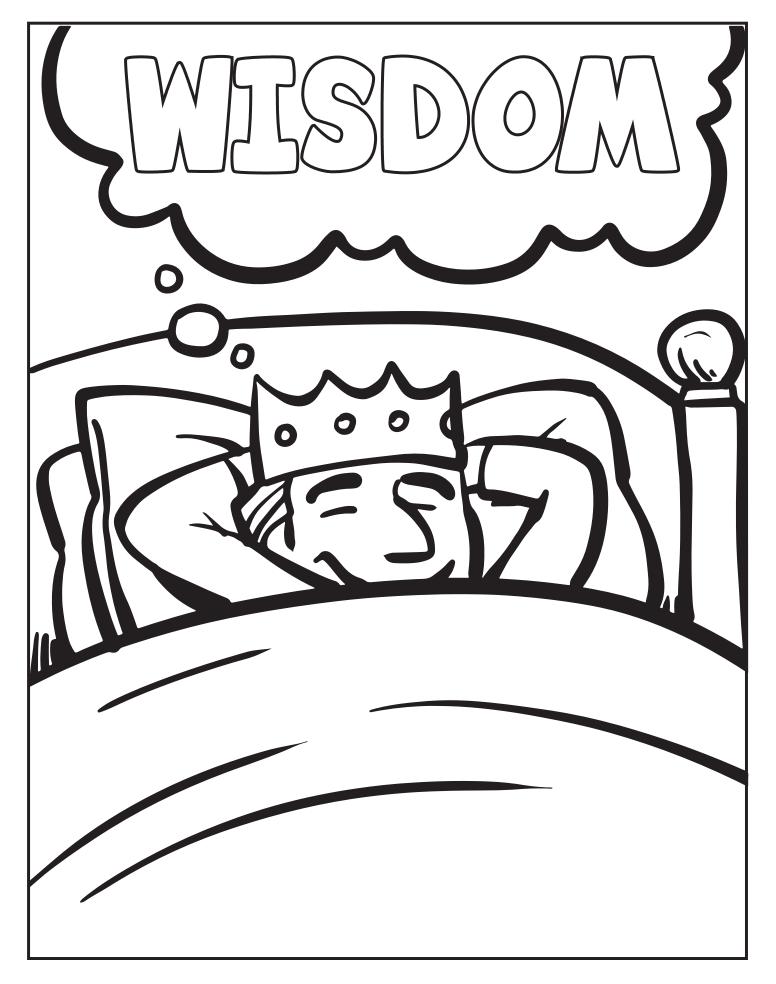
### Wisdom in Whispers

No matter how you pray to God He will always hear your prayer. God can even hear your tiniest whispers! Ask God to help you with wisdom today using a whisper voice!

"Dear God, I know that You are the wisest. Help me know when I need wisdom. I pray that I can make the wise choice even when it's hard. Amen."



Trust God to give you wisdom.





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DAY 1

#### **Read James 1:5**

Last week, we learned that wisdom is worth searching for! So where does wisdom come from?

God is the source of all wisdom! We know that because all things were made by God. There isn't any question He can't answer or problem He can't solve. And what's even better, when you ask Him, God will give you wisdom freely and without finding fault. He is ready and willing to guide us when we need help.

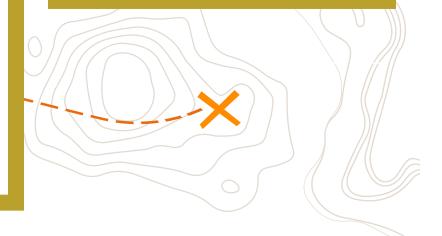
Fill in the missing vowels in today's verse below. Read the verse aloud and then thank God for the wisdom He gives freely.

DAY 2

#### **Read Matthew 7:24**

Have you ever built a sandcastle at the beach or in a sandbox? What happens to your beautiful creation when the tide rolls in or a big rainstorm hits the playground? Yep, it's destroyed! Jesus told this story about two builders. The foolish man built his house on the sand. When the rains came and flood waters rose, his home was destroyed. The other built his house on solid rock. And you can probably guess what happened when the storms hit his home. It was safe and protected because its foundation was strong.

When we look at the life of Jesus, at how He treated people, the things that He said and the way that He lived, we find wisdom at every turn. Jesus showed us how to live wisely. When we follow Jesus' example, it's like a building a house on a strong foundation.



A Devotional on Wisdom

There's More!

#### Read Psalm 107:43

How do you know that your parent or caregiver loves you? How can you feel their love for you? How do you show love to others? Do they feel your love for them? Love requires action. It's more than simply saying, "I love you." God loves you. You can feel His love when you stop to think about all His loving deeds.

Name some things God has done for you by filling the blanks below.

God has given me
God sent His only Son,, so I can
have a relationship with him now and always.
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When you know someone loves you, it's easy to trust them. God loves you, always. He proved that love when He sent Jesus, His only Son, for you. He knows what's best in every situation. You can trust God to give you wisdom.

# Trust God to give you wisdom.



#### **Read Proverbs 2:6**

Have you ever asked a friend for help and they gave you bad advice?

**You:** "I forgot to study for our test today. What am I going to do?"

**Unwise friend:** "Stick the notes under your paper. The teacher won't notice, and then you can look up your answers."

**You:** "Should I go talk to the new kid? He's sitting over there all by himself."

**Unwise friend:** "Nah, he doesn't look like he wants to play anyway."

**You:** "My mom says I'm supposed to ask about video games before I play them."

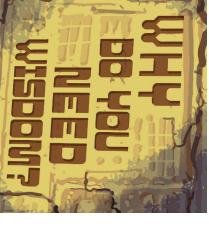
**Unwise friend:** "This game is totally fine. I play it all the time."

While our friends might sometimes give us bad advice, God never will! He is the source of all wisdom. God will guide us to do what's right, always. You can trust God to give you wisdom.

Is there a decision you need to make that you're struggling with? Do you need some advice? Have you prayed about it? Read this verse aloud and then talk to God about what's going on. Ask God to help you see what you should do and to give you the confidence to follow through.

# Journal

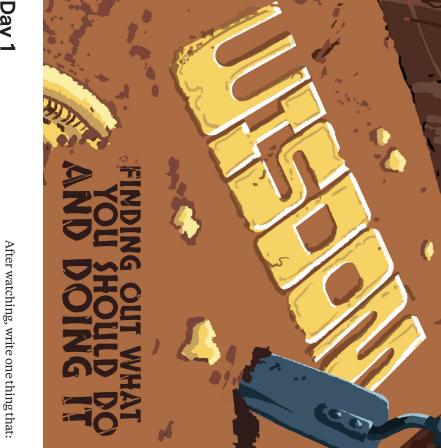
thoughts or share them with a parent. the question below and journal your Spend some time thinking about



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## Day 1

So & So Show. and watch this week's episode of The Go to bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePreteen

feel free to check it out again! Even if you already saw it at church,

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

# Day 2

# Read 1 Kings 3:4-15

King Solomon was a little bit wise before he was known as the wisest man. How was he "a little bit wise"? He recognized his need for wisdom!

As you read through 1 Kings 3:4-15, circle the section of scripture where Solomon tells God why he needs wisdom.

Did you circle verses 7-9? Now use those verses to fill in the list of reasons Solomon gave God that he needed wisdom:

- 1. He was only a little .....
- 2. He didn't know how to carry out
- his ..... as king
- 3. Israel was a great (large)
- 4. So he could tell what was .....and .....and .....

Knowing what you don't know is the beginning of your wisdom journey!



# Day 3

# You are probably not a child king.

But there are certainly areas of your life that you need God's help in knowing what to do.

As you fill in the blanks to write a prayer to God for wisdom, look back on Solomon's list to help you make your own. Then pray the prayer out loud, and trust God to give you wisdom.

- 1. Describe your age/inexperience
- 2. What situation are you facing that you don't know how to do/the wise choice to make?
- 3. What are some obstacles you are facing that make the situation challenging?
- 4. What would having wisdom help you to do in this situation?

Dear God, I am only (1),
and I haven't (1)I
don't know how to (or what to do when
It comes to) (2)
And (3) makes it
even harder. Please give me wisdom so
l can (4)ln
Jesus' Name, I pray, amen.

### Day

# Sometimes we need to figure out what we need.

It can be easy to go through life just making your own decisions about what to do—only to realize you have made a lot of mistakes along the way. You don't have to limit your search for wisdom to just the "big" choices in life. God wants to be involved in every area of your life.

Grab a note pad and pen or open the Notes app on your device and get ready to take notes. Start out by making a list of some people you know who follow after God and try to make wise choices. Then interview them—in person, or by text or phone, and ask them a few questions about their own wisdom journey. Ask questions like:

- 1. Why do you think we need wisdom?
- What is an area you've asked God for wisdom in?
- 3. What is something you think people sometimes do without asking God for wisdom first?
- 4. What is an area you were overmatched for, but God helped you through with His wisdom?

Save your notes to use tomorrow!



## Day 5

Take down your "Wisdom Wall" and add to it with some more fun art and wise words.

Focus on the question, "Why do you need wisdom?" by writing down areas of your life where you know you need God's wisdom to know what to do. Draw photos illustrating situations you've asked God for wisdom this week.

Also, look back at your notes from your interviews yesterday. Was there any situation someone mentioned that surprised you—an area of your life where you hadn't thought about asking God for wisdom? Be sure and include that on your Wisdom Wall.

When you're done updating your Wisdom Wall re-hang it. Then take a minute to tell God that you trust Him to give you wisdom, and thank Him for sharing His wisdom with you.