

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

Read James 3:17

DAY

1

Steady Growth

This month, we learned how to grow in wisdom. Looking back, did you trust God, look for wisdom, make good choices, and learn from others? To finish strong, choose one of those things listed above to focus on this week. How will you grow?

Look for opportunities to grow in wisdom.

DAY

3

The Next Right Thing

Read Romans 12:2. God is asking us to live differently and do what is right. For the rest of the day take easy steps and think what the next right thing would be. Would it be pleasing to God?

Remember others will see God in our wise actions.

DAY

2

W-I-S-E

Use your body to spell out the word wise! While forming the letters W-I-S-E name something wise you did this week!

Know that God uses each of us in a different way to provide wisdom to others.

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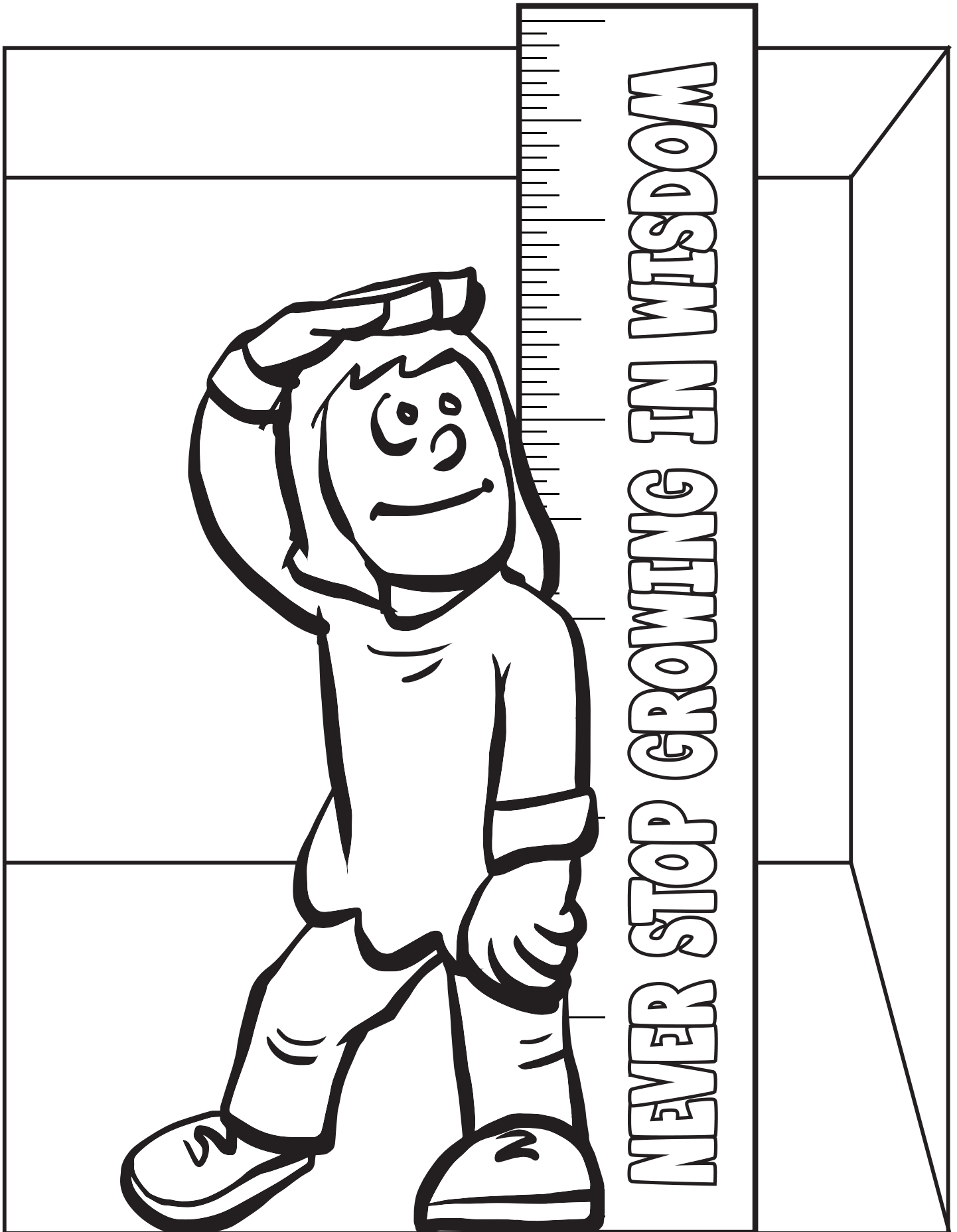
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Real Wisdom

All this month we learned that with God's help we have the ability to be wise. We can always talk to God and He will help us grow in wisdom. Pray now and thank Him for all His help.

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 "Dear God, Thank You for the stories of people in the Bible that have shown wisdom when they needed to. I pray that I can also grow in wisdom and know the right thing to do. Amen."

**Never stop growing in wisdom.**





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### DAY 1

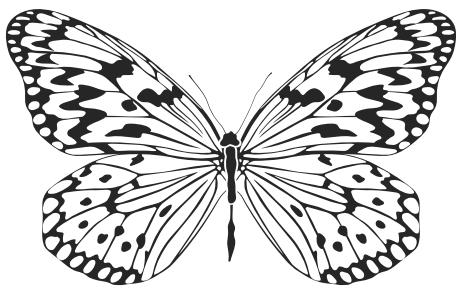
#### Read Romans 12:2

Have you ever studied how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly? It's a process called metamorphosis. Just like that beautiful butterfly, when we become followers of Jesus, we are completely changed on the inside! You are a new creation.

As Jesus followers, God doesn't want us to think and act like the world around us. God wants us to grow in wisdom so we can live differently. And when we do, what does our verse say we will learn? What is right; God's good, pleasing and perfect plan! As you follow Jesus each day, instead of following what the world says is right, you'll understand what God says is right. You'll begin to change your mind as you grow in wisdom.

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Color in the butterfly below. Thank God for the opportunity He gives to grow in wisdom and become more and more like Jesus!



DAY 2

Read Proverbs 1:5

When it comes to wisdom, you should never stop looking for it. You should never stop asking God to give you more. You should never stop learning and growing. Wise people pay attention so they never stop gaining wisdom. Wise people look for other wise people hoping some of that wisdom rubs off on them.

Who are the wisest people you know? Think about the people in your life that follow Jesus, that read their Bibles, or that pray and talk to God. Maybe it's your parent or caregiver. Perhaps it's your small group leader at church.

Spend some time thanking God for the wise people in your life. Ask Him to help you keep growing in wisdom. Who knows, maybe one day, someone else will name you as a wise person to learn from too.



DAY 3

Read Ecclesiastes 7:12

Do you know what a bank is for? People deposit their money in a bank to keep it safe. Your parents don't keep all the money from their jobs in a shoebox in your closet or under your mattress. A thief could steal it at any time and all that safety you feel would be gone for good.

Wisdom is like having a large bank account protected at your local bank. Actually, wisdom is even better than that. Why? Because the wisdom you gain cannot be stolen away. You can't lose the wisdom you gain unless you refuse to put what you've learned into practice. The more you learn, the longer you follow God and live the way that he wants you to live, the better off you'll be! That's why you should never stop growing in wisdom.

Write out today's verse on a card and tape it to the front of your piggy bank. Each time you add money to your bank, read the verse and ask yourself: What wise thing have I learned today? Am I following God and putting it into practice so I'll be protected?

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in wisdom.**



DAY 4

Read Proverbs 9:9

Did you know that there are three parts of your body that never stop growing? Write your guesses in the blanks below.

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Your ears and nose are made of soft tissue and cartilage. Some scientists believe those cells are able to keep multiplying. Others suspect that gravity plays a role. Whatever the reason, your ears and nose will keep growing long after the rest of your body has stopped.

Just like your ears and nose keep growing, we should never stop growing in wisdom! That's why you see adults at church reading their Bibles, taking notes, praying, or talking to others about God. They're growing in wisdom because they know there is always something new to learn. Growing in wisdom is like enjoying a never-ending bottomless ice cream sundae except you won't get a tummy ache.

Ask your parents if you can have an ice cream sundae party this weekend! As you make your sundae, share your favorite verse about wisdom from this month (you can talk about today's verse if you want). Before you enjoy your treat, ask God to help you grow in wisdom.

Journal

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



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Week Five 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/SundaysAtHomePretteen 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 Romans 12:2

How do you think you learn best?

- If you're an athlete, you might learn by moving.
- If you're a singer, you might remember things you say out loud, or hear.
- If you're a writer or artist, it might be easiest for you to learn things that you write down, or illustrate.

If you want to make your thoughts line up with God's thoughts, you need to get His Words in your brain! Memorizing His truth will help you make wise choices.

As you read Romans 12:2, pick the best way for you to memorize the words. You can come up with motions. You can sing it to a tune, or just repeat it out loud a lot. You can write it down and hang it on your mirror. You can use fun markers and crayons to make word art. It doesn't matter how you get God's Word in your heart and mind, but however you get it there, you will find your thinking changed to be like God's!



Day 4

There are a lot of voices in your head all day. Some are voices you should be listening to—like those of your parents, your teachers, your wise friends, and of course, God's.

But some of the voices aren't so helpful. There are some voices that encourage us to do things we know we shouldn't. Voices that tell us we're not good enough, that we're not loved just the way we are. That God couldn't possibly love us.

Growing in wisdom requires growing in your knowledge of God's Word. The more you know the truth, the more you can recognize the lies.

If the voice tells you that you know better than God does, speak this truth to the lie: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."**

If the voice tells you that things will never get better and that God doesn't care, speak this truth to the lie: **"Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds."**

If the voice tells you that you are not worth of God's love, speak this truth to the lie: **"I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love."**

When the voices you hear don't line up with the truth from God's Word, talk to a friend, parent, or small group leader who will speak the words you need to hear—the words that will change your way of thinking, so you can know what it is that God wants for you. Never stop growing in wisdom.

Dear God, I don't want to live the way the world lives. I want my thinking to be completely changed so that I can know what it is You want for me. I want Your way, not mine. Thank You for Your plan that is good and pleasing and perfect. Please continue to show me what to do, and to help me do it. In Jesus' Name, I pray, amen.

Day 5

Get your fun pens and markers out and take down your Wisdom Wall. How much room do you have left?

If you have enough space, consider writing out the words of Romans 12:2: *Don't live the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you. And you will agree that what he wants is right. His plan is good and pleasing and perfect. (NIV)*

If you don't have a lot of space left, just write the words "Renew your mind" and "Grow in wisdom" to remind yourself that searching for wisdom is a lifelong journey. The more you know about God's character, and the more you focus on the truth found in His Word, the more you will know what the wise choice is in any situation.

Look over your Wisdom Wall. What have you learned? How are you wiser than you used to be? As you hang your Wisdom Wall back up, thank God for all the ways you've grown in wisdom!

