

# HOW TO GAIN (TRUE) WISDOM

James 1:5–8

1. **Wisdom Comes From:** \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:5

2. **Get Wisdom By:** \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:5

3. **Wisdom Is Available To:** \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:6–8

Application:

## For the Family

**Read James 1:5 (NCV):** *But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He is generous and enjoys giving to all people, so he will give you wisdom.*

**Explain** that James is telling his readers to ask God for help to take on the trials of life. We need God's wisdom, and all we have to do to get God's wisdom is to ask him for it. God is generous and enjoys giving to all people.

### Read together Luke 11:9–13

**Talk together** about how ridiculous it would be for a father to give a child a snake, when they asked for fish sticks. Or how ridiculous it would be for a father to give a child a scorpion, when they asked for scrambled eggs.

**Explain** that Jesus is saying that if human fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, imagine how much more our heavenly father knows how to give good gifts to his children.

### Re-read Luke 11:9–10

**Talk together** about what it means to ask, seek, and knock.

We **ask** others for things we need or want, because we know they can give them to us. We can ask God for things we need, like wisdom. **Talk together** about other things we can ask God for.

We **seek** things that we want to have or be near. We seek God so we can be close to him and enjoy him forever. **Talk together** about different ways we can seek God.

We **knock** on doors, so someone will let us inside a room, house or building. We knock on God's door, because we want to live with him.

**Pray together** that you will always trust our good and loving heavenly father. Thank him that we can ask him for the things we need, seek him with all our heart, and be close to him all our life, and live with him forever.