

## **FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**

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WEEK 3

I CAN BE WISE BY CHOOSING MY WORDS CAREFULLY



**LAST WEEK** 

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

**EPHESIANS 5:15 (NIV)** 

**MEMORY VERSE** 



THIS WEEK

Ahoy, mateys! This month is all about choosing your own adventure and making good and wise choices along the way!

Today, we are going to talk about how wise choices and the right choices are almost always the same things.

## 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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**EPHESIANS 5:15 (NIV)** 

#### **DISCUSS**

What does Psalm 1 compare a "righteous" person to? How about a "wicked" person?

Read James 3:17. What are some words to describe the wisdom that comes from God?

Why do we need God's wisdom to do good?
What might be an example of the wrong kind of wisdom?
What is something good you can do this week?

## ACTIVITY

Have supplies to make a telescope. Start with an empty paper towel roll. Cover the roll with black construction paper. Fasten the paper to the roll with tape or hot glue. Use gold duct tape for the ends and a couple of stripes in the middle. Be sure not to cover the ends so the kids can see through them. Use a silver permanent marker or a white paint pen to write "Wisdom Watcher" on the side.

One way that helps us choose to live wisely and do good is when we have friends who are looking out for us and encouraging us to do so!

Use these "wisdom watchers" to look out for each other and look for ways to do good!

# **Two Kinds of Wisdom**

### Psalm 1; James 3:13-18

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wickeor stand in the way that sinners takeor sit in the company of mockers,

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. 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 peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

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