

MAKING WISE CHOICES

6TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Equip your student to understand the importance of making wise choices and how to seek God's guidance in everyday decisions.

WHAT TO KNOW

Your 6th grader is starting to encounter more personal responsibility and independence. They are beginning to feel the weight of decisions about school, friendships, and technology. These early choices are shaping the kind of person they are becoming. Making wise choices isn't just about avoiding mistakes—it's about building a life that honors God. Help your student see that wisdom comes from God, and that seeking Him is the first step in making good decisions.

Wise decision-making grows with practice. As a parent, your role isn't to control every choice but to guide your student through the process. That means asking good questions, talking about real-life examples, and helping them see how their values connect to their actions. When your student knows they can talk with you openly—without judgment—they'll be more likely to come to you before they're in over their head.

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

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 NIV

Wisdom starts with trusting God more than ourselves.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God ... and it will be given to you. James 1:5 NIV

God promises to give wisdom when we ask.

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20 NIV

The people we surround ourselves with shape our choices.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- How do you know when you're making a wise choice?
- What do you usually think about before making a decision?
- Is it hard to make the right choice when friends are making different ones?

Use these questions to help your student recognize what influences their decisions and how to slow down and think things through. Talk about the difference between doing what's popular and doing what's wise. Share your own stories—both good and bad—and show them that mistakes are part of learning. Reinforce that God gives us wisdom when we ask and that they're never alone in figuring things out.

LIVE IT OUT

Talk through a recent decision your student had to make—what went well and what didn't—and use it as a chance to reflect together. Help them think about who they can go to for wise advice, and spend time looking up a few Bible verses about wisdom and decision-making. Reinforce that even when they make mistakes, God's grace is always available and every choice is a chance to grow. Encourage them to start building the habit of wise decision-making in small, everyday moments so it becomes part of who they are.

PRAY TOGETHER

Your student is learning how to navigate choices big and small. Prayer reminds them they're not alone—God promises to give wisdom when we ask.

"God, thank You for loving me and helping me grow. I want to make wise choices that honor You. Please guide me when I don't know what to do, and help me listen to Your voice. Give me the courage to follow what's right, even when it's hard. Amen."

