



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES: WISDOM IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

### FOR YOUNGER KIDS:

#### FREEZE DANCE

Supplies: None

**Directions:** Today we are going to freeze dance. I will give you a dance style, and you will dance like that until I shout "FREEZE!" After everyone freezes, say together, "Dear God, help me do what is right." Repeat this for each of the silly dances listed, then have anyone make up their own silly dance.

**Say:** Believe it or not, this game helps us remember how to make good choices. When you feel like doing something bad, you can FREEZE! Then say, "Dear God, help me do what is right." When we pray to God, He helps us make good choices!

**Dance list:**

- Silly robot dance
- Silly snake dance
- Silly kangaroo dance
- Silly chicken dance
- Silly elephant dance
- Silly ant dance

**Question:** When is it hard for you to make a good choice?

### FOR OLDER KIDS:

#### METEOR SHOWER

**Set up:** Use tape to create a square on the floor that is about 2 feet (0.61 meters) in width. Crumple around 10 pieces of paper into balls.

**Directions:** Read the verse together several times. Today's Bible verse says:

**"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you."**

**James 1:5**

Explain that the square is a space station and the crumpled pieces of paper are meteors. Choose one person to protect the space station from getting hit by the meteors. Have everyone else stand 4-5 feet away and throw meteors at the space station. The protector will have to catch or swat the meteors out of the air, but some meteors will inevitably get through. Once a meteor has touched the floor, it cannot be moved. Count how many meteors landed in the space station and have the protector recite the verse that many times. Change positions and continue playing rounds for as long as you would like.

**Note:** Depending on the number of people in your family, you may want to adjust the number of meteors up or down.

**Question:** Do you think God has ever given you wisdom about something or helped you figure something out? What happened?



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## DRAW IT!

What do you look like when you're joyful?

Draw a picture of it.

## JOURNAL IT!

Write a letter telling God about some problems or trouble you have in your life. Ask Him to give you the wisdom you need to solve it.

## THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

### The Book of James: Wisdom in Times of Trouble

**BIG IDEA:** God calls us to seek Him for wisdom in times of trouble.

**BIBLE BASIS:** James 1:2-5; 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

**KEY VERSE:** "If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you." James 1:5 (NirV)

## READ IT!

2 Chronicles 20:1-30. Draw a picture of the story or write to God your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

## PRAY IT!

Write a prayer thanking God for giving you wisdom when you need it.

## NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

### The Book of James: Listen and Do What is Right

BIG IDEA: God calls us to listen to His word and do what it tells us.

BIBLE BASIS: James 1:19-27; 2 Kings 22

KEY VERSE: "Don't just listen to the word. You fool yourself if you do that. You must do what it says." James 1:22 (NirV)



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