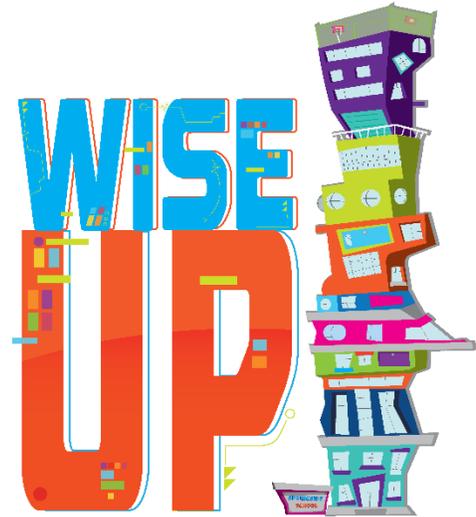


# Week 6 – Elementary

## Large Group Script



### Need to Know

I Will Be a Good Example!

### Bible Story

The Fiery Furnace  
Daniel 3

### Proverb

**“Godly people are careful about the friends they choose.” Proverbs 12:26**

#### Characters:

- ☞ **JORDAN** – Jordan is a student at Springside. He/she tends to be more sensible and responsible than Zippy. Jordan loves coming to school and everything involved with school...even Chef Cook's crazy school lunches!
- ☞ **ZIPPY** – Zippy is a student at Springside. He/she tends to be more off the wall and hyper than Jordan. Zippy loves coming to school because Springside is awesome, but doesn't really love the hard work and dedication that schoolwork takes. He/she is grossed out by Chef Cook's school lunches.
- ☞ **MRS. WISE (video)** – Jordan and Zippy's teacher at Springside. She is not actually a person, but is a virtual classroom. Each day, she gives the lunch menu, other announcements, and wise words for the students to take to heart!
- ☞ **DR. D (video)** – A substitute teacher in Mrs. Wise's class. Dr. D tries to teach us how to be a BAD example by encouraging students to make the wrong choices.

#### Props:

- ☞ **Backpacks** (2) – Jordan and Zippy each carry onstage
- ☞ **Headphones** – in Zippy's backpack
- ☞ **iPod/iPhone** – in Zippy's backpack

**PLAY Environmental Music in iTunes (until Counter fires)**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Counter**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Teaching (Logo w/ Teaching Music)**

**Worship leader(s) take stage.**

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

#### **WORSHIP LEADER**

WHAT IS UP?!?!?! How's everyone doing today? (Allow responses) We've been having so much fun learning about wisdom over the past few weeks. In fact, the song we've been singing tells us all about how to have wisdom, so let's all stand up and sing it together!

## LIGHTS DOWN

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Song** (“Wise Up”)

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Teaching** (Logo w/ Teaching Music)

## LIGHTS AT 100%

You guys are really getting the hang of that song! You might remember that last week, we learned some wise words from Proverbs 12:26. They say “Godly people are careful about the friends they choose.” We will learn more about those wise words today, so let's go meet up with Jordan and Zippy to see how they are wising up! Count it down with me! Ready?  
3...2...1...ACTION!

**Worship leader(s) exit.**

## ACT 1: A Substitute?

### LIGHTS DOWN

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Opener**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1** (Classroom w/ Acting Music)

### LIGHTS AT 100%

**JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** enter, both carrying backpacks.

**ZIPPY**

(As if finishing a joke) A QUACK-ulator! Get it? Ducks use QUACK-ulators to take their math test??  
(Laughing out loud)

**JORDAN**

(Not thinking it's funny) Uhhh...yeah, I get it. I just don't find it as funny as you do.

**ZIPPY**

(Still laughing) Ok, well let me try another one. What happened when the teacher tied all her students' shoelaces together?

**JORDAN**

(Shrugging) I dunno. (Walks over to feed Eduardo while Zippy is talking)

**ZIPPY**

(Starts laughing before giving answer) They had a class trip! Hahahahaha! Get it? A class TRIP  
(Pretends to trip)?????

**JORDAN**

(Politely laughing, but quickly walking away from Zippy and sitting down in desk) Maybe that's enough jokes for the day, Zippy. I bet Mrs. Wise is gonna want to make our morning announcements soon, so let's just have us a seat on the rear end scanners....and probably not tell any more jokes.

**ZIPPY**

*(Reluctant, but going along)* Oh, all right. But you gotta admit, I could be a comedian if I wanted. *(Sitting down in desk)*

**JORDAN**

*(Politely encouraging, sarcastic)* Suuuuuuuuuuuuure ya could.

**JORDAN and ZIPPY sit in silence for several seconds. They start looking around for Mrs. Wise.**

**ZIPPY**

*(Looking around)* Where do you think Mrs. Wise is? And why hasn't she started our announcements?

**LIGHTS AT 50%**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Wise Words (Dr. D)**

**DR. D**

Uhh...hello students. Mrs. Wise is on vacation, so I am your substitute teacher. My name is Dr. Doom...I mean Dr. D... that's right, Dr. D.

**JORDAN and ZIPPY look at each other, confused. They continue to be confused throughout video and make gestures showing that they are questioning what Dr. D is telling them.**

**DR. D**

Today's lunch menu includes peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, broccoli chips, and ABC gum.

Let's see...your related arts for today is music, but who needs related arts? Hmm...what else did Mrs. Wise want me to say? Blah, blah, blah, something about some wise words from Proverbs 12:26 that say "Godly people are careful about the friends they choose." Pshh... Who needs wise words? That sounds like terrible advice. I wasn't ever careful about the friends I chose, and I turned out great!

In fact, I think the wisest thing anyone can do is to put on some headphones and do your best NOT to learn anything! Just sit back and be lazy.

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1 (Classroom w/ Acting Music)**

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

**ZIPPY**

*(Standing up, confused)* Wait a second! How is Mrs. Wise on vacation? Isn't she *(Moving arms around in circles, as if referencing the whole classroom)* kinda stuck in here? I'm so confused.

**JORDAN**

*(Standing up, concerned)* Not as confused as I am about those *(Making air quotes)* "wise words" the sub just gave us. That doesn't sound like anything Mrs. Wise would tell us to do. The first two weeks of school she said to listen and add to what we learn. Then she told us to work hard and never quit! So I don't think she would ever tell us to stop learning and be lazy

**ZIPPY**

*(Shrugging it off, no big deal)* Yeah, but I'm sure Dr. D is just reading from the sub plans that Mrs. Wise left. I feel like we should just do what he says. *(Starts pulling headphones out of backpack while Jordan is talking)*

**JORDAN**

*(Wanting to dig further into it)* I don't know. I think we should investigate.

**ZIPPY**

*(Putting on headphones, not caring)* Yeah, yeah. You go start investigating. I'll investigate which songs my iPod will shuffle. *(Plugging headphones into an iPod or iPhone, pretending to play music, not listening to Jordan)*

**JORDAN**

*(Concerned)* Zippy! C'mon! You know this is all wrong. Mrs. Wise has set a good example for us so far and I don't think...*(Noticing Zippy isn't paying attention)* ZIPPY!

**ZIPPY**

*(Completely engrossed in music, starts singing a song - can stand up and play an air instrument, do a dance, etc., sing the words to a song that's popular AND appropriate for kids)* Because I'm HAPPY! Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof...because I'm HAPPY!

**JORDAN**

*(Pulling Zippy's headphones away from ears)* Zippy! You aren't listening to me! You know something fishy is going on around here!

**ZIPPY**

*(Taking headphones from Jordan, defensive, putting headphones and iPod/iPhone back into backpack)* Uhhhh...yeah! Something fishy is that YOU totally messed with my jam!

**JORDAN**

*(Stares at Zippy as if saying "Really?")*

**ZIPPY**

*(Reluctant, but agreeing)* Ugggghhhhhhh! Fine! Yes, I agree that this Dr. D sub is a little strange.

## **ACT 2: Detention!?!?**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Dr. D 1** *(Classroom w/ V/O of Dr. D)*

**DR. D**

Ahem! I hear an awful lot of talking for a class that's supposed to be listening to music and not doing any work! Now, get back to being lazy! And if you choose to go against what I'm telling you to do, I'll send you to detention!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1** *(Classroom w/ Acting Music)*

**JORDAN**

*(Panicking)* DETENTION?!?!? I can't go to detention! That would ruin my perfect record! I can't have that! *(Dramatic, as if scared to death of going to detention)* Plus, I hear that the teacher in

charge of detention, Mrs. Longnails, just scratches her fingernails on the chalkboard until your ears fall off!!! *(Cupping hands over ears)* I don't want my ears to fall off, Zippy!

**ZIPPY**

*(Calm and collected)* Look, Jordan, you were JUST telling me about how you thought something weird was going on with Dr. D. But Dr. D IS telling us to do something that we know is wrong. *(Serious, questioning)* Is doing the right thing worth getting sent to detention?

**JORDAN**

*(Standing up straight, brave)* Yes! It is. I think that we should be good examples for the rest of the class, just like Mrs. Wise is for us. We need to put a stop to what Dr. D is trying to do! *(Pausing, now kind of scared)* You do have a plan, don't you?

**ZIPPY**

*(Confident)* I believe I do!

**JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** huddle together and whisper for a second, coming up with a plan.

**ZIPPY**

*(After huddling for a second)* Readyyyyyy...break! *(Claps hands and breaks up huddle, speaks to Jordan directly)* You ready?

**JORDAN**

*(Nods to Zippy, then talks to Dr. D, nervous)* Excuse me, Dr. D? Could we go to our related arts class now? We are playing the bagpipes and I REALLY need the practice before our concert next month!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Dr. D 2** *(Classroom w/ V/O of Dr. D)*

**DR. D**

I told you to stop worrying about school and start being lazy! For going against what I said, both of you are going to DETENTION!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Alert SFX 1** *(Classroom w/ Alert SFX)*

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1** *(Classroom w/ Acting Music)*

**ZIPPY**

*(Panicking)* Well, that didn't work! *(Rushing over to sit down in desk)* Hurry up and sit down, Jordan!

**JORDAN**

*(Sitting down in desk and gripping it tightly)* Nooooo! Not detention!

**FLICKER LIGHTS UP AND DOWN**

**ZIPPY**

*(Trying to comfort Jordan while still gripping desk)* It's ok, Jordan! We'll make it!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Detention** *(Elevator Transition)*

**JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** grip desks tightly during elevator ride. They can both move to the RIGHT to pretend like the elevator is moving.

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 10 (Detention w/ Acting Music)**

### **ACT 3: Teaching Video**

**JORDAN**

*(Once arriving in detention, looking around and standing up, thinking everything is dreadful) It's just as bad as I thought it would be! Everything here is so dark!*

**ZIPPY**

*(Trying to be positive, standing up) We'll be ok, Jordan. I know we can get out of this. We chose to be good examples instead of doing what we knew was wrong. (Grateful) I'm just really glad that I have you as a friend. There's no way I could've stood up for doing the right thing by myself!*

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Nail Scratch SFX (Detention w/ Nail Scratch SFX; Nail Scratching a Chalkboard)**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 10 (Detention w/ Acting Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(Putting hands over ears) OH NO! That was Mrs. Longnails! Are my ears falling off yet???*

**ZIPPY**

*(Now also starting to be concerned/nervous) If only Mrs. Wise were here to help us! She would know what the wise thing is to do!*

**JORDAN and ZIPPY react to Mrs. Wise being in the room when she is talking - they are relieved, excited, hopeful.**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Mrs. Wise (voiceover of Mrs. Wise)**

**MRS. WISE**

*Hello? Did someone say my name? Is there someone else here in my vacation spot? Ahhhhh...I just love it here! The sound of nails scratching on a chalkboard is SOOOO soothing to me! Some people like the sound of waves and seagulls, but I just LOVE nails scratching on a chalkboard!*

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 10 (Detention w/ Acting Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(Relieved, excited) Mrs. Wise! You're here with us in detention?!?! I'm so glad we aren't alone!*

**ZIPPY**

*(Interjecting, rushing to tell Mrs. Wise everything) Mrs. Wise! You'll never guess what happened! Our substitute is doing things all wrong! He's telling us to do things that go against what you've said is right! (Discouraged) We wanted to be good examples for the rest of the class by doing the right thing, but then we just ended up here in detention.*

**JORDAN and ZIPPY move out of the way of the projector during Bible Story.**

**LIGHTS DOWN**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Teaching Video (Mrs. Wise)**

## MRS. WISE

You know what? It is very rare that we have a bad substitute teacher here at Springside, but when we do, our students always know how to be good examples and do the right thing.

For example, I had a class a few years ago that was competing in the annual Springside Olympics. The Olympic event was one big race made up of five different parts. To start the event the racers had to eat THREE of Chef Cook's spicy jalapeno covered pickles! Then, they had to race to the top of the school, all 25 flights of stairs!

From there, they had to do a trick off the diving board into the pool on the 22nd floor. Once in the pool they it was time to shoot a basketball onto the courts beside the playground. Finally, the racers had to get out of the pool and walk on their hands, through the slimy baked bean pit, all the way to the finish line!

The Springside Olympics are very competitive and a boy named Angus Whopper told the rest of the class how they could CHEAT in order to win. All they had to do was hide the pickles in their pockets, sneak away to the elevator and head straight to the roof.

All the kids in the class agreed and they were ready to cheat but three friends stood up for the right thing. They said they weren't going to cheat. Even though my student threatened to give them atomic wedgies, they decided to be good examples for the rest of the class by choosing to do the right thing.

Because those three friends wouldn't cheat, they convinced their friends in the class not to cheat either, pretty soon, no one wanted to cheat! This made Angus so angry that he gave up and quit. They were one man short but decided to compete anyways! And wouldn't you know it!? They took FIRST PLACE!

I found this all out later, and I have to say I was so proud of my class for not cheating. They remembered wise words Proverbs 12:26 "Godly people are careful about the friends they choose." You see, those three friends wised up and carefully chose to be a good example to their class instead of following someone else's un-wise idea! This is why it's wise to carefully choose good friends who will be a good example for you to follow.

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 10 (Detention w/ Acting Music)**

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

## **ACT 4: We're Back!**

**JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** stand back up.

**JORDAN**

*(Realizing what they need to do)* Wow, Mrs. Wise is right. Those friends from her class stood up for what was right and they set a good example for others. Since they chose to wise up and make a good choice, they were rewarded!

**ZIPPY**

*(Ready to stand up for what is right)* I agree. We need to go back to the 15th floor and let Dr. D know that our class isn't going to do what we know is wrong!

**JORDAN**

*(Starting to walk toward desk)* Well, we know what we need to do. *(Talking to the classroom, using a commanding voice)* Classroom, to the 15th floor!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Alert SFX 4 (Detention w/ Alert SFX)**

**ZIPPY**

*(Sitting down in desk, determined)* Let's do this! *(Holding on to desk)* I'm ready!

**FLICKER LIGHTS UP AND DOWN**

**JORDAN**

*(Holding on to desk, but turning to Zippy)* Hey Zippy, thanks for being with me on this. It is definitely easier to be a good example when you have good friends who are right there with ya!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Classroom (Elevator Transition)**

**JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** grip desks tightly during elevator ride. They can both move to the RIGHT to pretend like the elevator is moving.

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Dr. D 3 (Classroom w/ V/O of Dr. D)**

**DR. D**

*(Confused)* Whaaaa.....how.....your ears aren't falling off! *(Angry)* No one has ever come back from detention with their ears still intact! Who was protecting you in there?

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1 (Classroom w/ Acting Music)**

**ZIPPY**

*(Standing up, crossing arms)* Mrs. Wise was in detention with us and helped us see what is really going on here. We know what you're up to, Dr. D! We cannot do what you're asking because we know that it's wrong!

**JORDAN**

*(Joining Zippy)* We would much rather go to detention than be bad examples for the rest of the class! We want to make the wise choice and the wise choice is to follow Mrs. Wise's wise words!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_Dr. D 4 (Classroom w/ V/O of Dr. D)**

**DR. D**

Well then, it seems that my work here is done. I suppose you will just go back to doing what Mrs. Wise says...and I guess I'll have to go find another class to disrupt. I hear Old McDonald on the second floor will be out tomorrow. Good thing Dr. D is here to sub!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 1 (Classroom w/ Acting Music)**

**ZIPPY**

*(Turning to Jordan, wide eyed, panicking)* Did you hear that? Dr. D is going to teach Old McDonald's class!

**JORDAN**

*(Wide eyed, freaking out a little bit)* We gotta get there before he does! We need to warn them NOT to follow his example!

**ZIPPY**

*(Rushing)* Then what are we waiting for? Let's GO!!!! *(Grabbing Jordan's arm and pulling him/her offstage)*

**JORDAN and ZIPPY exit, with ZIPPY pulling JORDAN offstage.**

**LIGHTS DOWN**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Teaching** *(Text w/ Teaching Music)*

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

*Worship leaders take stage.*

**WORSHIP/WRAP UP**

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Oh man! I can't believe Jordan and Zippy's substitute teacher was trying to get them do things that they knew were wrong! Let's go back and talk about what happened today.

- **At first, did Dr. Doom tell Jordan and Zippy to listen to Mrs. Wise's wise words?** (No)
- **Who set a good example for the class: Dr. Doom or Mrs. Wise?** (Mrs. Wise)
- **YOU can be a good example to others, just like Jordan, Zippy, and Mrs. Wise. When you are a good example, do you make wise choices?** (Yes)

Exactly! When we make wise choices and do what is right, we are being good examples! When you are choosing your friends, it is important to choose friends who will also be good examples. And that's exactly what we need to know today! Everyone say this after me:

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk6\_N2K** *(Text w/ Teaching Music)*

**"I Will Be a Good Example!"**

*(Optional Motions)* **"I Will** *(point to self)* **Be a Good Example!** *(hands on hips)"*

That sounded great! I hope all of you will be thinking of ways you can be good examples at school, at church, at home, or anywhere you are!

And before you go to small group, let's pray together! Everyone close your eyes and bow your heads like this. *(Bow your head and close eyes)*

Prayer: **Heavenly Father, we want to be good examples for others and we know that one way we can be good examples is to make wise choices. So help us to make wise choices every day! We love you! Amen.**

*(Dismiss kids)*

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Outro**