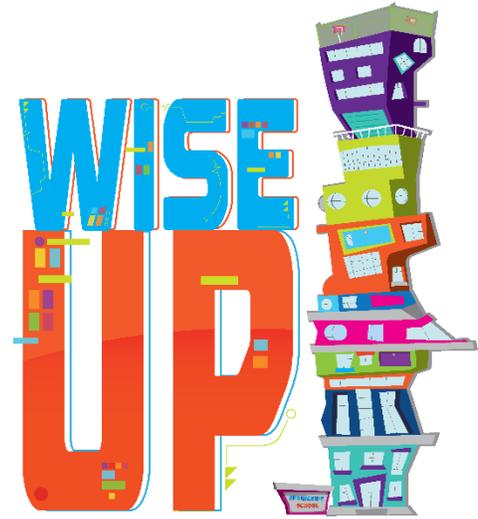


# Week 8 – Elementary

## Large Group Script



### Need to Know

I Will Be Wise!

### Bible Story

Solomon Makes a Wise Choice

1 Kings 3:1-14, 4:29-34, 10:1-13

### Proverb

***“My child, listen and be wise. Keep your heart on the right path.” Proverbs 23:10***

#### 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!
- ☞ **MR. WRIGHT (video)** – The principal of Springside School. Mr. Wright helps the students know how to make wise choices so their hearts can be on the right path!
- ☞ **MS. SCREAM N SHOUT (video)** – The librarian at Springside. She teaches us how to be wise by choosing good friends, all while making as much noise in the library as possible! Calls in this week with a problem.

#### Props:

- ☞ **Backpacks** (2) – Jordan and Zippy each carry onstage
- ☞ **Paper Airplane** – offstage for a volunteer to throw on; replace for each service
- ☞ **Pen** – 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's going on everyone???. This is the last week in our series, Wise Up, and we have been having so much fun learning all about how to have wisdom. Since this is our last week, it's also the last time we're going to sing this song. So let me get everyone to stand up and sing as loud as you can!

### LIGHTS DOWN

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Song** ("Wise Up")

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

### LIGHTS AT 100%

Wow! You sounded great! Go ahead and take a seat! Last week, we learned some wise words from Proverbs 23:19. They are "My child, listen and be wise. Keep your heart on the right path." Today, we are going to see how Jordan and Zippy learn to keep their hearts on the right path and how Springside came to be a school of wisdom! If you're ready to meet up with them, let's count it down from three. Ready? 3...2...1...ACTION!

*Worship leader(s) exit.*

## ACT 1: Principal for a Day

### LIGHTS DOWN

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Opener**

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

### LIGHTS AT 100%

**JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** enter, carrying backpacks. They are in mid conversation when they enter.

**JORDAN**

*(As if continuing a conversation)* So do you think you'll win?

**ZIPPY**

*(Excited, but nervous)* I hope so! I've entered the Principal for a Day Contest EVERY year and I've never won. I really hope this is my year.

**JORDAN**

*(Excited)* Yeah, I entered, too. *(Getting anxious/nervous)* I just want to find out who the winner is!

**ZIPPY**

*(Sad)* Aw man, Jordan! If both of us entered, then that means one of us has to lose.

**JORDAN**

*(Sad, discouraged)* Oh....I didn't think about that. *(Perking up)* But hey! Maybe BOTH of us will win! What if they decide to pick two winners this year? *(Going to sit down in desk)*

**ZIPPY**

*(Hopeful)* That would be awesome! *(Goes to sit down in desk)* You know what? The first thing I would do if I was principal for a day is take away these rear end scanners. I still think they're a little strange.

**LIGHTS AT 50%**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk8\_Wise Words (Mrs. Wise)**

**MRS. WISE**

Hello students! I'm sure you are all excited to find out the results of the Principal for a Day Contest. Mr. Wright will be announcing the results shortly.

**JORDAN and ZIPPY get excited, but then ZIPPY gets grossed out by the lunch menu.**

**MRS. WISE**

Our lunch menu for today is Chicken Stirred Fries, an egg roll, and fortune cookies! Have fun translating what your fortune cookies say!

You might remember the wise words from yesterday. They are from Proverbs 23:19 and say, "My child, listen and be wise. Keep your heart on the right path." I just wanted to remind you today that the best way to keep your heart on the right path at school and in life is to wise up! Wising up always means making the choice God wants you to make. I know that all of you can be wise and keep your heart on the right path!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Hamster SFX (Classroom w/ Hamster SFX)**

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

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

**JORDAN**

*(Reacting to hamster sound - standing up and going to feed Eduardo)* Oh! We need to feed Eduardo! *(Thinking)* Hey, if one, or BOTH, of us gets to be principal for a day, do you think Eduardo could come with us?

**ZIPPY**

*(Standing up, hopeful)* I sure hope so! It would be so lonely without him!

**JORDAN**

*(Thinking more about the principal for a day)* Zippy, if you were principal for a day, what is one thing you would ask for?

**ZIPPY**

*(Thinking)* Hmmmm...that's a tough one. *(Deciding)* I would probably ask for a zebra.

**JORDAN**

*(Making a face as if to say "that's weird")* Interesting. I'm not sure what I would ask for.

## **ACT 2: What to Do?**

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk8\_Mr. Wright** (Mr. Wright comes up on chalkboard)

During the video, **JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** cross fingers, link arms, wait in anticipation.

**MR. WRIGHT**

Attention students! I know you are all waiting on the edge of your seats to find out who has one the Principal for a Day contest! Well, I have good news. I am here to announce the winner! This year's winner of the Principal for a Day contest is..... A tie between Jordan and Zippy!

While Mr. Wright continues talking, **JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** do a celebration dance.

**MR. WRIGHT (cont'd)**

Please report to my office to begin your principal-ing! Just so you know, I will not be joining you. There is a group of judges from the National Gold Medal Award Committee here to see if Springside qualifies for their prestigious award!

I will be touring the judges around the school, so Jordan and Zippy will be in charge of all decisions while I'm gone! I'll let you know later if we win the National Gold Medal Award!

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

**ZIPPY**

(Nervous, panicking) Oh man! We are in charge of ALL decisions made today?? How are we going to do that?

**JORDAN**

(Confident) Well, Mrs. Wise has been teaching us how to wise up with all of her wise words. I bet we can use those words to help us make any choices that come into Mr. Wright's office while he's gone!

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

**ZIPPY**

(Can't contain excitement) It's time to go! We're really gonna be principals for the day!  
(Jumping up and down) I'm so EXCITED!!!

**JORDAN**

(Jumping up and down with Zippy) ME TOO!

**FLICKER LIGHTS UP AND DOWN**

**ZIPPY**

(Hurrying to sit down) C'mon! Hurry! Let's get there! (Gripping the desk tightly)

**JORDAN**

(Also sitting down) Zippy, this is a big day for us! Let's gooooo! (Gripping desk tightly)

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk8\_Office** (Elevator Transition)

**JORDAN** and **ZIPPY** ride elevator, excited the whole way. They can raise arms in the air as if they are on a roller coaster.

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 11** (Office w/ Acting Music)

### **ACT 3: Principal Probz**

**JORDAN**

(Looking around, amazed) Woooooow! We're really here! (Turning to shake Zippy's hand) Nice to meet you, Principal Zippy.

**ZIPPY**

(Shaking Jordan's hand) Nice to meet you, too, Principal Jordan.

**VOLUNTEER** throws a **paper airplane** onto stage.

**JORDAN**

(Seeing **paper airplane**) Hey, what is that?

**ZIPPY**

(Hurrying over to pick up **paper airplane**, opens it and reads it) It's our first problem to solve as principals! (Looking at Jordan, serious) Are you ready for this?

**JORDAN**

(Serious, decisive) I'm ready. Let's read it!

**ZIPPY**

(Looking back at **paper airplane**, reading it out loud) It's a letter from a new student. She says that she doesn't know what to do because there are so many strange things about Springside! She wants to know how in the world you get used to things around here and know what to do! (Looking up from **paper airplane**, handing to Jordan to read)

**JORDAN**

(Looking at **paper airplane**, pacing, thinking for a second) Hmm...hey Zippy, remember our first two days here at school? We weren't sure what to do either. We would hear the elevator alert, the chalkboard beeping, and Chef Cook's kitchen timer. At first, we hadn't learned what to do when we heard all those things.

**ZIPPY**

(Remembering) Oh yeah! Then Mrs. Wise's wise words from the Bible told us to listen and add to what we've learned! Once we really listened to those new sounds we were able to learn what they mean and now we know what to do when we hear them.

**JORDAN**

(Excited) Then she'll love Springside just as much as we do! (Pulling a **pen** out of **backpack**, starts scribbling a note on the paper) I'll write a note back to this student and tell her to follow Proverbs 1:5 which says, "Let wise people listen and add to what they've learned." (Folding **paper airplane** back into airplane shape and throwing offstage)

**ZIPPY**

We did it! We solved our first principal problem! (Giving Jordan and high five)

**JORDAN**

*(High fiving Zippy)* Yeah! I'm just glad we listened to Mrs. Wise's wise words and added them to what we've already learned at Springside!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk8\_Ms. Shout (Ms. Scream N. Shout)**

**MS. SCREAM N. SHOUT**

Hey Principals Jordan and Zippy! I have a BIG problem! One of my students here in the library, has decided to be lazy and let his brain go on vacation - a classic case of braication! Just now, we saw his brain jump right out of his head, lather on some sunscreen and take off to the beach! You've got to help me! What would be the wise thing to do?

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 11 (Office w/ Acting Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(Almost overwhelmed by problem)* Oh no! His brain left and went to the beach? That's a long trip for a brain!

**ZIPPY**

*(Agreeing, not knowing how to solve problem)* No kidding! And how are we going to help Mrs. Scream N. Shout know what the wise choice would be in this situation?

**JORDAN**

*(Seeing Eduardo, going over to his cage, getting an idea)* That's it! Remember when Eduardo helped us win the solar system contest? He didn't quit, even when things were hard.

**ZIPPY**

*(Remembering, eager to add on)* Oh yeah! Mrs. Wise's wise words were, "The lazy do not get what they want, but those who work hard will."

**JORDAN**

*(Turning to talk to the chalkboard, as if Mrs. Scream N. Shout is still there)* All right Mrs. Scream N. Shout, here's what you can do. Tell your student to start working hard again and not quit. Then, his brain will HAVE to come back and help him get an A in your class!

**ZIPPY**

*(Excited, nudging Jordan)* Man, Jordan, we are using ALL the wisdom we've learned so far this year. We're helping everyone in our school learn how to be wise and choose the right path!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Phone Call SFX (Office w/ Phone Call SFX)**

**JORDAN**

*(As if answering a phone)* Hello?

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk8\_Phone Call (Student V/O)**

**STUDENT (girl)**

Hello principals! I'm calling because I'm in detention, and I could use your help. You see, I was out on the playground when my so-called "friends" dared me to push another kid down the slide, which I KNEW was the wrong thing to do.

But I didn't want to let my friends down, so I did it anyways. One of the teachers saw me and I got sent to detention. How can I wise up now?

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 11 (Office w/ Acting Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(As if answering student)* Listen, we've had our experience in detention. And we know it can be scary. But we know some wise words that might help you make the wise choice next time!

**ZIPPY**

*(Picking up where Jordan left off)* Yep! These words are from Proverbs 12:26, and they say "Godly people are careful about the friends they choose." It's important to choose good friends who set good examples for you!

**JORDAN**

*(Still answering phone call)* Thanks for calling in! I hope those wise words help you out next time you're in a situation like that!

**ACT 4: Teaching Video**

**ZIPPY**

*(Wiping forehead as if exhausted)* Whew! Being principal is exhausting! I'm so glad that we've listened to Mrs. Wise's wise words all along. They help us be wise so we can help others be wise!

**JORDAN**

*(Leaning against one of the desks)* I know! Now, I guess we'll just have to wait for Mr. Wright to come back from giving his tour to those judges. *(Gets excited)* I hope Springside wins the National Gold Medal Award!

**FIRE:WU\_ES\_Wk8\_Teaching Video**

**MR. WRIGHT**

GREAT NEWS! The judges made their decision and Springside is now a National Gold Medal Award Winner! That's right! Our school won!!!!

Apparently, the judges of the contest were all principals from other schools and they wanted to come here to Springside to ask me questions and see how things worked around here.

You see, it's pretty common for a school to be "the school of mathematics" or "the school of engineering," but it's quite rare for schools to be known as "the school of wisdom."

Long ago, the very first principal of Springside School realized that this school needed to do something different, not just teach about school subjects. Sure, math, science, reading, and all that IS important. But it's also important to teach students how to stay on the right path while they are here! The principal wanted Springside to be a place where students came to wise up. He did this because he remembered some very important wise words from the Bible, Proverbs 23:10 "My child, listen and be wise. Keep your heart on the right path."

So he started giving wise words to students every day. Pretty soon, these students had the best test scores and were some of the best behaved students out of any other school!

In fact, other powerful leaders like the mayor, and even the president, came here to ask the principal questions. The principal answered all of their questions and they were amazed at how much wisdom he had!

Over the years, each principal of Springside has been given the responsibility of teaching wisdom to the students. When students listen and choose to be wise, their hearts stay on the right path--God's path!

I say all of that to say this: CONGRATULATIONS, Springside! You did it! I'm so honored to be your principal!

Now, I'm going to go shine this thing up a bit! I saw a tiny smudge on it when I was on my way here! See ya later!

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 11 (Office w/ Acting Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(Happy, putting an arm around Zippy)* You know what, Zippy? This is going to be a great school year! We're learning how stay on the right path from the beginning, and I know that we will continue to grow more and more wise as the year goes on!

**ZIPPY**

*(Dreaming of future)* Maybe one day, WE could be principals FOR REAL! I would love to be the one who shares wise words from the Bible with all of the Springside students each day!

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Bell SFX 2 (Office w/ Bell SFX; School Bell that dismisses students)**

**AUTO ADVANCE: WU\_ES\_Acting 11 (Office w/ Acting Music)**

**JORDAN**

*(Reacting to bell)* Hey! It's time to go! *(Kind of sad)* I can't believe our day as principals is over.

**ZIPPY**

*(Nudging Jordan)* Ya know what we should do to celebrate being great principals today?

**JORDAN**

*(Hopeful)* Go get ice cream???

**ZIPPY**

*(Excited)* You know it! C'mon, let's go!

**JORDAN and ZIPPY exit.**

**LIGHTS DOWN**

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

**LIGHTS AT 100%**

**Worship leaders take stage.**

## WORSHIP/WRAP UP

### WORSHIP LEADER

Woah! Who would like to be principal of their school for a day? *(Allow responses)* It would take a lot of wisdom to be a principal! I hope you would remember the wise words we've been learning if you were going to be principal. I have a few questions for you guys:

- **Today, Jordan and Zippy used the wise words they had heard from Mrs. Wise to help others. Where did these wise words come from?** (God, the Bible, Proverbs)
- **When you listen to what God says and make wise choices, will your heart be on the right path or the wrong path?** (The right path)
- **Can all of us be wise?** (Yes)

Exactly! When we listen to what God says, we will become more wise. Making wise choices will help our hearts stay on the right path. I know that all of you can be wise! And that's what we need to know today. Everyone say this after me:

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Wk8\_N2K** *(Text w/ Teaching Music)*

**"I Will Be Wise!"**

*(Optional Motions)* **"I Will** *(point to self)* **Be Wise!** *(two thumbs up)"*

That sounded awesome! Now, let's pray before you head to small group. Everyone bow your head and close your eyes like this. *(Model this for kids)*

Prayer: **Heavenly Father, thank you for the wise words you give us in the Bible and through other people. Help us to listen to them and be wise so that our hearts will be on the right path. We love you! Amen.**

*(Dismiss kids)*

**FIRE: WU\_ES\_Outro**