

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

Read James 3:17

DAY

1

Wise Friends

Who is the wisest person you know? Is it a parent, family member or friend? What makes them wise? Grab some supplies and draw a portrait of the wisest person you know! Bonus if you deliver it to them!

Know that you can learn wisdom from others just by being around them.

DAY

2

Walk in Wisdom

Pick two friends and a safe space. One person will close their eyes at one end of the space. The other two will stand at the other end. One person will give good directions, the other bad on how to get across the room. Have them take turns giving a direction. The one with closed eyes has to decide who to listen to. Will they make more wise decisions or more poor decisions?

Look for ways to follow the wisest voices in your life to get you where you need to go.

DAY

3

Walk with the Wise

Remember that person from day one that you said was the wisest? Ask them to join you on a walk or if you can't meet ask an adult to help you call them. Read Proverbs 13:20 together and go for a little walk. Every few steps, read your verse again. Talk about how they got so wise!

Remember others can help you grow in wisdom.

DAY

4

The Wisest

When you talk to God it's like talking to a friend. Even though we can't physically see Him you can still hang out with Him! Talk to Him now.

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 "Dear God, You are the wisest. I pray that I can learn Your ways and become more like You. Amen."

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## DAY 1

### Read Proverbs 13:20

Who is your best friend?

Friends are really important. Friends have the potential to lead us in the right or the wrong direction. If you choose friends who are wise, friends who listen to and follow God, then you will be wise. But if you choose to spend most of your time with friends who don't follow God, who don't listen to their parents or follow the rules, you will suffer harm.

Should you be kind to everyone? Of course. Should you let everyone into your close circle of friends? Maybe not. If you want to grow wise, hang out with wise people. Choose your friends carefully and you'll be protected from harm.

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Grab some paper, markers, and a stamp pad if you have one. Press your finger on the stamp pad or color your fingertip with a marker and press it onto the paper. Repeat to create several fingerprints, spread out along the bottom of the page. Turn these fingerprints into people by adding arms and legs, hair and facial features. Across the top of the page, write today's verse!

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 14:7

Do you know what the word "foolish" means? A fool is an unintelligent, silly or reckless person. No one wakes up in the morning and thinks, "Man, I hope someone calls me foolish today!"

Today's verse reminds us to watch out for foolish people. A fool won't give you good advice. A thoughtless or unintelligent person won't lead you where you want to go. God wants you to make wise choices that honor Him and those around you. When you choose friends who listen to God, you'll grow in wisdom just by hanging out with them! And as you grow in wisdom, you'll be the kind of friend that helps others make wise choices too.

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Write out today's verse in the space below in your own words. Then pray and ask God to help you choose friends who are wise instead of foolish.

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### DAY 3

#### Read Proverbs 10:14

Have you ever watched a squirrel in the park or your backyard preparing for winter? Squirrels hoard food placing it in shallow holes and covering it up. They do this to prepare for the cold winter. They'll have access to food. They store the food so they won't starve later on.

Did you know that you can hoard or store up wisdom? It's true! You can stack it up, adding more knowledge and understanding as you learn and grow and follow God each day. All that wisdom will help you make decisions that lead you in the right direction.

One way to protect all that knowledge is to hang out with wise people! After all, if the people you spend the most time with are storing up their knowledge and understanding, it just makes sense that all that wisdom will rub off on you too.

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Grab an acorn or berry sprig from your backyard or local park. Set it on your bedside table as a reminder to store up knowledge and hang out with wise people who do the same thing.

### DAY 4

#### Read Job 12:12

Think about your grandparents. Or maybe an older teacher at school or church. Do you ever wonder what life was like for them 20 or 30 years ago? Can you imagine a world without cell phones, or internet, or WIFI?

Older people who've lived longer than you have more wisdom than you. Why? Because more years means more experience. Older people can look back on their lives and see how God has guided them through good and bad days. Hanging out with someone like your grandparents allows you to learn some the lessons they've learned, to hear about the things they've already experienced.

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Interview a grandparent or older person in your church or neighborhood who follows God. Use the questions below or come up with questions of your own.

- ➔ What was life like when you were my age? How is it the same? How is it different?
- ➔ Did you ever get in trouble when you were younger? What happened and what did you learn from that experience?
- ➔ How has your faith (what you believe) changed your life?
- ➔ What is your favorite verse from the Bible? Why?

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Journal

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



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Week Four  
4th-5th



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

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2. You learned:

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3. You'd like to know:

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Go to [bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePreeteen](http://bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePreeteen) and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

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





## Day 2

### Read 2 Chronicles 10

As you read 2 Chronicles 10, place a ☺ beside the paragraphs where wise advice is given, or wise action is taken. Place a ☹ beside the paragraphs where foolish advice is given, or unwise action is taken. (Some paragraphs won't have either.)

There were a lot more ☺ than ☹, weren't there? Read verses 16-19 to see the result of all that foolish advice and action.

Go back and circle the wise people who Rehoboam should have listened to.

Who are the "elders" in your life? (Remember, this doesn't necessarily mean someone older than you, although it can; it means someone who is wiser than you.) Write their names down and save it for later this week. (Note: If you don't think you have any "elders" in your life, think about people like your small group leader or Sunday School teacher. Still stumped? Don't worry! We'll talk to God about that tomorrow.)



## Day 3

**No matter how many names you wrote down yesterday, you can always use more wise friends in your life.**

Think about the different places you spend time—do you have at least one wise friend in each of those places? Someone who encourages you to make wise choices and who helps you stop and think before you act?

Write down some of the people in each of the following places you might spend time. If you don't have anyone in that particular place, that's a great one to ask God for help in finding a wise friend. If you do have wise friends there, thank God for them, and ask Him to help your friendship deepen and to help you be an "elder" for your friend as well!

Take a few minutes to ask God to help you find the wise people in your life. He wants you to have wisdom, remember, and He can use other people to help show you the way.

Home: .....

School: .....

Neighborhood: .....

Church: .....

Sports: .....

Arts: .....

## Day 4

**Look back at the names that you wrote down on Day 2 and Day 3—your "elders."**

Are these people that you regularly hang out with? If not, why? If so, awesome! Is there more you could do with these people—to learn from them, to become wise like them?

Today, send a text or email, or pick up the phone and make a call, and ask at least one of your "elders" if you can hang out in the next week or so. Be sure and explain that you're learning about wisdom, and since you consider them wise, you want to spend some time with them. (Be sure and get a parent's permission first, of course.)

Before you meet up, think about some of the things you'd like to talk about. Maybe you have a specific situation you could use some help figuring out? Or perhaps you'd just like to pick their brain, to find out how they got so wise, and what kind of things they'd recommend you do to become wiser. You could also consider asking them to be your mentor—a person who you regularly spend time with to become a wiser person.

Try to make this "meeting of the elders" a regular event in your life—you could hang out with one person each week, or even start a text chain with your closest, wisest friends that's focused on talking about the wise choices you're trying to make! **Hang out with wise people!**



## Day 5

### Who is the wisest person you know?

It's time to update the Wisdom Wall again. (Note: If you're running out of room, you can always add another sheet to the wall.)

Take it down, and this time, add the names of your "elders." If you have photos of these wise friends, you can also print those and glue them onto your wisdom wall.

As you write down their name or glue their photo, say a prayer of thankfulness for this person's role in your life. Ask God to help you both continue to search for wisdom—and to encourage each other to grow closer to God.

Then re-hang your Wisdom Wall and smile as you see the names or faces of the wise people you hang out with.