

Dig Deep: Discover what matters most



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

Jesus Grows
in Wisdom
Luke 2:41-52

Key Question

What does it
mean to be wise?

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

Activity

Scripture Scramble

What You Need:

About 30 note cards (or quarter sheets of paper), writing utensil, timer

What You Do:

Write down the words from the memory verse, James 1:5, on the cards—one word on each card. (Or you could put a few words on each card to make it a little easier.) Mix up the cards.

Say, "We're going to play Scripture Scramble. These cards are the words of James 1:5 scrambled together. You have 30 seconds to put as many of the words in order as you can. Then it's my turn. We'll see who can get the most words in the correct order in 30 seconds. Let's read the memory verse out loud together.

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)

Ready? GO!"

Start a 30-second timer and see how many cards your child can get in the correct order before time runs out. When the timer goes off, reshuffle the cards. Now it's your turn!

If time allows, play until someone can complete the entire verse. If someone gets the verse correct on their first try, lower the time limit, shuffle the cards, and see if they can get it done faster.

Talk About the Bible Story

According to James 1:5, how can we find wisdom? (*We can ask God for it.*)

Based on our story today, do you think Jesus values wisdom? (*Yes—even Jesus wanted to learn more and grow in wisdom when He was on earth.*)

Is there a difference between being smart and being wise? (*Encourage your child to explain their answer. This is an opportunity to discuss the difference between knowing a lot of facts and making wise choices.*)

What are some ways we can become wiser? (*going to church, reading the Bible, learning from our mistakes, asking questions, etc.*)

What's one situation that you need wisdom for right now?

Parent: Share about how you go about making a wise decision. Where do you seek wisdom?



Prayer

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

"God, Your wisdom is so valuable! Your wisdom protects us, teaches us how to treat one another, and shows us how You want us to live. God, we know we can trust You no matter what. And when we search for Your wisdom, You give it to us. Give us the courage to ask questions. Help us to grow in wisdom like Jesus did. In His name we pray, amen!"