



The Wrong Way

Materials:

- Frying pan or spoon (or any other object)

Objective: To use a certain object the wrong way and find out the consequences it can lead to.

Adults, hold up the object and say: I have a frying pan/spoon (or any object that you have). I'm going to pass it around. As you receive it, I want you to use it in a way that is different from what it is originally purposed for, which is cooking/eating. So if you cannot use a frying pan for cooking (or a spoon for eating), what else can you use it for? That is what I want you to act out. No one is allowed to repeat an action that has already been done by another person. Our game ends once someone runs out of a creative way in using the object. It is more fun if the one acting out does not explain what she or he is doing!

After the game, say: Wow! Who knew we can use the frying pan/spoon in a lot of different ways! But, I have questions! Do you think those were the right ways to use a frying pan/spoon? What do you think could happen in real life if we used the frying pan/spoon in a manner that it was not purposed or intended for (e.g. we can get hurt; the object will be destroyed)?



That was an interesting game, don't you think? Now let's see how we can connect it to our Bible story today. Today's Scripture is found in 1 Kings 3:5-12.

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

6 Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

7 "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

In our story, we learned that the Lord visited Solomon in his dream. He suddenly tells Solomon, "Ask for WHATEVER you want me to give you." Solomon could have instantly asked for power, riches, or probably even the ability to become invincible, but in the end he asked God for one gift - WISDOM.

Being a leader, like King Solomon, is a huge responsibility. Leaders make difficult decisions and whatever solutions they bring to the table can either make the people's lives better or worse. That is why a leader must be competent. Competence means having sufficient knowledge or skill to do something. When a leader has wisdom, when he has a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong (verse 9), he will be competent to make good decisions and lead properly.



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Would you like to become wise like King Solomon?
- Can you think of ways that you can do to get wisdom?

7-12 years old

- At your age now, do you think you have wisdom? Why or why not?
- Can you think of ways that you can do to get wisdom?

Kid/s to Parent:

- Can you share an instance when you did something without applying wisdom? What would you have done differently if you applied wisdom in making a decision to that situation?
- Who is one leader that you think leads with wisdom? What makes you think so?

Even at a young age, you can start gaining wisdom. You can learn about different things in school. And you can also ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom. The Bible says in James 1:5 that if you ask God for wisdom, He will give it to you. Whether from our parents, from our teachers, from our church leaders, whether at home, in school, online or offline, whether young or old, let us keep learning, keep acquiring wisdom and knowledge so we can be competent and lead effectively.



Dear God, thank You for the lesson about wisdom that we have learned today. May we always remember to know the difference between what is right and what is wrong. Holy Spirit, we ask that You guide us and give us the courage to do what is right before God's sight even if the right thing to do is difficult and is not a popular choice in the eyes of other people. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Do you know that having wisdom is not just for leaders?

Nations need leaders who are competent to run things in the government, can make sure that the people's needs are met and implement peace and security in the land. While that responsibility is a great task to bear, do you know that the citizens actually have the greatest load to carry? Why is this, you ask? It's because it is the citizens' duty to vote for the leaders of their nation. The citizens must also have wisdom and discernment in choosing the leaders of the nation who they think are wise by God's standards.

Remember, our game earlier? The consequences can also be a disaster if we put leaders without wisdom to govern our nation.