

MAKING WISE CHOICES

3RD GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Help your child begin to understand that every choice they make matters to God. Teach them how to seek His wisdom when making decisions—big or small—so they learn to trust Him more with their life.

WHAT TO KNOW

Third graders are growing in independence and face more daily choices—how to act, who to follow, and what kind of person to be. While they're still learning to connect actions with consequences, this is a great time to talk about how wisdom isn't just about right vs. wrong—it's about choosing what honors God. Through stories, examples, and Scripture, you can show them that God wants to help them live wisely.

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

When we teach kids how to walk with God now, they'll carry that wisdom with them for life.

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust ... Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Psalm 25:1–4
When we trust God and ask for His guidance, He helps us make decisions that lead us in the right direction.

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 is always ready to help us make wise choices when we ask Him.

The Bible also shows us real-life examples of wisdom in action. Solomon asked God for wisdom and became known as one of the wisest leaders (1 Kings 3:5–14). Daniel made the hard choice to follow God even when it set him apart (Daniel 1:8–17). Jesus paused to pray before choosing His disciples, showing us how to seek God before big decisions (Luke 6:12–13). And Joseph forgave his brothers and trusted God's bigger plan (Genesis 50:15–21). Each of these stories reminds us that wisdom starts by turning to God first.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- What kinds of choices do you have to make each day?
- How do you decide what's the right thing to do?
- Do you think God cares about all your choices—even small ones?
- What's one thing you could pray about before making a decision this week?
- Has there ever been a time you made a choice that felt hard but right?

Use these questions to open up a conversation about how God wants to guide every part of our lives—even in small decisions—and that asking for wisdom is something we can do anytime.

LIVE IT OUT

Help your child begin building a rhythm of turning to God when faced with decisions. Try starting a weekly “Wise Choice” moment where you each share a decision you made and how you asked God for guidance. Read Bible stories together and ask what your child might do in a similar situation.

Create a “Wise Choice Jar”—have them write down one wise choice they made each day or week. Decorate the jar together and make it part of your routine. At the end of the month, read the notes and celebrate how they're growing.

You can also help them create a short prayer they say when making decisions, like “God, help me choose what honors You.” These small steps help your child see that seeking God's wisdom is part of everyday life—and that He cares about every choice they make.

PRAY TOGETHER

Encourage your child to talk to God about the choices they face. Remind them that they can ask for wisdom anytime, and God promises to give it.

"God, thank You for helping us know right from wrong. Please give us wisdom in the choices we make. Help us to do what honors You, even when it's hard. Amen."

