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Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.

DAY 1

Read Luke 2:52

This month is all about wisdom which is finding out what you should do and doing it. Did you catch that? Wise people know how to make good decisions! And who wouldn't want that ability?

Wisdom is needed anytime you have a choice to make with real consequences.

Choices like:

- ⇒ Should I play soccer this year?
- Should I invite the new kid to my birthday party?
- Should I spend 20 more minutes studying?

Every day, as you're growing physically, you also have the opportunity to grow in wisdom. And as today's verse reminds us, the same was true of Jesus. Jesus not only grew physically, but he grew mentally! Jesus understood that wisdom was worth searching for.

Make a growth chart at home. Write down your height, today's date, and Luke 2:52 next to the line. Recheck your height in six months to see how you've grown. Thank God for the truth that you are growing in wisdom and stature just like Jesus! DAY 2

Read Proverbs 8:11

Have you ever searched for treasure or created a treasure map just for fun? It's exciting to think about uncovering some buried treasure hidden away, just waiting to be discovered!

What if we thought about wisdom this way? We dig for treasure because those pieces of gold or jewels we might find are valuable. But the Bible teaches us that wisdom is more precious, more valuable than rubies!

Think about it. **Making wise decisions protects you. Good choices keep you from hurting yourself and others.** That's why searching for wisdom is so important. Thankfully, God has given us His word to guide us. And He sent Jesus to show us how to live and treat others.

Create a treasure hunt for your family. "Bury" your Bible somewhere in your home (under a bed, in the back of your closet, under a pile of clothes) and then send your family on a scavenger hunt with clues to find it or create a treasure map to lead them to your hiding spot. Once you find it, read Proverbs 8:11 together and talk about why wisdom is more valuable than any hidden treasure!

A Devotional on Wisdom

There's More! -

Read Proverbs 4:5

DAY 3

We all forget things sometimes. But wisdom is something worth holding on to. As we follow Jesus each day, it will be easier and easier to make wise choices as we gain more knowledge and understanding.

After all, no one wants to end up asking questions like...

"Why did I say that hurtful thing? "Why did I do that hurtful thing? "Why did I cheat or lie or try to cover up my mistake?"

Wisdom protects us from making the kind of choices that can hurt us and others! That's why it's important to learn what God says. God made you, He loves you, and His way is best.

Write out the words of today's verse on a piece of paper. Draw a box around the words wisdom and understanding. Mark an "X" over the word "forget." Then draw a circular arrow around the word turn. Place your verse in a spot where your family can see it every day. Ask God to help you listen to His word and follow Him as you make decisions this week.

Wisdom is worth searching for.

PARENT CUE

Read Proverbs 19:27

Have you ever lost something really important?

When you lose something valuable to you, what do you do? Do you cry? Do you say, "Oh well, I guess it's gone forever?" NO way! You search! When something important is lost, you'll tear a room apart, looking everywhere until you find it.

Wisdom is the same way. It's worth searching for. Why? Because we all need the wisdom to make choices that protect us and honor others. The great news is, we know where to find it because wisdom comes from God. When we read the Bible, when we memorize it, when we listen to God and look at the way Jesus lived, we'll find wisdom every time! Wisdom is worth searching for.

Spend some time praying today. Thank God for the wisdom He gives. Ask God to help you listen and then trust that's God's way is best.

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