

Wise People Help Us Choose Well

BIG IDEA

God gives us wise people to help us make good decisions.

LEADER GOAL

Help students recognize that not every opportunity is a good opportunity. Encourage them to seek God's wisdom through prayer, Scripture, and trusted people in their community when making decisions.

● WELCOME + CONNECT

LEADER SAYS

"Welcome back, everyone!"

Last week, your challenge was to be a light in your community by showing kindness and encouragement to someone around you.

Did anyone have the chance to do that this week? What happened?"

(Allow students to share. Celebrate even small acts of kindness.)

"Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness make the biggest difference. Today we're going to talk about another important part of growing in community—not just helping others, but learning from the wise people God has placed in our lives."

LIVE SPARK

WISE PEOPLE HELP US CHOOSE WELL

GRAB

A fake contract: **EVERYTHING YOU WANT — IMMEDIATELY!** with tiny print and a signature line.

IDEA

Something can look like an amazing opportunity until we slow down and look more carefully.

SPARK

God gives me wise people to help me choose well.

DO/SAY

[Hold up the contract excitedly.]

"Okay, everybody. I have just been offered... **EVERYTHING I WANT — IMMEDIATELY!** And all I have to do is sign right here."

[Get ready to sign. Then stop.]

"Wait. Why are you looking at me like that?"

[Take a response.]

"Oh... You think I should read this first?"

[Squint at the tiny print.]

"Wow. That's small. Let's see... Apparently, I have to give up my Saturday mornings... my favourite mug... and... **the right to ask questions?!** That wasn't in the big letters!"

[Put the pen down.]

"Maybe I shouldn't sign this yet. Sometimes an opportunity can look **really good** at first. And when we really want something, it's easy to think: 'YES! DO IT!' But we might not be seeing the whole picture.

Sometimes one of the wisest things we can do is... **PAUSE**. Talk to God. Look at what Scripture teaches. And ask someone trustworthy who cares about us: 'What do you think?'

Because our Spark this week is: **God gives me wise people to help me choose well.**

Who can help you make a wise choice? Let's get started."

THEN

Move directly into **Poor Unfortunate Souls — Not Every Opportunity Is Healthy.**



STORY CONNECTION

POOR UNFORTUNATE SOULS — NOT EVERY OPPORTUNITY IS HEALTHY

LEADER SAYS

“When Ariel meets Ursula, she’s given what looks like the perfect opportunity. Ursula offers her a deal. She tells Ariel that she can become human for three days. If Prince Eric kisses her before the third sunset, she’ll stay human forever. But if he doesn’t... Ariel will lose everything.

Ursula makes it sound exciting, but it’s actually a very dangerous choice.

Just because something is an opportunity doesn’t mean it’s the right opportunity.”

Sometimes we think every open door is automatically a good one. But that’s not always true.

Have you ever been offered something that sounded fun at first, but deep down you knew it probably wasn’t the best choice? Maybe someone wanted you to join in making fun of another student. Maybe someone encouraged you to lie to avoid getting into trouble. Maybe you felt pressure to leave someone out because everyone else was doing it.

Not every opportunity helps us become the people God created us to be. That’s why God doesn’t ask us to figure everything out on our own.

The Bible says:

PROVERBS 3:5–6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

“This doesn’t mean every decision will be easy. It means we don’t have to make those decisions alone. When we’re unsure what to do, we can talk to God in prayer. We can spend time reading the Bible. And we can ask wise people for advice.

God knows us better than anyone else. He sees the whole picture, even when we only see part of it. When we trust Him, He helps guide us toward choices that help us grow and reflect His love.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“Let’s think about Ariel’s decision.”

- 1 What are some examples of opportunities that might not actually be healthy?
- 2 Why do you think it can be difficult to say “no” to something that looks exciting?
- 3 If you weren’t sure whether something was a good choice, what could you do?
- 4 Who are some people in your life that you would consider wise?
- 5 What kinds of questions could you ask those people when you need help making a decision?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

COMMUNITY — GROWING AND LEARNING FROM OTHERS

LEADER SAYS

“Last week we started talking about community. Who remembers something we learned about community?”

(Allow students to answer.)

“We learned that God created us to live in relationship with other people. We’re meant to encourage one another, help one another, and remind each other that we belong.

Today we’re taking that one step further. One of the greatest gifts of community is that we get to learn from one another.

There’s an important word that helps us understand this: **Wisdom.**”



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

COMMUNITY — GROWING AND LEARNING FROM OTHERS (CONT.)

“What do you think wisdom means?”

(Allow students to answer before continuing.)

“Wisdom isn’t just knowing lots of facts. Wisdom is knowing how to make good choices and live the way God wants us to live.

The Bible tells us that if we need wisdom, we can ask God for it.”

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.”

“Isn’t that encouraging? God isn’t annoyed when we ask for help. He loves helping us grow.

But God also gives us another incredible gift. He places wise people around us. Parents. Grandparents. Teachers. Coaches. Pastors. K2K leaders. Trusted family friends.

These are people who have walked through experiences we haven’t yet. They’ve made mistakes. They’ve learned lessons. And they want to help us grow.

The Book of Proverbs says:”

PROVERBS 19:20

“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.”

“When Ariel was trying to decide what to do, she listened to someone who didn’t truly care about her. Imagine how different things might have been if she had talked with someone who loved her and wanted the best for her.

When you have a big decision to make—or even a small one—you don’t have to figure it out by yourself. Talk to God. Ask Him for wisdom. And don’t be afraid to ask trusted people for advice too. God often speaks through the wise people He has placed in our lives.”

STUDENT REFLECTION

Ursula gave Ariel an opportunity that looked good but wasn't actually healthy.

How can God use wise people in our lives to help us make good decisions?

THIS WEEK - YOUR CHALLENGE!

"This week, your challenge is to learn something from someone wise.

Ask a parent, grandparent, teacher, coach, leader, or another trusted adult a question about life. Listen carefully to what they share. Then, thank them for taking the time to help you grow.

Sometimes the best way we can be a light is by showing gratitude to the people God has placed in our lives."

CLOSING PRAYER

"Let's pray together.

Dear God,

Thank You for loving us and caring about every part of our lives. Thank You that You don't leave us to make difficult decisions on our own. Thank You for giving us Your wisdom and for inviting us to ask You whenever we need guidance.

Thank You for the wise people You've placed in our lives—our families, teachers, coaches, leaders, and friends who encourage us and help us grow.

Please help us have humble hearts that are willing to learn, ask questions, and listen to good advice. Give us wisdom to recognize which opportunities bring us closer to You, and courage to choose the path that honours You.

Thank You for our K2K community and for all the people here who help us grow together.

Amen."

Connection Activities



SUPPLIES

Nada



ACTIVITY 1 | SHARK TANK

- Give ridiculous opportunities.

Examples:

- Start a penguin taxi service.
- Sell underwater bicycles.
- Open a restaurant run entirely by cats.
- Groups have 2 minutes to pitch why it's a great opportunity.

Afterward everyone votes:

- Good idea?
- Bad idea?



ACTIVITY 2 | WISE ADVICE CHALLENGE

- Split students into small groups.
- Give each group a scenario.

Examples:

- You're deciding whether to switch schools.
- Your friend is being excluded from a group.
- You're offered a leadership position.
- You have two activities scheduled at the same time.
- Someone asks you to keep a secret that feels wrong.

The group has 2 minutes to come up with:

- 1. What they would do.
- 2. Who they would ask for advice.
- 3. What questions they would ask.
- Then share.