

## **FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**

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WEEK 4

I CAN BE WISE BY CHOOSING TO DO GOOD

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 GOD



THIS WEEK

Today, we're going to talk about the absolute best place we can put our faith. Just like we've been talking about this entire month, where we put our faith is an important choice we have to make on our adventure.

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

EPHESIANS 5:15 (NIV)

#### **DISCUSS**

What does the Bible say we should do instead of leaning on our own understanding?

Read James 5:16. What type of person's prayer is effective?

What is one thing you can pray to God for help about?

What is one thing you can praise God for?

What might choosing God look like for you this week?

## 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**

Fill one clear container halfway with water and another clear container halfway with vinegar. Prepare two small bags of baking soda. Dump one whole bag of baking soda into the water.

It will do nothing but settle at the bottom. Dump a little bit of the other bag of baking soda in the vinegar, and there will be a bubbly reaction.

Let's pretend this baking soda is like our faith, and this first container represents us.

When we put our faith in ourselves, not much happens. It sort of just sinks to the bottom and makes the liquid cloudy.

This second container represents God, though, and when we put our faith in God, the reaction is very different.

# **Wisdom Bestows Well-Being**

### Proverbs 3:1-8; James 5:13-16

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,

2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peaceloving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.