



FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

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WEEK 2

I CAN BE WISE BY
NOT CHOOSING SIDES



LAST WEEK

BE VERY CAREFUL,
THEN, HOW YOU LIVE
—NOT AS UNWISE
BUT AS WISE.

EPHESIANS 5:15 (NIV)



MEMORY VERSE

I CAN BE WISE BY
CHOOSING MY WORDS
CAREFULLY

THIS WEEK

Ahoy, mateys! This month is all about choosing your own adventure and making good and wise choices along the way!
Today, we're talking all about the words we speak and choosing wisely.

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DISCUSS

What did the writer of Psalm 19 want to be pleasing to God?
Read James 3:9.

What are the two things we can use our tongues for?

Why is it important to speak wisely to others?

In what situation this week will you need to make sure that you speak wisely?

How do you think speaking wisely will help your relationships with other people?

WORSHIP

"True North" (Rend Co. Kids)
"Make Right Choices" (LifeKids)
"Wise Up" (Kidspring)
"My Lighthouse" (Rend Collective)

MEMORIZE

Practice this month's memory verse with the signs a combination of SEE and ASL
START MEMORIZING!

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ACTIVITY

Give everyone a plate, a spoon, and a tube of toothpaste. When you say, "Go!", race to see who can get all the toothpaste out of the tube the fastest. Once you declare a winner, give them the second task: Who will be able to put the toothpaste back inside the fastest? Obviously, this will be impossible...

Our words are much like squeezing the toothpaste out of the tube. When we speak too quickly and unwisely, it doesn't take long to make a mess with our words. Once those words are said, we can't take them back, just like we can't get the toothpaste back in the tube. Words have a lot of power to help or to hurt.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN
ADVENTURE

Taming the Tongue

Psalm 19; James 3:4-10

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

JAMES 3: 4-10

4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind,

8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.

10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.