# Dig Deep: Discover what matters most

PARENT GUIDE Elementary



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**

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### **Bible Story**

Wise People See Danger Proverbs 22:3

## **Bottom Line**

Think before you act.

## **Activity**

Mega Tic-Tac-Toe

#### What You Need:

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(If you don't have tape, you can adapt the game by drawing a board on paper and cutting out smaller pieces for your "X" and "O" markers.)

Let your child choose either the "X" or "O" sheets of paper. Then play a game of tic-tac-toe together on the floor!

Say, "Think about your next move! Where do you think I'm going to go next? Where do you think I shouldn't go next? Tic-tac-toe takes a lot of thinking!"

# Talk About the Bible Story

In a tic-tac-toe game, you have to be careful, pay attention, and think before you make your choice. If you don't stop and think, you might lose the game. Why is it important to think before you act? (so you can make the wise choice)

Why is it sometimes hard to remember to STOP and THINK?

Can you think of a time when you wish you had thought before you acted?

Is there something you can do to remind yourself to THINK before you ACT?

Parent: Talk about a time when you thought before you acted. What were the (positive) consequences of you thinking it through?



# **Prayer**

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

"God, we want to be wise people! It's so true that wise people can see danger coming... and they do whatever it takes to stay safe. Help us to see the things that can keep us from making wise choices. Help us to know when we need to STOP and THINK before we ACT. Please show us Your wisdom, God! Amen."

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