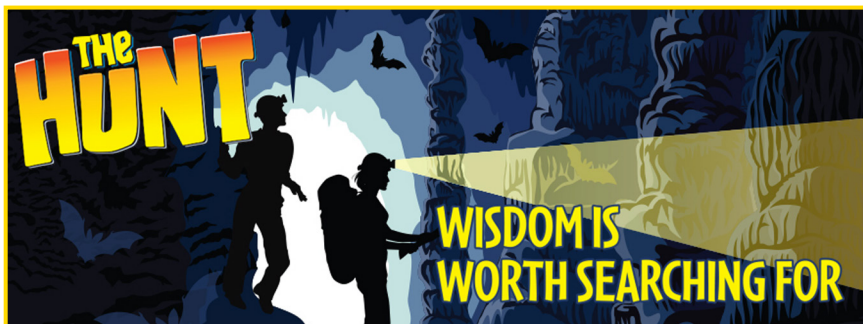


grace  
**KIDS**

**ELEMENTARY**



WEEK TWO

PROVERBS 22:3

Wise People See Danger

SAY  
THIS

If you want to be wise,  
look before you leap.

DO  
THIS



MEAL TIME

Q & A for kids: Who is the wisest person you know? What do you think makes them wise?

Q & A for parents: What was the best advice someone ever gave you?

REMEMBER THIS

"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it.  
He will give it to you."  
James 1:5a, NIV

LIFE  
APP

WISDOM—Finding out what you should do  
and doing it

5 WAYS TO HELP YOUR KIDS  
MAKE WISE CHOICES

By Dan Scott

As parents, we want our kids to grow up making good choices. We know that it is key to their success. So, how do we help our kids learn the importance of wisdom and making the wise choice even when it's not easy?

**1. Model your own decision-making process.** Kids are concrete thinkers, and often that means they need help making connections that are intuitive to you. As you walk through a small decision, verbalize your thinking process and ask your kid's opinion. If it's a big choice you're praying about (like buying a car or new home), pray with them as you ask God for wisdom. When your kids see you seeking wisdom, they'll be more likely to do the same.

**2. Tell stories.** The Bible is full of people who both succeeded and failed at wisdom. Read those stories together and talk about the consequences they experienced. And not only the Bible, as you're reading (or watching) anything with your children, pause and talk through the decisions you're seeing played out in the storyline. Use these teachable moments to help kids discover more about wisdom.

**3. Give them opportunities.** It's often easier to make decisions for our kids, but it isn't always best. Instead, guide them through the process of making the

wise choice by asking questions about ideas they should consider. Eventually, they'll start asking themselves those same types of questions. They may still not make the choice you wanted, but at least they're thinking through it. And maybe they'll even consider something you hadn't.

**4. Let them mess up.** Like it or not, we often don't learn without messing up once or ten times along the way. As much as you'll want to step in and fix it, resist the urge to rescue your kids from the consequences of their choices. Sometimes we need to let our kids touch the proverbial hot stove in the short-term to help them gain wisdom in the long-term.

**5. Celebrate the wins.** When your kids make the wise choice, let them know you noticed. Showing appreciation will affirm those choices and reinforce that it was worth the effort.

Over time, the conversations you have about making decisions will influence your children to consider the value of wisdom and will equip them to make wise decisions in the future.

For more blog posts  
and parenting resources, visit:  
**ParentCue.org**

# WISDOM

## FINDING OUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO AND DOING IT

WEEK  
**TWO**  
K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### READ PROVERBS 14:29

### DAY 1

Wisdom goes hand in hand with something else that is also important. Fill in the blanks below to figure out what that is.

Anyone who is \_\_\_atient h\_\_\_s great unders\_\_\_and\_\_ng. But anyone\_\_\_ who gets a\_\_\_gry qui\_\_\_kly shows how foolish th\_\_\_y are.

It's true. If you rush to make decisions, you might not make the wise choice. Or if you react to something in anger, that's not wise either. Take time, take deep breaths, and ask God for help to be patient so you can make wise choices.

**ASK** God to help you have patience so you can make the wise choice.

### READ PROVERBS 29:11

### DAY 2

Have you ever poured a soda or fizzy water too fast into a glass? What happens? It overflows, right? And that's no good because you have a mess on your hands and you miss out on some of the delicious drink.

The Bible says that losing control of your anger is a lot like that. It makes a big mess, plus you can miss out on some really good things, like happiness, friendships, and peace. Wise people keep themselves under control.

Think about the last time you got really angry. Did you do anything unwise while you were mad? What could you do next time that would be a wiser choice?

**KNOW** that wise people have self-control.

## READ PROVERBS 18:15

DAY 3

Grab a sheet of paper and make a self-portrait. Draw lines by your heart, your eyes, your ears, your hands, and your feet. Then think through how you can use those body parts to search for wisdom before you make a decision. (*Hint: Eyes could be "look before you leap."* Refer to Proverbs 18:15 for more helpful hints!)

God gives us all we need to make wise choices. We just need to take the time to slow down before we jump into situations and actions that aren't wise!

**KNOW** that it's always wise to look before you leap.

## READ PROVERBS 17:27-28

DAY 4

Try out this classic tongue twister.

*Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. A peck of pickled peppers, Peter Piper picked. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, how many pickled peppers did Peter Piper pick?*

Your tongue really does start to feel all twisty when you try to say them fast, doesn't it? It's funny to lose control when you're saying a tongue twister, but not so much fun when you lose control of your words in real life. It can lead to hurting others, and even hurting yourself. The next time you think you might lose control of your words, stop and say a prayer.

**ASK** God to help you keep control of your words.

If you want to be wise,  
**LOOK  
BEFORE  
YOU LEAP.**