

MAKING WISE CHOICES

12TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Equip your student to make thoughtful, God-honoring decisions as they prepare to step into adulthood.

WHAT TO KNOW

If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail. Your student is on the verge of major life choices—college, career, relationships, finances, independence. As they approach graduation, they'll face decisions that carry long-term impact. It's vital they understand the value of wisdom and learn how to seek it. Not every student is the same. That's why it's important to ask the Lord how to guide your student specifically. God created them uniquely, and He promises to give wisdom to those who ask. The book of James reminds us that God gives generously without finding fault.

This is a season where your student still needs your presence—but more as a guide than a guardrail. They need space to make decisions, reflect, and grow with your steady encouragement beside them.

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:5 ESV

God is generous with wisdom—just ask.

A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. Proverbs 16:9 NKJV

We can plan, but it's God who ultimately guides our path.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything ... Then you will experience God's peace. Philippians 4:6–7 NLT

When we bring our decisions to God in prayer, He gives peace even in the unknown.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ... and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5–6 NIV

Trusting God with your decisions leads to clarity and direction.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- What are some of the biggest decisions on your mind right now?
- Do you feel pressure to have everything figured out?
- How can you include God when you're planning for your future?
- Have you ever felt peace in a moment when you didn't have all the answers?

Proverbs 16:9 tells us that a man's heart plans his ways, but the Lord directs his steps. Use this verse to remind your student that while planning is important, it's even more important to stay open to God's direction. You can also read Philippians 4:6–7 and talk about how real peace comes from surrendering—not from having all the answers. Ask your student how prayer has helped guide them in past decisions and what it could look like to trust God in this season.

LIVE IT OUT

- Read Proverbs 3 together and highlight where God talks about wisdom.
- Ask them to identify areas where they're seeking direction (college, relationships, money, etc.).
- Write out a short list of things they're praying for and talk about how to invite God into each one.
- Share a story from your own life when you needed wisdom—and what you learned from it.

Encourage your student to take ownership of their decision-making process—but stay close and supportive. Let them know that you trust them. They don't need to have it all figured out, but they can learn how to walk in step with God. Mistakes will happen, but so will growth. Stay engaged, stay prayerful, and keep pointing them back to truth.

PRAY TOGETHER

As your student prepares to take their next steps into adulthood, pause and pray together. This is a moment to invite God into their future and to remind them that He walks with them into every unknown.

"God, thank You for creating my student with a purpose. Give them Your wisdom as they make decisions about the future. Help them trust You more than their own understanding. Fill them with peace and guide their steps every day. Amen."

