

Dig Deep: Discover what matters most



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

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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

Rehoboam
Listens to Fools
2 Chronicles 10
(supporting:
Proverbs 13:20)

Bottom Line

Hang out with
wise people.

Activity

Find a Friend

What You Need:

Stuffed animals, action figures, dolls, etc.

What You Do:

Ask your child to divide the stuffed animals/toys into two groups: the "wise" group and the "unwise" group. (They can use whatever criteria they want. The more fun they have, the better!)

Place the "wise" group of friends on one side of the room. Place the "unwise" group of friends on the opposite side.

Say, "I'm going to read some words of advice from your friends. Some of it is wise advice. Some of it is foolish, or unwise advice. After you hear the advice, if you think it's something your wise friends might say, run and stand with them. If you think it's unwise advice, go stand next to the unwise friends. Ready? Let's play!"

Read the following pieces of advice and let your child decide if the advice came from wise friends or unwise friends.

- We think you should shove all of your toys and dirty clothes under your bed instead of putting them away like your mom said.
- We think you should help your aunt carry in the groceries.
- We think you should run to the car and push your sister aside to get the best seat.
- We think it's okay if you don't tell the WHOLE truth.
- We think you should ask an adult you trust when you're not sure what to do.
- We think it's okay if you're mean to your older sister when she's mean to you.
- We think you should treat others the way you want to be treated.
- We think you should read God's Word and talk to Him.

Talk About the Bible Story

Some of Rehoboam's friends were foolish, and they gave him bad advice that he chose to follow. Why is it important to choose wise friends?

What are some words that would describe a wise friend?

How are you a wise friend to others?

Which of your friends do you think are wise? Why?

Parent: Talk about a wise person you hang out with who helps you make wise choices.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for all of the people in our lives who help us grow in wisdom! Please help us hang out with wise people so we can learn more about how to follow You. Show us how we can be wise and set a good example for others, too. We love You, and we pray these things in Your name. Amen."

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Key Question

Who is the wisest person you know?

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Hop to It!

What You Need:

Masking or painter's tape (if you don't have tape, you can use other objects to mark the different steps)

What You Do:

Create a series of nine short, parallel lines on the floor using the tape. The lines should be spaced two or three steps apart (i.e. one short jump). When you're finished, the tape lines should look like the rungs of a ladder. Have your child start by standing on the center line (leaving four lines in front of them and four lines behind them).

Read the following actions, prompting your child to jump forward or backward on the series of lines, depending on whether or not they think the action is wise or unwise. When you're finished, ask your child to observe which line they're on now versus which one they started on.

- Helping a friend with homework: wise or unwise?
- Helping a friend with a math test: wise or unwise?
- Joining in when a friend is talking badly about another friend: wise or unwise?
- Encouraging a friend to try out for the theater production she wants to be a part of: wise or unwise?
- Lending something to a kid who can't keep up with their own stuff: wise or unwise?
- Borrowing something without asking: wise or unwise?
- Going to bed at a sleepover when the host friend's dad asks you to, even when others aren't: wise or unwise?

Talk About the Bible Story

Who did Rehoboam ask for advice? (*the wise elders who had served his father, and the foolish young men who had grown up with him*)

Which group did Rehoboam listen to? (*the young men*)

Why did you think Rehoboam made that choice? How did it turn out for him?

Who is a wise person that you know? How do you know they're wise?

Are you a wise friend to others?

How do you navigate a friendship with someone you think is unwise? How do you know when you should stop being friends with that person?

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