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If you want to be wise, hang out with wise people.

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### BED TIME

Read Luke 2:41-52. It's easy to think that wisdom is just something you get when you're older. But kids can grow in wisdom, too! Parents, share about a choice you've had to make recently, and how you did

(or didn't) choose wisely. Kids, what is a decision that you'll need to make soon, like what activity to do or how to treat a sibling? Together, ask God to help you make wise choices every day.

### **REMEMBER THIS**

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



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**WISDOM**—Finding out what you should do and doing it



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### THREE MEALTIME QUESTIONS THAT CHANGE EVERYTHING

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If your house is anything like mine, the bath time and bedtime routine can often turn into a soul-sucking vortex of blood, sweat, and tears. All evening long, I feel like I'm herding cats. But not even nice cats. I'm talking about the mean kind of cats who hiss and scratch and ignore you when you speak. Oh? No? Your kids quietly and efficiently bathe, spend 20 minutes in meaningful prayer, and tuck themselves in? In that case, MINE TOO! I WAS TOTALLY KIDDING ABOUT WHAT I SAID EARLIER.

But seriously, as soon as dinner is over, and it's time to head toward bedtime, I take a deep breath and steel myself for the impending negotiations, requests, and resistance. By the time I finally get my two girls clean and in the respective beds, the last thing either of us have the energy for is deep or spiritual conversations.

So, about a year ago, my family started doing something different. We decided to leverage the only time we're really together and looking at each other's faces. We decided to leverage dinnertime. No matter where we are, we begin our meal with three questions:

1. What was your funny bunny today? (I'm not really sure where "funny bunny" came from, but normal families will probably just ask: "What was something funny that happened today?") 2. What was your high today? 3. What was your low today?

By starting with a lighthearted question, both girls are automatically engaged in the conversation. They want to participate. They want to laugh at everyone's "funny bunny," and they especially want everyone to laugh at their own. We use our "highs" as something we can thank God for, and we use our "lows" as something we can ask for help, healing, or forgiveness. Then, we close the meal out with prayer, making sure to mention all the specific things that happened during the day.

For us, shifting these questions to mealtime has been a family-wide favorite tradition. It gives us connecting points. It keeps everyone aware of the others' needs, hurts, and successes. It teaches our kids to ask questions and to listen. It teaches them to pray specifically and intentionally. Hey, it's taught me the same thing.

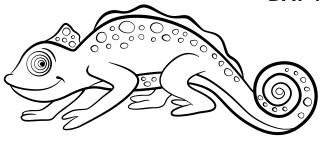
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### **READ PROVERBS 13:20**

You've probably heard of chameleons. Many species of chameleons have the ability to change colors to blend in with their surroundings for protection. Color the chameleon to match the clothes you're wearing right now.



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As humans, we tend to do this too. It's hard to not become like the people we spend the most time with. That's why it's super important to be careful about who you surround yourself with. It's great to be friendly to everyone, but the people you spend most of your time with should be wise friends who encourage you to follow Jesus.

**PRAY** for God to bring wise friends into your life this week.

### **READ PROVERBS 27:17**

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A lot of things can be sharp, but did you know that we can actually sharpen each other? When we encourage each other, challenge each other, and give each other wise advice, we help shape each other. We sharpen our image to be more like God! Who in your life sharpens you?

**THANK** God for the people in your life who sharpen you and help you become wise.

### **READ PROVERBS 22:24-25**

Find a coin, sheet of paper, and a pencil.

Place the coin under the sheet of paper and gently rub the pencil over the top of the paper. The longer you gently rub the textured object under the paper, the more you will see the image of the object.

It is interesting to see the image come through on the paper. Similar to that process, when we are close to certain friends they can rub off on us. In order to be the best version of you, find friends who are patient, kind, and make wise choices. That way those qualities with come through in your life, too!

**KNOW** that whoever you spend time with will rub off on you.

# **READ PROVERBS 15:22**

Today you're going to make a plan for your future and get some advice from the people around you.

Fill in the blanks by yourself first. What I want to be when I grow up: \_\_\_\_\_\_ What I need to do to accomplish this: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Now, go around and interview wise friends and family. Ask them some questions about your plan in order to see what advice they have. Does it line up with your original plan?

You don't have to follow this plan but it was good practice to seek wisdom from others. The next time you need to make a big decision, you can follow the same process!

**ASK** wise people for advice.

DAY 4

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