



## WEEK FOUR - AUGUST 2018 - PRETEEN (456)

**Bible Story:** *Don't Stop Believin' • Proverbs 3:5-6*

**Key Question:** *Why can't you trust yourself to always make the wise choice?*

**Memory Verse:** *"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you."  
James 1:5a, NIrV*

**Life App:** *Wisdom - Finding out what you should do and doing it*

**Basic Truth:** *I need to make a wise choice.*

**Summary:** In week four, we finish up the month with another one of Solomon's proverbs in Proverbs 3:5-6. This familiar passage talks about trusting God's plan rather than our own. When we lean on our own understanding, we will never consistently make the wise choice. It's through trusting in God that we can find true wisdom for our life.

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**8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - FREE PLAY**

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**9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 | 12:00-12:10 - PRESERVICE ACTIVITY**

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### **1. Just For Fun**

*Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** N/A

#### **What You Do:**

- Ask someone to name a color and then let the person next to him call out something that is that color. (Note that the thing named does not have to be something in the room.) Continue around the group, having each person name something else that is the color the first person named.
- Allow no more than three seconds for students to answer. If a person cannot name something in that time, he is out of that round.
- Play until there is a winner, then start over with another color.

**Lead your group to the Large Group area.**

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**9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP**

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#### **OVERVIEW:**

**Key Question:** *Why can't you trust yourself to always make the wise choice? God is the author of wisdom. We can grow in wisdom as we read God's word and discover His plan for our life. We pray that kids will put their trust in Jesus and discover how they can grow in their relationship with Him.*

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**9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP**

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### **1. Take a Snapshot**

**[Application Activity]**

*Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** N/A

### What You Do:

- Ask a student to think of a noun (person, place, or thing) that relates to wisdom in some way (but don't have him share it out loud).
  - For example, a wise person, places we go where we need to act wisely, things that we need to use in a wise way, things that can get in the way of wisdom, and so on.
- Choose someone to begin and then let the rest of the group take turns asking one or two YES or NO questions.
  - If no one guesses the word after 10 questions, the person with the word gets a point.
  - Move onto the next person and have the group try to guess his word.
- After each round, let students share how that person, place or thing relates to wisdom.
- Help students come up with words if needed.
  - School
  - Parent
  - Movies
  - Money
  - Time
  - Small Group Leader

## 2. Discussion Questions

### [Application Activity]

*Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others & build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** N/A

### What You Do:

- Ask:
  - Why is it important to look for wisdom when you're young?
  - Since God is the source of all wisdom, what are some ways to involve Him in the decisions you make?
  - What steps can you take to know what God wants you to do?
  - What's one example of what it looks like to trust God with all your heart?
  - If someone asked you how to be wise, what would you tell that person?
  - How can you figure out who is giving good advice and who is giving bad advice?

## 3. Make It Personal with Prayer

### [Prayer Activity]

*Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

**What You Need:** Index cards; pens

**What You Do:**

- Ask students to share their biggest wisdom take-aways from this month. What's one thing they learned about God or themselves or a change they'd like to make in order to be wiser?
- Close by asking students to think of something they need wisdom for right now.
- Give students an index card so that they can write out a prayer
- When everyone is done praying, read 1 Timothy 1:17 aloud as a prayer of praise to our wise and powerful God who will make us wise when we choose to follow Him.
- Ask students to echo back each phrase as you read, "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." (NIV)