

MAKING WISE CHOICES

5TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Help your child understand what it means to make wise choices by learning how to seek God's guidance, consider consequences, and apply biblical truth to daily life.

WHAT TO KNOW

Your 5th grader is stepping into a season of greater independence. They're making more choices—at school, with friends, and even online—and those decisions are shaping their character. This is a crucial time to help them understand that every choice carries weight and can either pull them closer to God's best or push them further away from it.

Wisdom isn't just about knowing right from wrong; it's about choosing what's best in light of God's truth. The Bible teaches that wisdom starts with knowing and trusting God, and He's always ready to give wisdom when we ask. As a parent, you have an incredible opportunity to guide your child through life's daily decisions—teaching them how to slow down, pray, and consider the bigger picture.

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 invites us to ask for wisdom. He's not waiting to judge us—He's ready to help when we seek Him.

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

We don't have to figure everything out on our own. God leads us when we trust Him and follow His way.

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is worth pursuing. It may not always be easy, but it's always valuable.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- What do you think it means to be wise?
- What helps you know the difference between a good choice and a bad one?
- Have you ever made a choice you regretted? What did you learn?
- Who do you go to when you need help deciding something?
- What's one wise choice you made recently?
- What do you think God wants you to do when you're not sure what to choose?

LIVE IT OUT

Challenge your child to start a "Decision Journal." Each day or week, have them write down one choice they had to make and reflect on how they made it. Did they ask God for help? Did they think about the consequences? Were they proud of their decision? This habit builds awareness and helps them practice seeking God in real life.

You can also make a "Wisdom Chart" together. On one side, write examples of wise choices (like being honest, forgiving someone, or speaking up for a friend). On the other side, write examples of foolish choices (like lying, gossiping, or going along with peer pressure). Talk through the consequences of each. Then, as situations come up during the week, refer back to your chart to process them together.

PRAY TOGETHER

Take a moment to pray with your child, asking God to guide them in everyday decisions. Keep it simple and sincere—He loves hearing from both of you.

"God, help us make wise choices that honor You. Give us the courage to do what's right, even when it's hard. Thank You for always being with us. Amen."

