



Connect

List down habits that you have developed. Set a space on the floor for “Wise” and “Unwise” where family members can stand if the statement that is read is wise or not. Read situations/scenarios one at a time. Give time to everyone to think and decide where to stand.

Example of Habits:

1. Sleep early and wake up early for school/work.
2. Spending a lot of time playing online games.
3. Read the Bible and pray first thing in the morning.
4. Helping your parents do the household chores.
5. Eating too much sweets and junk food.
6. Setting yourself as a good example to relatives and friends.
7. Ignore a friend who is seeking help.
8. Practicing your favorite sport.

Feel free to add your own habits that are applicable to your children that will help them think and make wise decisions.

It is important to make wise decisions at all times. But how do you know what is wise and unwise?

Read the Word

Matthew 7:24-27

24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

Prudence means the ability to govern and discipline oneself by the use of reason (Merriam-Webster). As a leader, being wise does not just mean being able to govern others but you must also be able to govern yourself - how you live your life, spend your money, take care of our relationships with others and with God. God loves us so much that He provided us with His Word, the Bible, which we can use as our guide to govern and discipline ourselves, especially when faced with tough situations. But knowing what the Bible says is only half the game. We have to do what it says.



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Who is the wisest person for you? Why do you think he/she is the wisest person? Give an example of what the person did.

7-12 years old

- What was one thing that you have decided on without the help of an adult? Was the decision easy or difficult? Please share your experience.

Kid/s to Parent:

- How do we know if we are making the right choices or not? How can we make ourselves wise?
- How does being prudent help you become a better leader?

Reading and following what the Word of God says will lead us to make wise choices. Another way is to seek counsel from godly leaders and from people you trust. God's desire for us is to become good and wise citizens of the earth. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it". As your parents, it is our role to point you to God and together we can seek and obey Him as we navigate through tough times.



Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible so we can read and learn Your ways. Give us the courage and strength to always obey so we can make wise decisions. Help us to do what is right and keep us away from any temptations. Guide us so we can make decisions according to Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Who is the wisest person ever lived?

If you google this, you will find King Solomon appearing in numerous posts. Do you remember him from our previous lesson? King Solomon was the son of King David and Bathsheba, God appeared in Solomon's dream, and offered him anything he wanted. Solomon did not ask for materials or treasure but he asked for wisdom from God. God was pleased and granted him not only wisdom but an understanding heart, riches, honor and a long life.

According to 1 Kings 4, King Solomon's wisdom exceeded all of the wise men at that time. He composed thousands of proverbs and songs. He could speak with authority about many things.

Sadly, while he was able to govern his nation with competence, he did not make wise choices with his personal life. As he got older, he did not continue following God's ways. He took many wives and it became his downfall.

Source: 1 Kings 3-4, 11