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

"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, NIrV

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."