

# MAKING WISE CHOICES

## 2ND GRADE

### OBJECTIVE

Help your child grow in confidence when making choices by teaching them to ask for God's wisdom, consider what honors Him, and learn from their own decisions.

### WHAT TO KNOW

Kids in 2nd grade are learning how to handle more independence. They may be choosing how to respond in friendships, how to spend free time, or how to act when they're feeling frustrated or left out. These daily decisions are shaping who they're becoming—and it's the perfect time to begin helping them understand what it means to make wise choices that honor God.

They're also becoming more aware of consequences and starting to recognize how their choices affect others. It's important to remind them that wisdom isn't about always being right—it's about slowing down, asking for help, and choosing what's good, kind, and true. The great news is that your child doesn't have to figure it out alone. God promises to give wisdom when we ask, and He uses parents, trusted adults, Scripture, and prayer to help guide the way.

### TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

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

God invites us to ask for His help, and He promises to give us wisdom when we do. We never have to make choices on our own.

*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

When we rely on God, He helps us make decisions that lead us in the right direction—even when it's hard or confusing.

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.* Psalm 119:105

The Bible gives us light to see what's right and helps guide our everyday choices. God's truth can lead us step by step.



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## TALK ABOUT IT

- What is a wise choice you had to make recently?
- How do you know if something is a wise choice?
- Who do you go to when you need help making a decision?
- Why do you think God wants us to make good choices?
- What's one choice you made that turned out really well?

## LIVE IT OUT

Look for small ways to invite your child into decision-making throughout the week. Let them choose between two dinner options, decide how to spend a quiet afternoon, or help think through a problem at school. Each moment is a chance to pause and ask God together for wisdom in making the best choice.

You can also create a simple “wise or unwise” sorting game. Write real-life situations on slips of paper—like helping a classmate, telling a lie, or yelling in anger—and have your child sort them into two piles. Talk through what made each choice wise or unwise and how God helps us grow in wisdom over time.

For ongoing practice, you could make a “Pause and Pray” poster together and hang it in your home. Use it as a gentle reminder that when we don't know what to do, the best place to start is with God.

## PRAY TOGETHER

Let your child hear you ask God for wisdom too—this models what it looks like to rely on Him daily.

“God, help me make wise choices that honor You. Thank You for helping me even when it's hard. Please guide my heart and help me do what's right. Amen.”

