



FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

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WEEK 1

**I CAN BE WISE BY
NOT CHOOSING SIDES**



BIG IDEA

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

EPHESIANS 5:15 (NIV)

MEMORY VERSE

**I CAN BE WISE BY
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BIG IDEA

This month is all about choosing your own adventure! We make choices every day — some are small choices and some are big, but all of our choices matter in our adventures.



WORSHIP

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

DISCUSS

Read James 2:9. What does this verse say about favoritism?

What are some ways you might be tempted to show favoritism?

What can you do to remind yourself to choose wisely and not choose sides?

What do you show when you don't show favoritism?

MEMORIZE

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

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ACTIVITY

Hold a ball of yarn and begin a story that would fit into our theme for today (e.g., “There was once a pirate named Sam who lived on her ship. One day, Sam chose to dive into the ocean while sharks were swimming nearby. Was that wise?”) Then, toss the ball of yarn to another kid (while still holding onto the end of the string) and have them build on your story with another action, and have the family decide if that was wise or unwise. Have the kid toss the ball of yarn to another family member while still holding onto a piece of string that now connects you with them.

Every choice we make leads to another, like how we are all connected by this yarn. That's why it's important that we make wise choices to build on rather than unwise ones! Remind yourself to make good choices this week, and remember our Big Idea for this week: I can be wise by not choosing sides!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN
ADVENTURE

Favoritism Forbidden

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 | James 2:1-10

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

2 Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all.

8 Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.

9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

22 Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court,

23 for the Lord will take up their case and will exact life for life.

1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in.

3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet,"

4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?

7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself,"[a] you are doing right.

9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.