

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: WISDOM

FINISH LINE: God gives us wisdom when we ask

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 3:3-15; James 1:5; Proverbs 3:5-6; Hebrews 4:16

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: Paper, colors, stickers, contact paper/packing tape

DIRECTIONS: Grab a sheet of paper and write the verse on it. Then use colors and stickers or whatever you have available to decorate it. You can use contact paper or packing tape to “seal” the picture and use it as a placemat. Make a habit this week to begin each meal by practicing the memory verse together.

MEMORY VERSE: “But, the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.” James 3:17

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW GAME

SUPPLIES: Two bags, a treat (candy, stickers, toy, etc.)

SET UP: Put the treat in one of the bags and leave the other bag empty. Close the bags and try to make the bags look the same so that no one can tell which one has the treat.

DIRECTIONS: Place the bags in two different spots. Ask your kids to go stand by the bag they think has a treat inside. Let them know that if they want to ask for “wisdom” in knowing which bag is best, they can choose one person to ask for help. (HINT: The “wisest” person to ask is the one who set up the bags.) If they chose to ask for wisdom, give them the correct answer. (Note: If your kids did not ask for wisdom and chose the wrong bag, you can still give them the correct bag after talking through the questions. Let it be a reminder to them about God’s grace.)

EXPLAIN: In the same way you were given “wisdom” if you asked for help choosing the correct bag, God wants to give us wisdom when we ask. This does NOT mean that if you forget to study, but then pray while taking a test, God will give you all the correct answers. It does mean that God will never trick us or lie to us. He will give us the wisdom He knows we need. The Bible tells us in James 1:5, “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” This is one reason we read and study the Bible. The Bible is filled with God’s wisdom. It teaches us who God is and helps us know what He says is best.

WRAP UP: What are some examples of the wisdom God gives us in His Word? (Love the Lord, serve and care for others, trust the Lord and not your stuff, Jesus is the only way to be saved, etc.) Do you think God wants us to ask Him for wisdom? Why? What is a situation in your life right now where you can ask God for wisdom? After you have talked through the questions, enjoy your treat together!