

Wisdomland - God can help you make the wise choice

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Read 1 Samuel 16:1-7

In our Bible story, Samuel was looking for a new king for Israel. He saw Jesse's older sons and thought they looked so strong and fit to be a king. But God saw differently. God reminded Samuel that while people look at outward appearances, God looks at the heart. He cares about your kindness, your willingness to obey, and your love for Him. God showed Samuel that the wise choice wasn't always the obvious one. He sees what's truly good inside, not just what's shiny on the outside.

God cares about what kind of person you are on the inside.

He values a gentle spirit and a humble attitude even more than outward strength or beauty.

Circle the words above that describe what God looks for in a person's heart!

DAY 3

Read 1 Samuel 16:8-13

It's easy to judge someone by what you see, isn't it? Have you ever been surprised when someone turns out to be different than what you originally thought about them?

Samuel almost did that when he was looking for the next king. But God revealed that David, the youngest son who was out tending sheep, was His chosen one. David was anointed with oil, a special sign that God had chosen him, and the Spirit of the Lord came on David with power. This didn't mean David instantly became king; he went back to his shepherd duties. But it meant God was with him, preparing him for great things.

God can also fill us with His Spirit, even when we feel too small or unimportant. God can and will fill us with His Spirit and use us! God often chooses unexpected people to do His work, showing His strength through our weaknesses. He equips us for every good purpose.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

God looks at what is in the _____. God chose _____ to be king. The _____ of the Lord came on David with power.

Read 1 Samuel 17:1–50

Take a moment to talk to God. You can say something like this: “Dear God, thank You for always being with me. Please give me Your wisdom to make good choices today and this week. Help me to remember that You are bigger than any challenge I face. I love you, Amen.”

Read Proverbs 16:16

WISDOM WALK

Go for a walk around your house or yard with a grown-up. As you walk, think about three different choices you might have to make this week. It could be how to use your free time, how to respond to a friend, what to do if you see someone struggling. For each choice, talk with your grown-up about what a “wise choice” would look like in that situation and why.

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Have you ever been on a really wild roller coaster? One minute you're climbing high, the next you're swooping down! Life can feel like that, right? One day you're excited, the next sad or worried.

King David, who wrote many Psalms, knew about big feelings. Before he was king, he was a shepherd boy in nature, much like in Psalm 23. He watched his sheep, writing songs about God's amazing creation. David learned that God is like a good shepherd, always caring for His sheep, no matter how tough the path.

Just as a shepherd guides his sheep to green pastures, God wants to guide your emotions. Even when life feels wild or scary, God is right there, helping you find peace and rest. He guides us, restores our souls when weary, and walks with us through everything. It's okay to have all sorts of feelings. The wisest choice is to bring every single one to God! He understands and will help.

When have you felt a roller coaster of emotions?

DAY 3

Read Psalm 8

Have you ever faced a tricky problem or a tough decision? What did you do? You might ask for help, or think really hard.

King David, even as a shepherd boy, made incredibly wise choices because he trusted God. Remember how he faced Goliath? Everyone else was scared, but David relied on God's power. That was a super wise choice! Because of his wisdom and bravery, King Saul invited David to play music for him and lead his army.

Psalm 8 reminds us how truly amazing God is. He made everything in the universe, from tiny bugs to huge stars! If God is that powerful and wise, imagine how much wisdom He can give you! When you focus on God, you can ask Him for help to make wise choices every day. Whether it's picking good friends, being kind, or studying, God gives us wisdom.

One wise choice I want to make this week is:

Read Psalm 18

Draw a picture of something that reminds you of God being your “rock” or “fortress” when things are tough. It could be a strong castle, a cozy fort, or anything that makes you feel safe and secure. Hang it up where you can see it to help you remember to trust God.

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Read Psalm 1

Pray today, thanking God for His word, the Bible!

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Read 1 Kings 3:4-15

Imagine you're at Wisdomland, a super cool theme park. You have a special pass to ask for anything to make your day awesome. Would you ask for unlimited candy? Unlimited rides? No waiting lines?

When Solomon became king, God appeared in a dream and said, "Ask for anything." Solomon could have asked for wealth, fame, or to defeat enemies. But he asked for wisdom! He knew being a good leader meant making wise choices. God was pleased and gave him wisdom, wealth, and honor!

Like Solomon, we can ask God for wisdom. It's like asking for the ultimate guide through life's ups and downs. God wants to give it to you!

If God told you right now, "Ask for anything," what would you ask for and why?

DAY 3

Read Proverbs 15:1; 3:5-6; 17:17

Think about your friendships. What makes a good friend? Kindness, trust, and loyalty. Did you know wisdom is like a really good friend?

God gave Solomon amazing wisdom, and we see it in Proverbs. Proverbs 15:1 teaches that a gentle answer calms anger. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us to trust God with all our heart. Proverbs 17:17 says a true friend loves at all times. Wisdom helps us be that kind of friend.

God wants to the best for you! He wants to give you wisdom for every part of your life.

CIRCLE THE BEST CHOICE:

1. When someone makes you angry, you should:

- Yell back.
- Stay angry forever.
- Ask God to help you have a gentle response.

2. When you don't know what to do, you should:

- Try to figure it out yourself.
- Ask the Lord to help you.
- Just don't do anything.

3. A good friend:

- Only hangs out when it's fun.
- Loves at all times.
- Only cares about themselves.

DAY 4

Read Proverbs 16:1-16

God wants to give us strong wisdom! Proverbs 16:16 says: "It is much better to get wisdom than gold...understanding than silver." Wisdom is more valuable than any treasure! How can you find more wisdom? Spend time in God's Word, the Bible. Solomon wrote many wise sayings in Proverbs!

WISDOM WORD SEARCH: Create your own word search puzzle with words related to wisdom from the Proverbs we've discussed:

- WISDOM
- TRUST
- FRIEND
- GENTLE
- ANSWER
- HEART
- GOD
- PROVERBS

Ask a family member to find the words! Remember, wisdom is all around us in God's Word, waiting for you to discover it.

DAY 5

Read James 1

James 1:5 says: "If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault" (NIRV). When you ask for wisdom, God can give you a new idea, direction, or peace. He can also give you wisdom through others who follow Jesus.

Ask God for wisdom anytime you need to make a tough choice. He's always ready to help!

Today, thank God for giving wisdom, you can pray something like this. "Dear God, thank You for giving me wisdom. Like Solomon, I know I can't do things on my own. Please give me wisdom to make wise choices today and every day. Help me trust in You and look to Your Word. Thank you for always being with me and giving me the wisdom I need. I love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

When do you need wisdom?

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The history of the kings in the Bible had more ups and downs than the craziest roller coaster ride! After King Solomon, who was super wise at first, his son Rehoboam became king. Rehoboam had to make a big choice about how to treat the people. His older, wiser advisors told him to be kind. But he listened to his younger friends, who told him to be mean. This was an unwise choice that split the kingdom in two!

This decision sent God's people on a wild, up-and-down time in their lives. Some kings, like Ahab (who we'll talk

about more soon!), chose to do terrible things and led the people away from God. Their choices mattered, affecting a whole nation. Our choices matter too, even the small ones.

Write down one choice you made recently that felt like an "up" (good) or a "down" (not so good)?

DAY 3

Read 1 Kings 21:1-16

When you're at a theme park, you choose which ride to go on, right? Some kings of Israel chose an "unwise path" instead of God's wisdom! King Ahab ignored God's wisdom and worshipped false gods. He even wanted a vineyard that belonged to a man named Naboth. When Naboth wouldn't sell it, Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, made a very unwise choice: they lied and had Naboth killed to take the vineyard.

Ahab chose a path of greed and dishonesty, completely ignoring the better path. His decisions caused big trouble for himself and the whole country. The Bible shows us that these unwise choices led to bad consequences. What we say and how we treat others can also lead to good or bad outcomes. That's why it's so important to ask God for wisdom!

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

- King Ahab chose an _____ path instead of God's wisdom.
- Ahab and Jezebel chose to _____ about Naboth to get his vineyard.

- This story shows how _____ choices can lead to big problems.

*Answers: unwise, lie, unwise

DAY 4

Read 2 Chronicles 34:1-4

Even with all the bad kings, some kings in Judah made wise choices and led the people closer to God.

King Josiah was only eight years old when he became king, but he decided to follow God! He cleaned up the Temple, and guess what? They found God's Law book, which had been lost! When Josiah heard God's words, he knew he had to lead the people back to God. His wise choice led the whole nation to repent and celebrate God. You don't have to be old to make wise choices! Even small choices make a big difference.

DAILY CHOICE TRACKER

On a piece of paper, create a simple chart for yourself for tomorrow. Make two columns: “Wise Choice” and “Unwise Choice.” Throughout the day, when you make a choice, jot it down in the correct column. For example, “Wise Choice: Chose to do homework right away.” Or “Unwise Choice: Argued with my brother.” At the end of the day, look at your chart and see how many wise choices you made!

DAY 5

Read Proverbs 16:16–33

Did you know that all wisdom comes from God? He wants to help you make wise choices every single day. Just like the kings in the Bible, your choices matter. What you choose to say and do will shape your life and even impact the people around you.

If you practice choosing kind words instead of yelling, over time, you'll become a kinder person. If you choose friends

who show God's love, you'll be encouraged to do the same. God sent Jesus to show us what it looks like to make wise choices, to love God and love others. When you choose to pause and talk to God before reacting, or choose to do your homework right away, you're making a wise choice!

“Dear God, thank You for showing us that our choices matter. Please give me wisdom to make wise choices in what I say and do. Help me to choose what honors You and helps others. Thank you for Jesus, who shows me how to live wisely. I love you, Amen.”

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Why do your choices matter?

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