

Wisdom: *How to Get Wisdom*

November 17, 2021

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27, James 1:5

Story Point: God gives me wisdom when I ask Him for it.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share ways they like to learn new things.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- For fun: If you had a huge roll of duct tape, what would you do with it?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Luke 19:1-10

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Matthew. Who can tell me where Matthew is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Matthew is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Matthew in? (New Testament - we can remember that the New Testament starts with Matthew and all four gospels.)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Matthew is the first book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 7. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 24-27. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **26** But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." **Matthew 7:24-27**

5 If any of you need wisdom, ask God for it. He will give it to you... **James 1:5**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. I want you to draw a picture of this story. While you are drawing we are going to watch the video. You are going to love the video today, it is lots of fun. (Pass out pencils to each kid)

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: God gives me wisdom when I ask Him for it. Let's say that together: "God gives me wisdom when I ask for it." **How many of you think God is good? Is God good all the time? (yes) Part of growing to be more like Jesus, means we worship God all the time.** In our Bible Story today, we saw a story Jesus told to help us know how to make decisions. Making decisions also requires some trust. As you keep growing I would expect your trust and love for God would grow. As it grows so will how you worship God, or show Him how much He means to you.

Remember, this whole year we are talking about how to do better and different because we believe in Jesus. One way we can do better is making worship a big part of your day, before school, during school, after school, at meals, at bedtime. You can look for and praise God anywhere, anytime and no one has to know you are worshipping.

Discussion Questions

- What does wisdom mean? (Knowing and choosing God's way)
- What's the difference between being smart and being wise? (Being smart is only about your brain. Being wise means you know God's way in your heart, and you choose to follow it.)
- Jesus is a firm foundation. It is wise to build our lives on Him. How do you think we can do that? (Ideas: follow Jesus, learn God's way, obey God's way, ask others to help you, pray for wisdom, etc.)
- How long do you think it takes to learn all of God's wisdom? (Your whole life, and even then, you still won't have all of God's wisdom! He knows a bigger picture of everyone's life than any of us will ever figure out)
- **Read James 1:5:** "If any of you need wisdom, ask God for it. He will give it to you..." Who will give us wisdom when we ask for it? (God) How do we get it? (Ask for it; look in the Bible)
- What can you do this week to learn more about God's way? (Study the Bible, do things I learn in small group, learn from others who follow Jesus, etc.)
- What do you think can help you remember to choose God's way instead of your own way? (answers will vary)

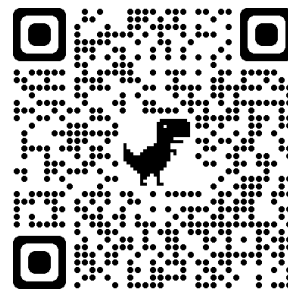
Pray

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
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- In what way can your group praise God this week? Write how you plan to worship God this week in your Impact Kids Book
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"God, thank You for Your promise to give us wisdom. Please help us remember to ask for it. In Jesus name, Amen!"

Dismiss

- Connect with families picking up their kids. Share something positive about their kid today.
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Wisdom: *How to Make Decisions*

December 1, 2021

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-46, Proverbs 3:6

Story Point: When I have tough decisions to make, God helps me.

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So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Matthew is the first book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 26. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 36-46. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together.

Who wants to read first? Read now:

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to

them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." **37** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. **38** Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. **41** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. **44** So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. **46** Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!" -

Matthew 26:36-46

6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:6**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. I want you to highlight these words in the passage we read: Keep watch, watch, pray, you(r) will,

prayed, rise. Let's watch our video today. See if you hear these words in this video too. (Pass out a highlighter to each kid)

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: When I have tough decisions to make, God helps me.. Let's say that together: "When I have tough decisions to make, God helps me" **The words you highlighted today and we heard in the story, show us things we can do to be ready to hear God; keep watch, pray, seek God's will, rise(be alert)** In our Bible Story today, we saw a story about Jesus and how he made decisions. Making decisions also requires some trust. As you keep growing I would expect your trust and love for God would grow. As it grows so will how you worship God, or show Him how much He means to you.

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Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to "Seek His will in all you do?" (When you need to make a decision, take a minute to ask God what to do or read your Bible)
- When should you ask God for wisdom? (When you have a decision to make, when you're not sure what to do, when people tell you to do different things, etc.)
- In the Bible story, Jesus made a hard decision: He chose to die on the cross. What do you think made Him choose to do that? (answers will vary)
- What decisions do you think kids usually need God's wisdom to make? (answers will vary)
- **Read Proverbs 3:6:** "Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Who will show us what the wise

decision is when we have a choice to make? (God) How does He show us? (When we seek Him)

- What can remind you to make a habit of asking God each time you need wisdom? (answers will vary, encourage kids to find ways to build habits that puts God as the biggest part of every day)
- What do you think you should ask God for wisdom about this week? (answers will vary)

Pray

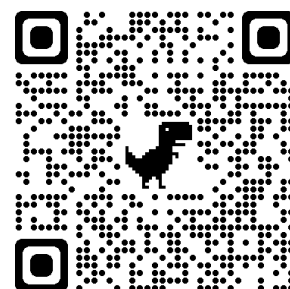
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Please help us follow it. In Jesus name,
Amen!"

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Wisdom: Learn from Your Mistakes

December 8, 2021

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62, John 21: 15-19, Proverbs 26:11

Story Point: God can help me learn from my mistakes.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share ways they like to learn new things.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- For fun: What's the latest you've ever stayed up at night?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Luke 22:54-62, John 21:15-19

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Luke and John. Who can tell me where Luke and John are in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Luke and John. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible are Luke and John in? (New Testament - we can remember that the New Testament starts with Matthew and all four gospel- Mark, Luke then John.)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Luke is the third book in the New Testament. John is the fifth book. (put a piece of paper at John we will go there in a minute) Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 22. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 54-62. Now let's mark John. Big number is 21, the little number closer to the words is 15-19. Put your

book mark there. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read Luke together.

Who wants to read first? Read now:

54 Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. **55** And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. **56** A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

57 But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

58 A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

59 About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

60 Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. **61** The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."

62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.
Luke 22:54-62

Now flip to John 21.

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" **John 21:15-19**

11 As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness. **Proverbs 26:11**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. We are going to summarize these passages into 4 or less sentences. (Idea: Peter loved Jesus. Jesus said Peter would deny that He knew Jesus. Peter denied He knew Jesus 3 times. Peter was crushed. When Jesus returns He talks to Peter and asks Him, Do you love me? Peter loves Jesus so much Jesus asks Him to feed and care for His people. Let's watch our video today and see how they illustrate this story. (Pass out pencils to each kid)

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: God can help me learn from my mistakes Let's say that together: "God can help me learn from my mistakes." **What did Peter learn from Jesus in our story today?** (How much Jesus loves each of us, even when we mess up.) When we have a choice to make or decision to make, we can trust God, because He will love us even if we mess up. We can apologize and

He forgives us and we can try to do better next time.

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Discussion Questions

- When is making a mistake a good thing? (When you learn from it and try not to make it again.)
- Think about the Bible story. When Peter made a huge mistake, what did he learn? (If you make a mistake, Jesus still loves you, and He still has good plans for you.)
- You can learn from other people's mistakes too. Talk about a mistake someone else made that you learned from. (answers will vary- share a story from your life.)
- Think of a mistake you made. Share it with the group if you feel comfortable. (answers will vary- remind The Code, respectful and trusted, kind to each other and what is shared here is not shared in public.)
- What can you learn from the mistake you shared with us? (answers will vary)
- **Read Proverbs 26:11:** "As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness." What is it like when a person repeats the same mistake over and over? (a dog who eats its puke.)
- What can you do this week when you make a mistake? (learn from it, ask God to help make a better choice next time, etc.)
- Share a mistake you make over and over. What do you think will help you quit making that mistake? (answers will vary- help kids make a plan to do better and different)

Pray

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"God, thank You for forgiving us when we choose to follow Jesus. Please help us learn from our mistakes.
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