Read: 1 Samuel 16:7 NIrV

DAY 1

God Looks at Your Heart

We often think being big, strong, or fast makes you the best. But God sees differently! In our Bible story, Samuel looked for a king. He saw strong, tall brothers, but God said He looks at your heart. God cares if you're kind, love Him, and try to do right. David was just a shepherd, but God saw his heart!

Draw a heart below:



Remember, God LOOKS at your heart!

2 DAY

Listen to God's Wisdom

Sometimes, it's hard to know what to do. Samuel had a hard choice to make, picking a king! But he listened to God, and God helped him make the wise choice to pick David. When you listen to God, He helps you make wise choices, too.

Think about a time you had to make a choice. Did you listen to God with that choice?

God can help you make the wise choice.



Brave and Wise

David was chosen by God, but he was still just a shepherd boy. Then, a BIG problem came along—a giant named Goliath! Everyone else was scared, but David was brave because he knew God would help him. He didn't need big, heavy armor; he used what he had, a sling and a stone, and David trusted God. That was a wise choice! David defeated the giant because he trusted God!

ASK a grown-up to tell you about a time they had to be brave and make a wise choice.

DAY

God Gives Wisdom

God wants to help you make wise choices every single day! The Bible says wisdom is better than gold. The best way to get it is to ask God. You can also find wisdom by reading your Bible and listening to others who follow Jesus.

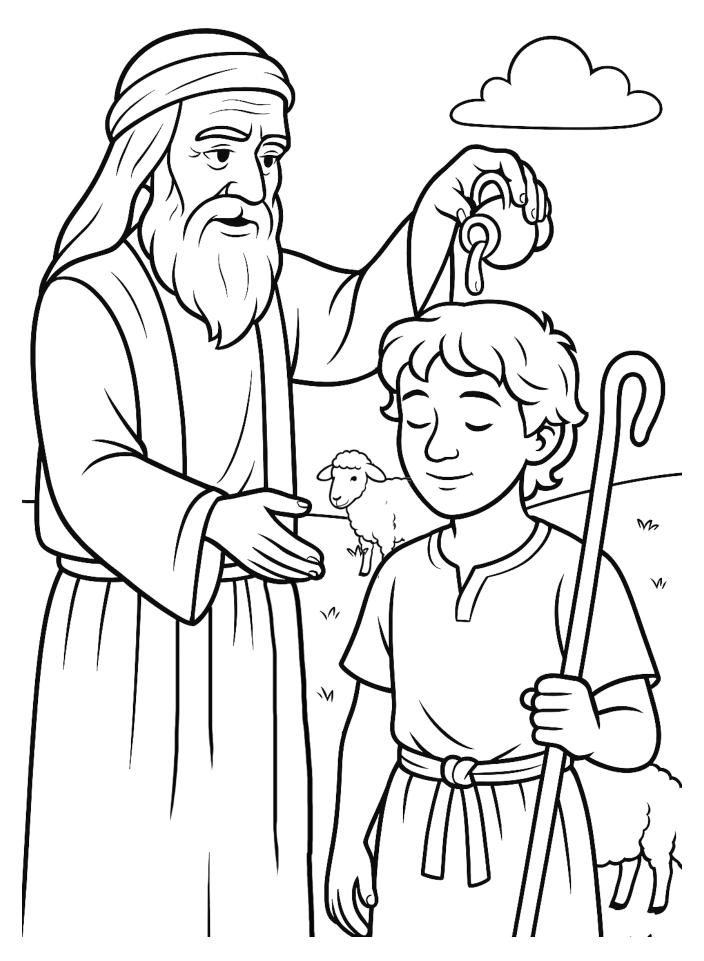
Pray today, thanking God for His wisdom! "Dear God, thank You for being so wise. Help me make wise choices today and every day. Help me listen to You as I read Your Word, the Bible. I love You, Amen."

THANK God for giving you wisdom!

A Devotional About Wisdom

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Read: Psalm 23:1-2 NIrV

DAY

Choose Wisely

Psalm 1:1 tells us that wise people don't follow bad advice or hang out with people who make fun of God. Instead, they choose paths that lead to good things. It's like going on a hike and you can either choose the path to the waterfall or the one that leads to the parking lot. You can choose to make the right choices with God's help. God can also use someone you trust to help too.

LOOK at times God helped you know what to do.

3

The Good Shepherd

Read Psalm 23:1-2 with a grown-up. God leads us and helps us know what to do. If you want to be wise, think about God and let Him lead you, just like a shepherd leads his sheep to good places.

Go for a little walk with a grown-up around your house or outside. Pretend God is your shepherd, leading you. As you walk, point out things God has given you (like a comfy bed, a yummy snack, a pet, or a fun toy). Thank God for being your good Shepherd and giving you what you need!

2

Joy in God's Word

Read Psalm 1:2 with a grown-up. What makes you happy? A yummy treat? Playing with friends? We read in our Bible verse today that someone who knows God's law has joy! They love to think about God's Word in the Bible. The Bible helps us know what God wants us to do and how to live a happy life. When we focus on God, He helps us make good choices.

KNOW God's word gives you joy!

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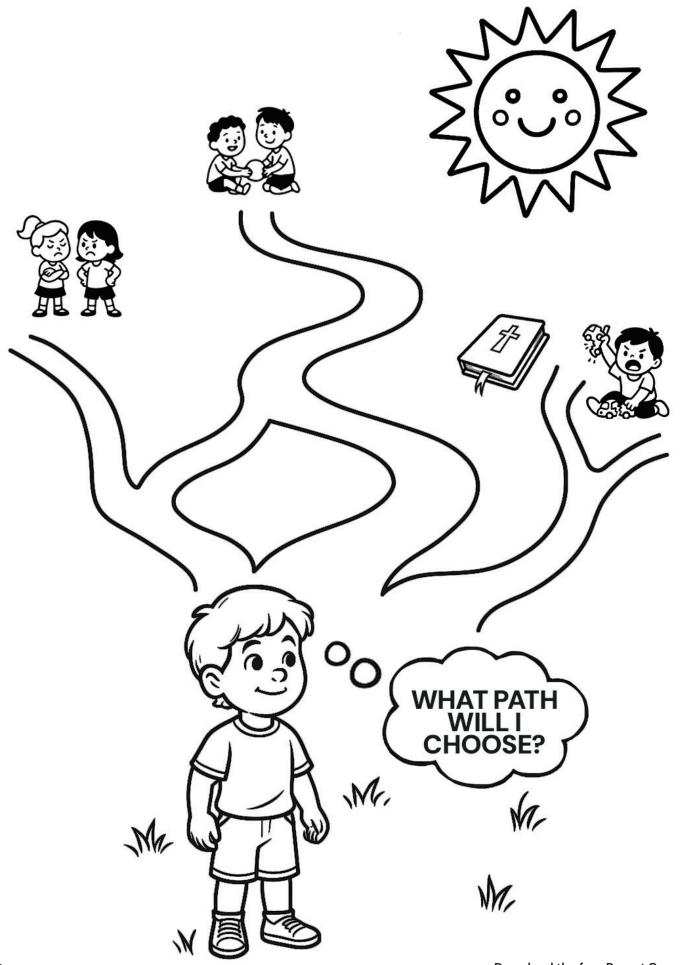
God Guides You

Read Psalm 23:3-4 with a grown-up. God is like a kind shepherd, and we are like His special sheep! Psalm 23 says His "rod and staff comfort me." This means God uses His love and power to guide us and keep us safe. You can always trust God to lead you!

Pray something like this. "Dear God, thank You for being my kind Shepherd. Thank You for helping me make wise choices. I know You are always with me, and I love You. Amen."

THANK God today that he guides you.

If you want to be wise, focus on God.



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Read: 1 Kings 3:5 NIrV

Solomon Asks

Imagine you could ask for anything in the whole wide world! Would you ask for a mountain of candy? A giant robot? King Solomon could have asked for anything, but he asked God for something super special: wisdom. Wisdom is knowing the right, good, and kind thing to do in a situation. God was so happy with Solomon's choice!

LOOK for good choices you can make today.

2

God Gives Wisdom

God loved that Solomon asked for wisdom, and guess what? God gave it to him! When you need to decide something, big or small, you can always ask God for help. He knows what's best for you and will show you the way.

DRAW A LINE FROM THE CHOICE TO THE WISE RESULT

SOMEONE IS SAD YOU COMFORT THEM

YOU FEEL MAD YOU TAKE A DEEP BREATH

YOU DON'T KNOW AN ANSWER YOU ASK A GROWN-UP

KNOW that God wants to give you wisdom.

You can ask God for wisdom.

3

Wise Words

God gave Solomon lots of wisdom, and Solomon even wrote down some wise sayings in the book of Proverbs! These wise words help us know how to be good friends, how to use kind words, and how to trust God. For example, Proverbs 15:1 says, "A gentle answer turns anger away" (NIrV). That's a wise choice for your words!

With a grown-up, think of one time you felt angry. Practice saying a gentle answer instead of a mad one.

ASK God for wisdom when you need to use kind words.

DAY

Ask and Trust

Just like Solomon, we can ask God for wisdom anytime! Wisdom helps you know how to share or how to be a good friend. When you ask God for wisdom, you can trust that He will give it to you. He might give you a new idea or help you feel peaceful about a choice you are making.

"Dear God, thank you for being so wise. Please give me wisdom to make good choices today and every day. I love you, Amen."

THANK God for giving you wisdom.

COLOR THE WISE CHOICE!

YOUR FRIEND DROPS THEIR BOOKS:





YOUR FRIEND GIVES YOU PART OF THEIR SNACK







Read: Proverbs 4:26 NIrV



King's Choices

Long, long ago, God's people had kings. Some kings, like David and Solomon, tried to make wise choices and follow God. But others made bad choices that led to trouble. One king, Rehoboam, listened to bad advice and made a very unwise choice that split the whole kingdom! Our choices, big or small, can really matter for ourselves and for others.

LOOK at your choices today and see if they are wise.



Use Wisdom

Just like the good kings, we can choose to follow God. When you make a wise choice, it's like a good step on your path! What you say and do will shape your life. If you practice using kind words, you'll become a kinder person.

Think about a choice you need to make this week (like what to play or how to help). Talk to a grown-up about it and ask them for help with a wise choice.

ASK God to help you make wise choices.

2

Ups and Downs

The kings of God's people had lots of ups and downs, like a roller coaster! Some kings loved God and made good choices, while other kings forgot about God and made really unwise choices.

Draw a line from the choice to the happy face or sad face:

SHARING YOUR TOYS



YELLING AT A FRIEND



HELPING A GROWN-UP



KNOW you can make wise choices.



Jesus Shows Us

All wisdom comes from God! He sent Jesus to show us what it looks like to make wise choices. Every day, you get to choose what you say and do. When you choose to pause and talk to God before you react, you are making a wise choice!

"Dear God, thank You for showing us what wisdom looks like through Jesus. I want to love others like you do. I love You, Amen."

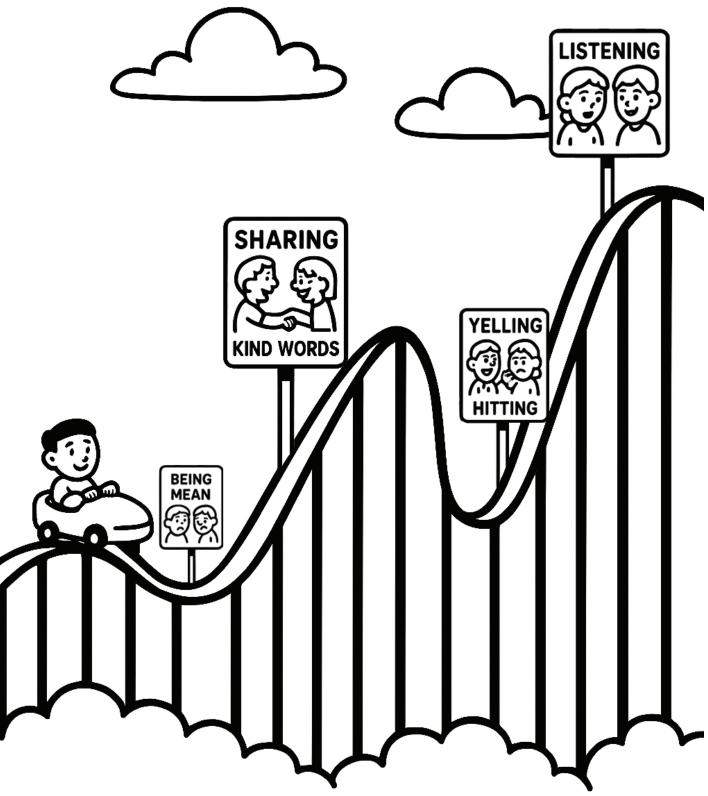


Be wise because your choices matter.

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