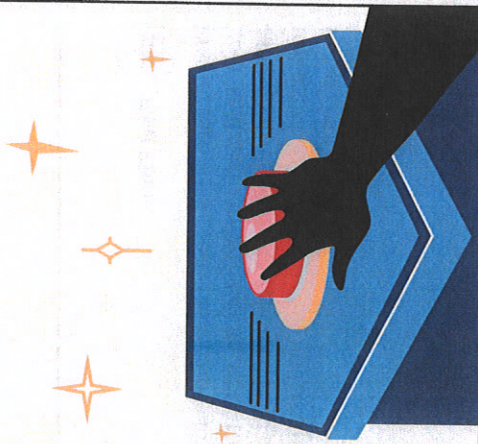


Think Tank: Put Your Knowledge to the Test

Knowledge is learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.



MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord gives wisdom.
Knowledge and understanding
come from his mouth."
Proverbs 2:6, NIV



Weekly Cues



Bible Story

Jesus Is Tempted in the Desert
Luke 4:1-13

What helps you make the wise choice?

Preteen

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, tell them about a time recently when you saw them make a wise choice—and if it was difficult for them to choose, make sure you let them know how much you admire their courage to make it.



Meal Time

At a meal, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What helps you make the wise choice?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What is your favorite dessert?"



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "Jesus, help us to follow Your lead and let the wisdom from the Bible guide us in making choices. Help us to remember what we read and understand it so we can make good choices."

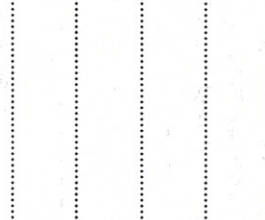
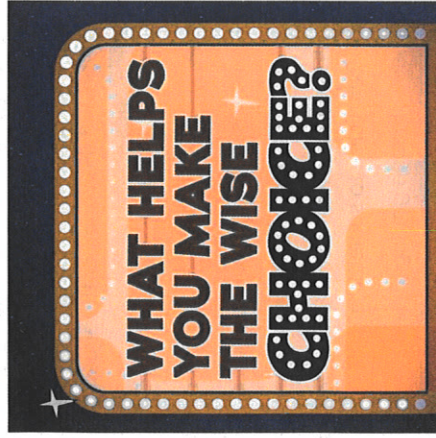


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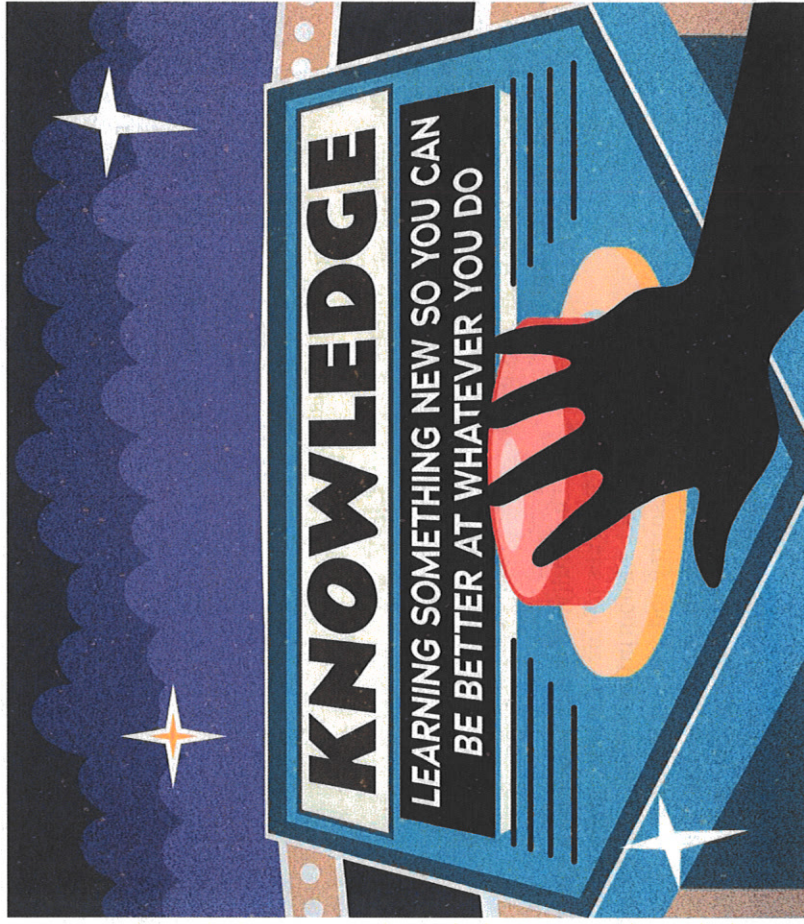
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Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



WHAT HELPS
YOU MAKE
THE WISE
CHOICE?



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

Go to <https://bit.ly/PreteenSundaysatHome> and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

2. You learned:

Even if you already saw it at church,
feel free to check it out again!

3. You'd like to know:

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A Devotional on Knowledge.

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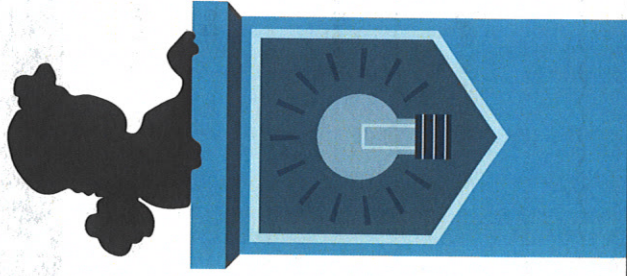
Day 2

Read Luke 4:1-13

Grab a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle. On top of the left column, write "Satan's temptations." On top of the right column, write "Jesus' responses."

As you read Luke 4:1-13, write down each of Satan's temptations and how Jesus responds to him in the appropriate columns.

It's encouraging to see that for every temptation Satan threw Jesus' way, Jesus had an answer for him that came from Scripture. We've been given everything we need in God's Word to combat Satan's lies—we aren't on our own!



Day 3

The wise choice is not always the easiest choice, is it?

Thankfully we're not on our own when it comes to this—God has given us so much wisdom in God's Word, and we can also pray and ask God for help!

Fill in the blanks to this prayer to personalize it. Then pray it out loud, asking God for help in making the wise choice.

Dear God, thank You for giving me wisdom in Your Word to help me make the wise choice. Sometimes I really struggle with _____

_____, even though I know it's the wise thing to do.

Please help me remember _____

and to make the wise choice, even when it's hard. Please give me Your strength and help me to make the wise choice. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Day 4

Remembering what's true can help you make the wise choice.

Sometimes we need help remembering what's true so we can make the wise choice. Think about a situation where you often struggle to make the wise choice. What do you need to remember to help you during those times? Write it here: _____

Who is a trusted person who can help you remember this when you need help making the wise choice? Think of someone who is trustworthy, and will lovingly remind you what's true, pray for you, and encourage you to make the wise choice. Write their name here: _____

Now, go to that person and ask them to be an accountability partner for you—that's someone who will hold you responsible for making a wise choice. Share with them the thing you're struggling with, and what truth you may need their help remembering. Invite them to speak that truth with you whenever they see you struggling to make the wise choice, and ask them to pray for you too!

Day 5

What helps you make the wise choice?

Here are some common situations when remembering what's true can help you make the wise choice. Look up each passage and then number the situation that matches it.

When...

Being honest might get you in trouble.

You're about to lose your temper.

You know your parent doesn't want you to do/see/listen to something.

You see someone getting bullied.

You don't want to do your chores/homework/ practice.

Remember...

1) Ephesians 6:1, Colossians 3:20

2) Proverbs 18:9, James 4:17

3) Ephesians 4:25, Proverbs 11:1

4) Psalm 37:8, Proverbs 14:29

5) Isaiah 1:17, Proverbs 31:8-9

When you've completed them all, circle the one that you find most relatable or helpful in your life. Where are you when you face this decision usually? If you're at school, figure out a place to write down the Scripture where you'll see it—a scrap of paper in your pencil pouch, or at the front of your binder. If you're at home when you need this reminder, try writing it on your bathroom mirror with a dry erase marker, or on the family white board in the kitchen. Get creative and put it wherever you could use the reminder of what's true!

The way of foolish people
seems right to them.

But those who are wise listen
to advice. Proverbs 12:15

A person's wisdom
makes them patient.

They will be honored if they
forgive someone who sins
against them. Proverbs 19:11

Those who are careful about
what they say...

...keep themselves out of trouble.
Proverbs 21:23

Trust in the LORD with
all your heart.

Do not depend on your own
understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Foolish people are easily upset.

What to Do:

Print two copies on cardstock and cut the cards apart.
Shuffle them so the card matches are not together.

"Proverb Cards" Activity Page

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But wise people pay no attention
to hurtful words. Proverbs 12:16

A gentle answer turns anger away.

But mean words stir up anger.
Proverbs 15:1

The LORD gives wisdom.

Knowledge and understanding
come from his mouth. Proverbs 2:6

If you don't have wood, your fire
goes out.

If you don't talk about others,
arguing dies down. Proverbs 26:20

Foolish people who do the same
foolish things again...

...are like a dog that returns
to where it has thrown up.
Proverbs 26:11

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SCENARIOS

1. Your little brother is hogging the remote, and you're tempted to grab it out of his hand.

(Proverbs 14:29—the wise choice is to be patient with your brother.)

2. A kid on the playground keeps taunting you and saying you're terrible at flag football. You're tempted to say something unkind back.

(Proverbs 12:18—the wise choice is to keep the unkind words to yourself so you don't make things worse.)

3. You lost your new watch at school. When your mom asks what happened, you're tempted to blame it on someone else instead of admitting you lost it.

(Ephesians 4:25—the wise choice is to tell the truth, even though it means there will be a consequence.)

4. You find several dollar bills on the floor in the library during the book fair. You are tempted to add it to your own money so you can buy more stuff

(Exodus 20:15—the wise choice is to turn in the money because it probably belongs to another kid who dropped it by mistake.)

5. Your mom asks you to take the dog for a walk. You don't want to, and you're tempted to whine and complain.

(Ephesians 6:1-3—the wise choice is to do what your mom asked you to because the exercise is good for you and your dog.)

6. You heard a word in a movie that you know is a bad word. When the other team wins in the playoffs, you're tempted to say that word because you're mad.

(Ephesians 4:29—the wise choice is to choose words that are helpful and never use a word when you don't know what it means.)

What to Do:

Print on paper, one for each small group.

"Scenarios" Activity Page

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