

Dig Deep: Discover what matters most



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

"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

Solomon Asks God for Wisdom
1 Kings 3:4-28

Bottom Line

Trust God to give you wisdom.

Activity

Flip a Truth

What You Need:

Paper plate and marker

What You Do:

Write the word "true" on one side of the paper plate, and "false" on the other side.

Say, "We're going to play a game. I'll read a statement about today's story. If it's true, say "true." If it's false, say "false." But there's a catch! After you answer, I'll flip the paper plate and let it land on the floor. If it lands on the correct answer, you don't have to do anything. If it lands on the incorrect answer, you have to do either 10 jumping jacks or five push-ups. Ready?"

Read the following statements. After each one, allow your child to answer. Once you've clarified the correct answer, flip the plate. Make sure it flips a couple of times in the air before it lands. If it lands on the correct answer, move on. If it lands on the incorrect answer, your child has to do either 10 jumping jacks or five push-ups.

- God told Solomon he could ask for anything, and Solomon asked for cheese. (*false*)
- God told Solomon he could ask for anything, and Solomon asked for wisdom. (*true*)
- Two women were arguing over who was the mother of a baby boy. (*true*)
- Solomon dismissed the women and told them to go away. (*false*)
- Solomon didn't give the baby to either of the women. (*false*)
- Solomon said he would cut the baby in half, and then each of the women could have half of the baby. (*true*)
- Solomon would have never actually hurt the baby. He was testing the women to see who the true mother was. (*true*)

Talk About the Bible Story

Solomon knew that, as king, he would have to make a lot of difficult decisions. When he got to ask God for anything in the world, what did he ask for? (*wisdom*)

Why is it important for us to have wisdom?

Who can we ask for wisdom? (*God*)

When do you need wisdom the most in your life right now?

Parent: Talk about a time when you made an unwise choice. What were the consequences?

Prayer

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

"God, it's amazing to think that Solomon could have asked You for anything . . . and he chose to ask for wisdom! We know that Your wisdom is valuable for us, just like it was for Solomon. It's important for us to make the wise choice—and sometimes it's hard to know what that might be. But God, we know that we can trust You no matter what. We know that if we ask You, You'll give us the wisdom we need. Please help us remember to do that. Help us to trust You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Key Question
Why do you need wisdom?

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Truth or Not Truth?

What You Need:

Pieces of scrap paper and a writing utensil

What You Do:

Write down "truth" on five pieces of scrap paper. Write down "not truth" on five pieces of scrap paper. Fold all the pieces of paper and mix them up in a pile.

Say, "I'm going to ask you a question. Before you answer, you'll pick up and open a piece of paper, without showing me what it says. If it says "truth," answer with the truth. If it says "not truth," answer with something that's not true. I have to guess whether or not you're telling the truth. Ready?"

Ask the following questions. When your child answers, try to guess if they're telling the truth or not.

- What kind of pet do you want?
- What's your favorite sport?
- What's your favorite place to eat?
- Can you do a cartwheel?
- Finish this sentence: "I have never . . ."
- What's your favorite subject in school?
- What color do you love to wear?
- Would you rather read or book or go for a walk?

Talk About the Bible Story

There are times when it's easy to figure out the truth. But sometimes you just don't have enough information to know what's true or not true—or what's wise or unwise. What can we do when we just aren't sure about the wise thing to do? (*ask God, ask a parent, ask a trusted adult, ask a Small Group Leader, read the Bible*)

Why do you think Solomon asked God for wisdom? (*He knew he would need God's wisdom in order to do a good job as king.*)

What are some potential consequences of a wise choice? What are some potential consequences of an unwise or foolish choice?

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