

WEEK 1

AT HOME GUIDE

Choose
your Own
Adventure

BIG IDEA

I can be wise by
not choosing sides.

BIBLE

Wisdom and Favoritism
Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Sometimes picking sides feels like choosing between treasure or walking the plank. This week, we'll sail into the book of Proverbs to learn how favoritism causes others to feel left out. When we choose to love everyone like God does, we're sailing the right course, because I can be wise by not choosing sides.

QUESTIONS

- From what we learned from the Bible today, what's better: to have lots of treasure or be a good person who follows God? A good person!
- Who made both rich people and poor people? God.
- Does God want us to choose sides and play favorites? No, God loves us all the same.
- Who is someone you know who is wise?
 - What can you learn from this person?

ACTIVITY

Print out this week's coloring page. As your child colors, review the Bible verses from today. Use the following script to help them remember the lesson for today:

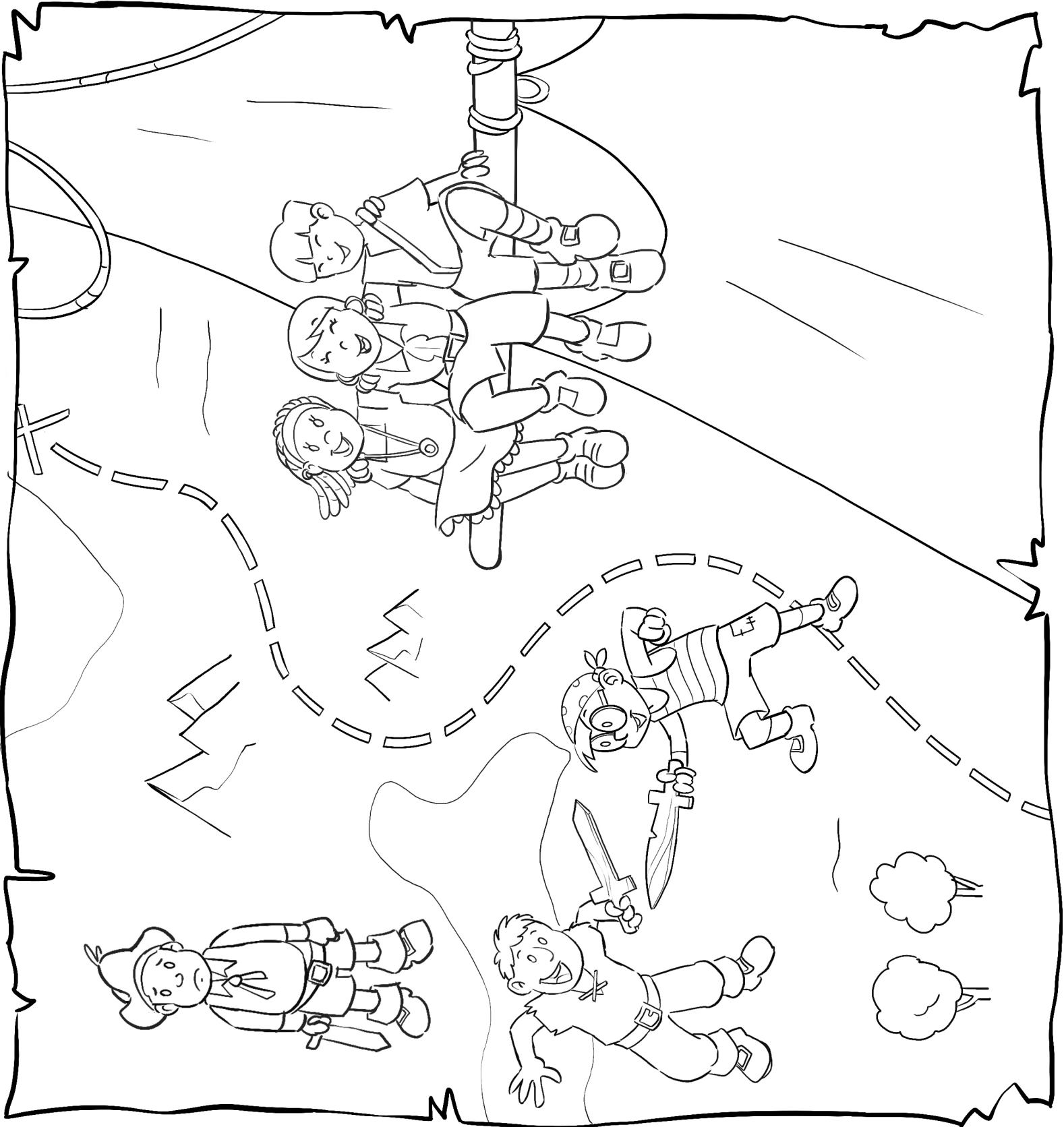
It's okay to have favorites—like your favorite food or color! What is your favorite color?

But sometimes, picking favorites can hurt someone's feelings. It's not a good choice to leave someone out or only be kind to some people.

Even if we're on different teams or don't agree, God wants us to love everyone the same. God tells us that you and I can be wise by not choosing sides.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise."—Ephesians 5:15 (NIV)

THE BIG IDEA: I can be wise by not choosing sides.
THE BIBLE: Wisdom and Favoritism: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23



WEEK 2

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I can be wise by choosing my words carefully.

BIBLE

Wisdom and Speech
Psalm 19

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Even the tiniest parrot squawk can echo across the sea—just like our words. This week, we'll explore how what we say can help or hurt as we read from the book of Psalms. Like a ship's rudder, our words steer us and others, which is why **I can be wise by choosing my words carefully.**

QUESTIONS

- What are some things we see around us that show how amazing God is? The sun, the sky, the moon, the stars.
- What is God's law? God's good instructions for us.
- King David said God's law was more precious than what? It's sweeter than what? He loved them more than gold and honey!
- What are some wise words to say?
- I can be wise by choosing my words carefully.

ACTIVITY

Grab a blank sheet of paper and have your child draw their own map! It might be a map of your house, of the neighborhood, or a pretend place. Don't forget to draw an X where you want to mark as treasure!

Pirates don't always find treasure on the first try, they usually use something to help them find it. What do they use? A map!

We don't always choose the wisest words on the first try, either. The best way to choose wise words is to practice. We are going to use this map to help us practice using wise words and see that I can be wise by choosing my words carefully.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise."—Ephesians 5:15 (NIV)

WEEK 3

AT HOME GUIDE

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BIG IDEA

I can be wise by
choosing to do good.

BIBLE

Wisdom and Actions
Psalm 1

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Helping someone swab the deck or sharing your last gold coin may seem small, but it's treasure in God's eyes. This week, we'll dive into a Psalm from the Bible to discover how actions speak louder than treasure maps. When we choose to do what's right, we're showing true wisdom, because **I can be wise by choosing to do good.**

QUESTIONS

- We learned about Psalm 1 today. Who wrote this psalm? King David.
- Does God want us to do what's right or do whatever we want? Do what's right.
- What is God's law? God's good instructions for us.
- The Bible says that people who love God's law are like a tree that's by the water or in the desert? By the water.
- Who helps us make good choices? God.

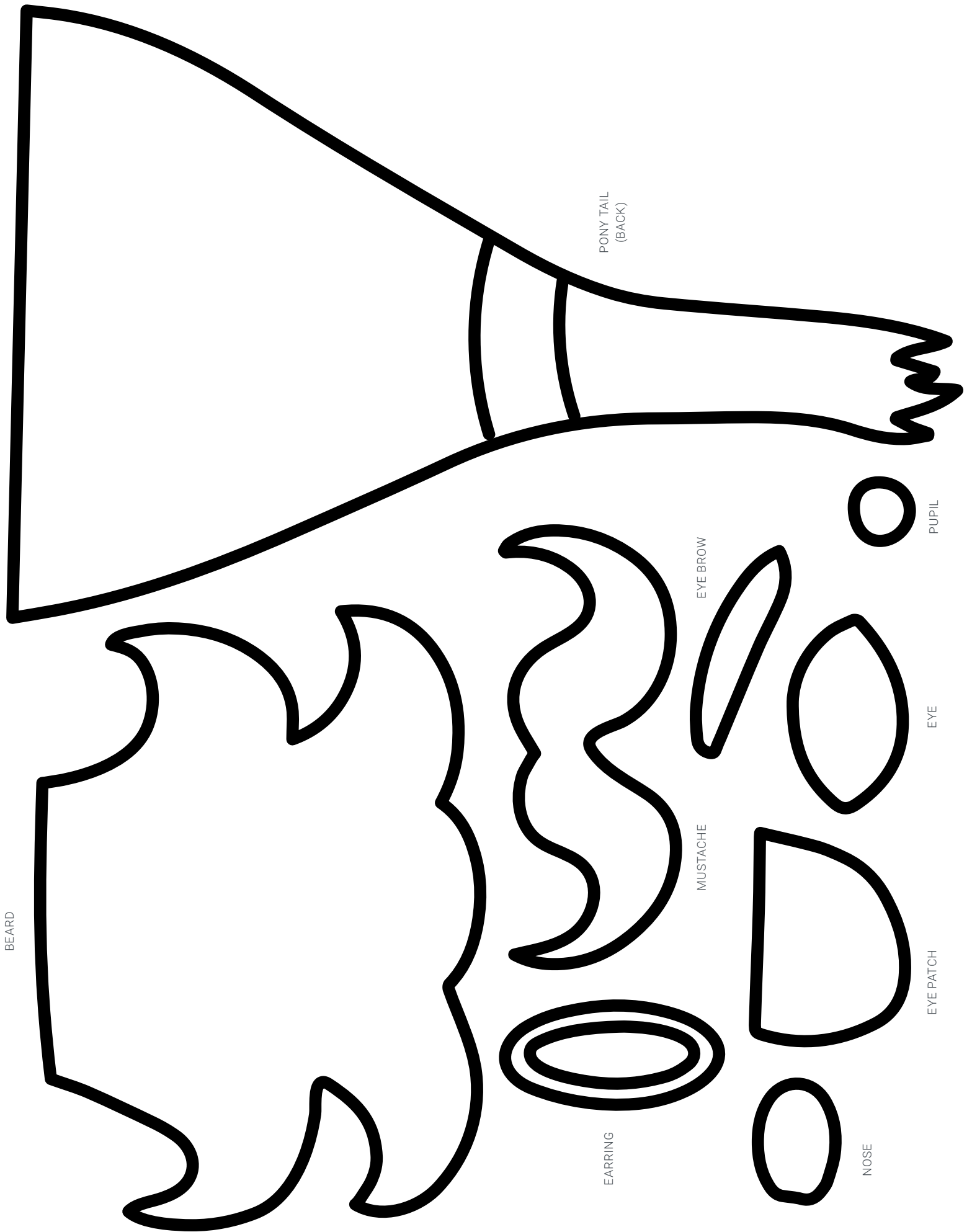
ACTIVITY

Give each kid a paper lunch bag and a handout. Let them color each piece using crayons or markers. Depending on their age, either help them cut out the pieces or provide them already cut. Show them how to hold the paper bag upside down with the flap facing them at the top—this will be the pirate's face. Help them glue facial features on the flap and the beard on the flat part below. The ponytail goes on the other side. If there's time, provide construction paper or markers for them to add a hat, bandana, shirt, and other accessories to their outfit.

Let's help our pirate puppets make good choices! What are some good and kind things you and your pirate puppet can do? Will God say these are wise choices?

Doing good makes God happy. I can be wise by choosing to do good.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise."—Ephesians 5:15 (NIV)



BEARD

PONY TAIL
(BACK)

EYE BROW

MUSTACHE

EARRING

NOSE

PUPIL

EYE

EYE PATCH

WEEK 4

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BIG IDEA

I can be wise by
choosing God.

BIBLE

Wisdom and Faith
Proverbs 3:1–8

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Every pirate chooses a captain to follow—but the wisest pirates know to follow the one who made the seas. This week, we'll learn from Proverbs that trusting God is the wisest adventure of all. When we let God guide our choices, we stay on the best course, because **I can be wise by choosing God.**

QUESTIONS

- Who wrote the book of Proverbs? Solomon.
- What are all his proverbs about? Being wise and trusting God.
- Do the Proverbs tell us to trust God or do whatever we think? Trust God.
- Who helps us find our way when we don't know what to do? God!
- Who are some wise people who help you choose God?

ACTIVITY

Surprise Treasure: Prep a balloon by adding one teaspoon of baking soda using a small funnel. Pour about 1 tablespoon of vinegar into a separate [mini zip-top bag](#), seal it tightly, and gently insert the sealed vinegar bag into the balloon. Carefully tie the balloon closed, making sure not to burst the pouch inside. When ready, have kids punch or squeeze the balloon to break the vinegar pouch and trigger the reaction. The balloon will self-inflate! You can prepare one for each child or just a few to demonstrate. Watch [this video](#) for reference.

Sometimes we try to do things all on our own. And that's good! We can brush our teeth, choose what to wear, and put on our shoes. But sometimes doing something on our own is not the right answer. What do we do when we don't know how to share? Or when we feel mad?

We can stop and ask God to help us make a good choice. When we choose God—surprise! We grow, just like how our balloons grew! God helps us do big things when we follow where God leads us. We just have to choose to listen.
I can be wise by choosing God!

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