



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

Key Question
Why do you need wisdom?

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

Activity

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?

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."