

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: CHOOSE GOD'S WISDOM

Solomon was given the opportunity to choose anything he wanted. He wisely chose wisdom and became a wise guy. We are faced with choices every day. The book of Proverbs is full of guidance for us to help us make the right choices. Solomon contrasts how fools live and how wise people live. We will study these instructions so that we can choose wisdom, too!



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

1 Kings 3:4-24 from the NIV
Page 186 in the [Read with Me Bible](#)

STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
Game On - Week 3



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR ALL KIDS: Hit the Target

Materials: Bulls-eye drawing, Nerf guns

Note: If you don't have Nerf guns, you could use balled-up socks.

In our story today, Solomon asked God for wisdom. He knew he needed wisdom to be a good king. Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs, which is full of great advice to help us live God-honoring lives. Here are just a few examples:

- Proverbs 11:17 "Those who are kind benefit themselves. But mean people bring ruin on themselves."
- Proverbs 12:26 "Godly people are careful about the friends they choose. But the way of sinners leads them down the wrong path."
- Proverbs 14:29 "Anyone who is patient has great understanding. But anyone who gets angry quickly shows how foolish they are."

Read these Proverbs to your family and talk about what they mean. They teach us to be kind, to choose good friends, to be patient and to not get angry easily. If we do these things, we are really hitting the target of how God wants us to live!

Hang your target sign on the wall. Family members can take turns trying to hit the target with the Nerf gun bullets.

Wrap up your family time. Did we all hit the target every time? Nope! And in our lives, there are times we will mess up and not do things God's way. The good news is that God is forgiving and he gives us second chances. And he promises to be with us and help us make good choices. Our job is to learn from his Word and do our best to choose God's wisdom!



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FOR OLDER KIDS: Friends Rub Off

Materials: Onion, apple, plastic ziplock sandwich bag, blindfold

Preparation: Cut up onion and place in bag. Place apple in the bag with the onion. Seal the bag and set aside until time for the activity. Remove the apple from the bag.

Choose one family member and put the blindfold on them. Make sure no one else says anything about what is happening. Tell the blindfolded family member that you want them to guess what you have in your hand. Take the apple out of the bag and hold it in front of their face. Ask them what you have in your hand. They will say an onion. Take off their blindfold and show them the apple!

The other family members may be confused as to why they thought the apple was an onion. Explain that the apple came from a bag of chopped up onion, and the smell of the onion rubbed off onto the apple.

Proverbs 12:26 says, "Godly people are careful about the friends they choose. But the way of sinners leads them down the wrong path."

You see, this illustration helps us understand how our friends, or the people we choose to hang around with, rub off on us! If we hang out with bad friends, they rub off their bad qualities on us. If we hang out with good friends, then their good qualities rub off on us!

A Christian can hang out with bad friends and their bad habits will rub off. Even though you are still a Christian, you can develop such bad habits that everyone around you will be fooled and think that you are not. We should strive to be Christians through and through! We should strive to be an apple that smells like an apple! And choosing God's wisdom is a step in the right direction!



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