

# MAKING WISE CHOICES

## 4TH GRADE

### OBJECTIVE

To help your child understand how to make choices that reflect God's truth and lead to lasting impact.

### WHAT TO KNOW

At this age, kids are navigating more freedom and facing situations where they must decide what's right without immediate guidance. They're developing a deeper sense of right and wrong, but still need encouragement and examples to connect their faith to their everyday choices. Wisdom is more than knowing the rules—it's choosing God's best, even when no one is watching. The Bible teaches that true wisdom comes from God and that He gives it freely to those who ask. As a parent, you can help your child build a decision-making filter by pointing them back to God's Word, prayer, and wise voices.

### TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.* James 1:5

God never withholds wisdom—we just have to ask. When your child faces a tough choice, remind them that God promises to guide them.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.* Proverbs 3:5–6

Making wise decisions means trusting God, even when it's hard to understand. He sees the big picture and will lead us in the right direction.

We see this kind of wisdom modeled throughout Scripture. Solomon asked for wisdom instead of riches or power (1 Kings 3:5–14). Daniel chose to honor God, even when it was risky (Daniel 1:8–17). Jesus prayed before making big decisions (Luke 6:12–13), and Joseph forgave his brothers, trusting God's bigger plan (Genesis 50:15–21). These examples remind us that wisdom isn't about always getting it right—it's about slowing down, inviting God in, and choosing what honors Him.



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## TALK ABOUT IT

- What do you think it means to be wise?
- How do you decide what's right or wrong?
- Who gives you good advice?
- Have you ever made a choice you wish you could take back?
- What helps you make a choice that honors God?
- Can you think of a time you needed wisdom and how God helped you?

## LIVE IT OUT

Help your child put wisdom into practice by connecting their daily choices to what honors God. Start by choosing one area of life—like school, friendships, or home—and talk about what wise decisions could look like in that setting. You could create a Wise Choice Jar together: write down different real-life situations on slips of paper (like being left out, facing a tough decision, or being asked to lie) and pull one out each night to talk through. Ask, What's the wise thing to do here? and How could we invite God into this?

Throughout the week, look for moments when your child showed wisdom and talk about how that choice honored God. At the end of the week, celebrate a moment when your child made a wise choice—no matter how small. This helps them see that wisdom isn't just for big decisions, but something we live out every day with God's help and presence.

## PRAY TOGETHER

Take a moment to pray with your child, inviting God into their decision-making. You don't need fancy words—just be honest together before Him.

"God, thank You for loving us and helping us make good choices. Please give us wisdom and courage to follow You in everything we do. Amen."

