

IDENTITY & SELF ACCEPTANCE | WEEK 6

LEADERS GOAL

Help students discern what is wise and unwise.

SUPPLIES

- Two cards that read WISE and UNWISE for each student, for the Wise or Unwise Vote Activity.
- Bible marked and open to James 1:5, 1 Kings 3:1-15

SCRIPTURES

James 1:5
1 Kings 3:1-15

ACTIVITIES

Wise or unwise vote

PRAY

BOTTOM LINE

When it comes to making good choices, life isn't always black and white.

AS STUDENTS ARRIVE

Ask students if they put their Who Clover Pom Pom somewhere special to remind them of who God says they are. Remind them that God says they are amazing, wonderful, loved, and have purpose.

STORY CONNECTION

In our story, we have a faithful, wise elephant. Who is our faithful, wise elephant? (Horton!)

"I meant what I said, and I said what I meant. An elephant's faithful. One hundred percent." (Script, p53)

Choose reader for Horton.

What does it mean to be faithful?

Being faithful means you stick with someone or something, no matter what. It means you can be trusted and you don't give up on people you care about.



Even when it's hard? Yes! Horton was faithful through a terrible storm, cold, wet, catching the flu, winter, snow, sleet, and icicles. (Script, p49-51)

Horton says, "I'll protect you from harm. Yes, I'll do it or die! So rest now, Young Egg. And I'll sing you a lullabye." (Script, p53)

How many weeks did Horton sit on the egg? (51 weeks) That's being faithful!

Not only was Horton faithful, he did the right thing by not abandoning the egg. He was patient, waiting for it to hatch, even though it was hard. It was worth it! What hatched out of the egg? (An Elephant Bird! Script, p60)

What does it mean to be wise or to have wisdom?

Wisdom means knowing the best thing to do because you learned from life or from others. It's like having a superpower in your brain that helps you make good choices.

You get wisdom by learning from mistakes, listening to people you trust who are older and know more, and by thinking carefully before doing something.

For example, you once touched a hot stove and got burned, so now you check if it's hot before touching, that's wisdom

OUR STORIES

- What are some situations where you should do what is right even when it's hard?
- Have you ever asked someone for wisdom? Who?
- Why doesn't everyone want to do what is right or wise?
- What helps you choose what's right even when there seems to be two good answers or it's not popular?

TRUTH & TREASURE

Choose a student to act as Solomon as Small Group Leader tells this story of Solomon.

The Bible tells of a man named Solomon. He was the king of Israel after his father, David. One night, the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask for whatever you want. I'll give it to you."

Solomon answered, "Give me a wise heart to rule your people and to know right from wrong." The Lord was pleased that Solomon asked for wisdom. He made him so wise, there has never been anyone as wise as Solomon since.

The Lord also gave Solomon what he didn't ask for - great wealth and honour.

The Bible tells of King Solomon in I Kings 3:1-15.

Just like with Solomon, the Bible teaches us that 'If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you'. James 1:5 NIV



K2K BASICS & EXPECTATIONS

Culture & behaviour guidelines

A wise thing to do is to encourage and respect each other so that K2K is a safe, fun place for everyone. A full list of expectations can be found Backstage here: <https://k2kproductions.ca/rules-of-conduct>

DISCOVERY TIME

Activity | Wise or Unwise Vote

Supplies: Each student has two cards that read WISE and UNWISE.

Students pair up standing back to back. Small Group Leader shares the scenarios below, and give time for students to choose their vote. On the count of three, students turn to face their partner revealing their vote. Encourage students to explain why they chose their vote for WISE or UNWISE.

- Share your friend's secret with another friend because it might help her understand why your friend is sad.
- You really want to stay up to watch a second movie, but decide to go to bed when you remember it's a school night.
- Ask, "Is there anything I can do for you, Mom?" but secretly hope she says no.
- Put your breakfast dishes away but leave a big spill on the counter because you can't be late for the bus.
- Invite someone to sit with you at lunch even though your other friends might tease you.
- Shout something "funny" to your rival teammates. You know it sounds mean, but it'll make your teammates laugh.
- Clean up the craft supplies on the table but leave the paper scraps on the floor.
- Say thank you to the person who brings you to K2K, but roll your eyes when they remind you about being on time.
- Pretend you didn't see someone drop money so you can keep it for yourself.
- Lie for a friend so they don't get in trouble and have to miss out on a fun activity.
- Tell your sibling you'll help with chores, but then "forget" because you got distracted with Lego.



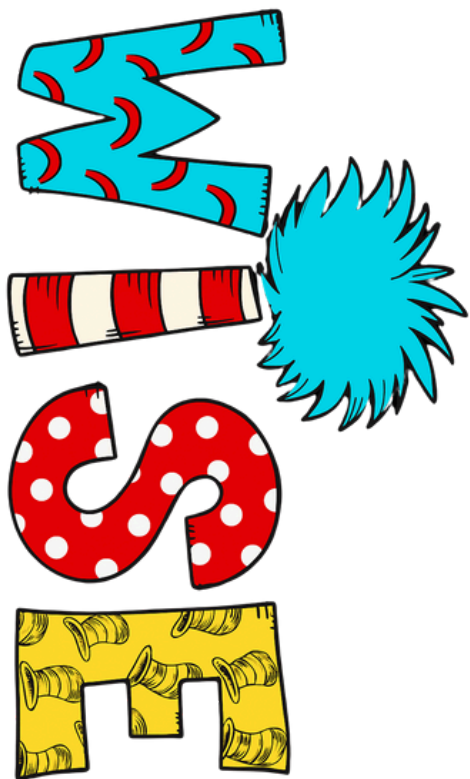
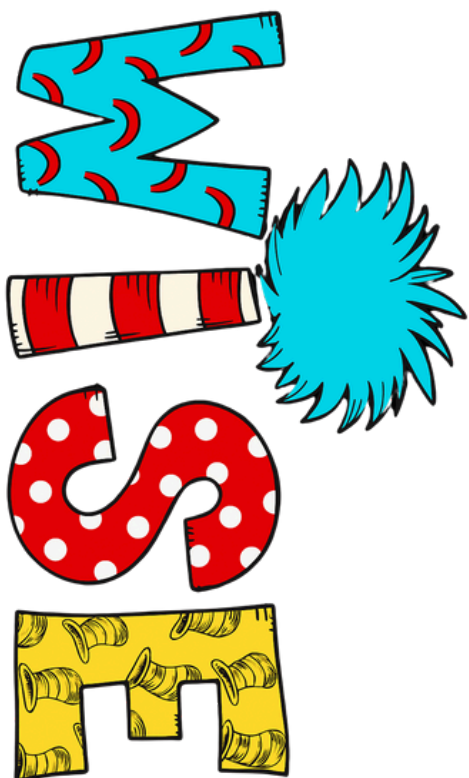
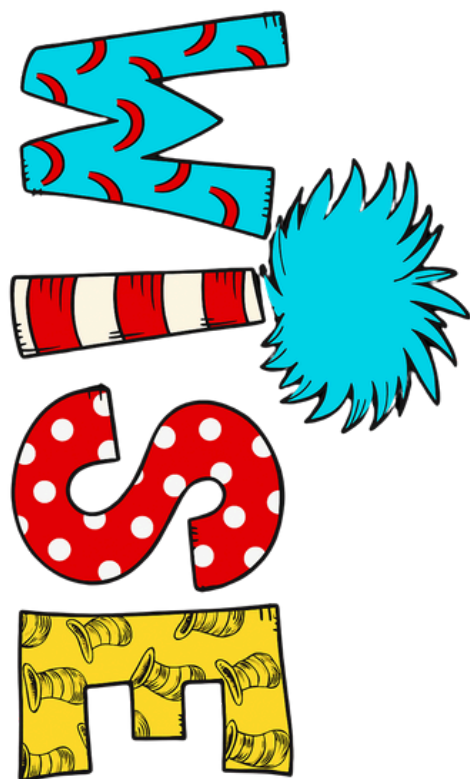
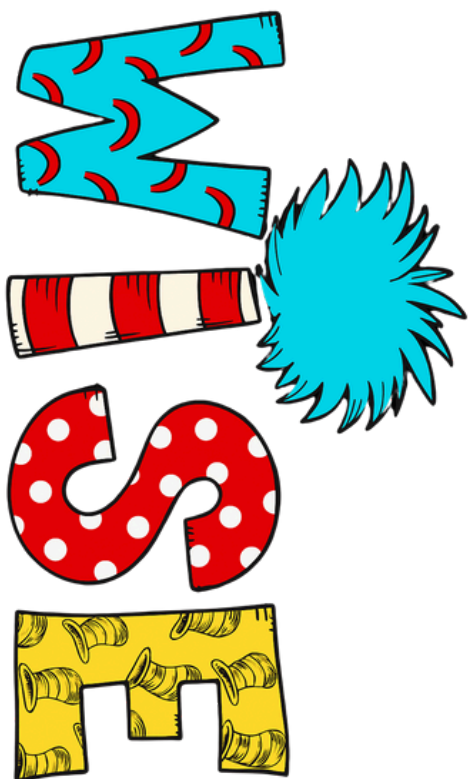
PRAYER

Dear God, thank you that you care about us. You want to help us live wisely, making good choices. Would you give us wisdom this week, at school, at home, at our sports or activities, and with our friends? We want to be kind and respectful to others and ourselves. Amen.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Like a lot of these examples, wisdom isn't always black and white- it's not a simple choice to make. If you feel stuck this week and don't know the best, wise thing to do in a situation, pause and ask God for wisdom. Ask Him, "What do you think about this situation God? What should I do? What should I say to this person?" Stay quiet for a moment and listen. He will give you a thought or a feeling of what you should do or say. You also may have a teacher, your parents, or a coach you trust to help you. Then act on what He tells you to do.





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