

Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.

Read James 3:17

DAY

1

Wisdom Wanderer

Sometimes we have to look high and low to find the wisdom we need. Grab a partner and play a game of hide and seek with an object from around your house. One hides the object and the other searches high and low for its location. Take turns searching high and low.

Know that seeking wisdom can either be easy or hard but if you look you will find it!

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2

Written Wisdom

Grab some supplies and draw a treasure map to "Wisdom Land." What will Wisdom Land look like on your map? Maybe you have to cross mountains, rivers, and valleys to get there! How hard will it be? Give your map to a friend and tell how to find wisdom.

Look for ways that you can be wise every day!

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3

Word to the Wise

Look up this week's verse, James 3:17. Read the verse with an adult and talk about what it means to have wisdom, to love peace, and to be full of mercy.

Remember that you can always pray to God, read your Bible, and talk to an adult when you need a Word from the Wise.

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Pray to the Wise One

God is the wisest and He is also the giver of wisdom! Think back to yesterday and recall the times you needed wisdom. Ask God to help you by praying the prayer below.

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"Dear God, You are wise and give wisdom to those who need it. Help me to become wise and use my wisdom to always make the wise choice. Thank you, God. Amen."

Wisdom is worth searching for.



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## DAY 1

### Read Luke 2:52

This month is all about wisdom which is finding out what you should do and doing it. Did you catch that? Wise people know how to make good decisions! And who wouldn't want that ability?

Wisdom is needed anytime you have a choice to make with real consequences.

#### Choices like:

- Should I play soccer this year?
- Should I invite the new kid to my birthday party?
- Should I spend 20 more minutes studying?

Every day, as you're growing physically, you also have the opportunity to grow in wisdom. And as today's verse reminds us, the same was true of Jesus. Jesus not only grew physically, but he grew mentally! Jesus understood that wisdom was worth searching for.

Make a growth chart at home. Write down your height, today's date, and Luke 2:52 next to the line. Recheck your height in six months to see how you've grown. Thank God for the truth that you are growing in wisdom and stature just like Jesus!

## DAY 2

### Read Proverbs 8:11

Have you ever searched for treasure or created a treasure map just for fun? It's exciting to think about uncovering some buried treasure hidden away, just waiting to be discovered!

What if we thought about wisdom this way? We dig for treasure because those pieces of gold or jewels we might find are valuable. But the Bible teaches us that wisdom is more precious, more valuable than rubies!

Think about it. **Making wise decisions protects you. Good choices keep you from hurting yourself and others.** That's why searching for wisdom is so important. Thankfully, God has given us His word to guide us. And He sent Jesus to show us how to live and treat others.

Create a treasure hunt for your family. "Bury" your Bible somewhere in your home (under a bed, in the back of your closet, under a pile of clothes) and then send your family on a scavenger hunt with clues to find it or create a treasure map to lead them to your hiding spot. Once you find it, read Proverbs 8:11 together and talk about why wisdom is more valuable than any hidden treasure!

DAY 3

### Read Proverbs 4:5

We all forget things sometimes. But wisdom is something worth holding on to. As we follow Jesus each day, it will be easier and easier to make wise choices as we gain more knowledge and understanding.

After all, no one wants to end up asking questions like . . .

“Why did I say that hurtful thing?

“Why did I do that hurtful thing?

“Why did I cheat or lie or try to cover up my mistake?”

**Wisdom protects us from making the kind of choices that can hurt us and others!**

That’s why it’s important to learn what God says. God made you, He loves you, and His way is best.

Write out the words of today’s verse on a piece of paper. Draw a box around the words wisdom and understanding. Mark an “X” over the word “forget.” Then draw a circular arrow around the word turn. Place your verse in a spot where your family can see it every day. Ask God to help you listen to His word and follow Him as you make decisions this week.

DAY 4

### Read Proverbs 19:27

Have you ever lost something really important?

When you lose something valuable to you, what do you do? Do you cry? Do you say, “Oh well, I guess it’s gone forever?” NO way! You search! When something important is lost, you’ll tear a room apart, looking everywhere until you find it.

**Wisdom is the same way. It’s worth searching for.** Why? Because we all need the wisdom to make choices that protect us and honor others. The great news is, we know where to find it because wisdom comes from God. When we read the Bible, when we memorize it, when we listen to God and look at the way Jesus lived, we’ll find wisdom every time! Wisdom is worth searching for.

Spend some time praying today. Thank God for the wisdom He gives. Ask God to help you listen and then trust that’s God’s way is best.

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searching for.



## Day 2

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Read Luke 2:41-52

As you read Luke 2:41-52, underline the parts of the story where Jesus is with His parents.

Next, circle the verse that explains where Mary and Joseph found Jesus.

Lastly, highlight the verse that is a hint about where we can find wisdom.

There should be one verse that is underlined, circled, and highlighted. (Spoiler: it's verse 46.)

Just as Jesus went to the temple, sat among the teachers, and listened to them, you too can find wisdom when you search for it in God's Word with the help of your church and friends who follow God!



## Day 3

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**The wisest man in the world, King Solomon, wasn't born that way. He actually asked God for wisdom, and God gave it to him!**

Wisdom does take a bit of effort on our part to find—but it's also simple to find, and God wants to share it with us. In fact, Jesus' own brother, James, wrote about it in James 1:5: *If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. (NIRV)*

All you have to do is ask—ask God, ask friends who follow God, look for it in the Bible—and then listen to what God has to say!

Today, start out your search by asking God for wisdom! After all, wisdom is worth searching for.

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Dear God, thank You for the promises You give us in Your Word: to guide me, lead me, and give me wisdom. I want to grow in wisdom. Please reveal Your wisdom as I read the Bible, talk about You with others, and ask questions and listen to what You have to say. Thank You for showing me what I should do, and please help me follow through and do it. In Jesus' Name, I pray, amen.

## Day 4

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Who is someone that you see as wise?

It might be someone who has:

- ▀ Lived a lot of life
- ▀ Spent a lot of time reading God's Word
- ▀ Been following God for a long time
- ▀ Made a lot of wise choices
- ▀ Made some not-so wise choices, but learned from them

Once you've thought of someone who seems to fit some of these wisdom qualifiers, reach out to them to pick their brain. Ask them how they came to be so wise. Ask them what they think it means to be wise, and why they think wisdom is worth searching for. And ask them to share their best piece of wisdom with you, and to pray for you on your own search for wisdom.

## Day 5

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**What does it mean to be wise?**

Finding wisdom is a journey. It's something you learn more about every day, as you grow in your relationship with God. The more you learn about God, the wiser you get, and the more wise choices you will make.

In the Bible, whenever God showed more of Himself to His people, they often built an altar as a way of remembering what God did. This month, as you learn more about God and He shares His wisdom with you, take some time to write down what you've learned, so you won't forget.

Get a sheet of paper and some fun coloring supplies of your choice. You can do a combination of art and words to illustrate what you have learned this week. Each week, you'll add to this sheet of paper (which you will hang as your Wisdom Wall) with more wisdom that you've learned from God's Word, from talking to God, and from talking to other wise people.

Be sure and include some of the wise advice you received from your interview yesterday, as well as the words of James 1:5. When you're done, hang your Wisdom Wall somewhere you will see it every day.

