

# SMALL GROUP | DAY 3

## Making Wise Choices Helps Me Live a Purposeful Life



### Bible

There was no king like Josiah either before him or after him. None of them turned to the Lord as he did. He obeyed the Lord with all his heart and all his soul. He obeyed him with all his strength. 2 Kings 23:25 NIRV

### Supplies

- IPADS or TV screen to watch video of King Josiah
- Bible
- Markers
- 4 Wise Choice Bid Cards per Camper with letters A, B, C, D



I can trust God  
no matter what!

### Explanation of Wise Choice Bid Cards:

Cards pre-cut and hole-punched onto a ring for ease of campers use during activity.

Card A: Pray and Ask God

Card B: Read the Bible

Card C: Ask trusted adults for help

Card D: Read good books and magazines

White space for campers to doodle or write as activity unfolds.

Question of the Day:  
What makes this choice a wise one?

### Crew leader prepare in advance

- Marks Bible at 2 Kings 23:25 NIRV, James 1:5 NIRV, Proverbs 3:1-4 NIRV
- Thinks of a time when you didn't know what wise choice to make and an adult or favourite Bible verse helped you. Be ready to share with Campers.

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### Wise Choice Vote

It's time to vote!

We have scenarios for you, and want you to vote for the wise choice. We're going to play 2 ways:

1. vote for the wise choice
2. reveal the reality of how we have most often handled the situation

Use your A, B, or C card to vote.

Give each camper their Wise Choice Bid Cards.

Stand in a circle with your backs facing in! I'll read the scenario and you choose your vote. On the count of 3, turn in to reveal your vote based on what you think is the wise choice (or, later the reality of how we handled this situation.

#### **Olio & Parlando:**

A classmate says something mean that you know isn't true. Do you:

1. Say something mean back.
2. Think, I'm not going to listen to that. It's not true. And walk away.
3. Talk about the mean person and what they said to all your friends.

You really want to play at a friend's house. Do you:

1. Ask, "Hey, Mom. What are the plans for tomorrow? May I play with \_\_\_ say a Camper's name \_\_\_?"
2. Make plans without asking your mom.
3. Cry and say, "You never let me play at my friend's house."

It's dinner time. You are starving. Do you:

1. Fill your plate, grab a seat, and start eating right away.
2. Wait to eat until everyone in your family has their food.
3. Complain that you don't like what is for dinner.

It's time to leave your cousins' house. Do you:

1. Pretend like you don't hear the "Time to go" call and keep playing.
2. Beg your parents to stay longer.
3. Help to clean up toys and say, "Thank you for letting me come to play."

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### OLIO:

Dad asked you to wait for his help. Do you:

1. Go ahead and do it anyway.
2. Wait patiently.
3. Complain that it's taking too long.

### PARLANDO & BOMBERSHAY:

Friends send a silly picture of someone else in Snap Chat. Do you:

1. Laugh and share it?
2. Know this friend wouldn't want the picture going around so you ask the one who posted it to take it down.
3. Share another funny photo of them on your Snap Chat.

Choose your answer. 3-2-1 Turn and reveal your vote.

Someone gets the lead role you really wanted. Do you:

1. Say, "They always get the lead roles."
2. Talk bad about them behind their back
3. Encourage them even though you wish you got the role.

You really want to go to movies Friday night. Do you:

- Ask, "Hey, Mom. What are the plans for tomorrow? May I go to the movies with \_\_say a Camper's name\_\_?"
- Make plans without asking your mom.
- Shout, "You never let me go to the movies with my friends," and slam your bedroom door closed.

You are asked to unload the dishwasher. Do you:

- Pretend like you didn't hear.
- Say, "What dishwasher? Do we have a dishwasher?"
- Unload the dishwasher right away.

An adult walks in the room when you were playing on your device instead of doing a school project. Do you:

- Close the game quickly before they see and pretend like you were working.
- Admit you got distracted and begin again on your project.
- Keep playing and stay up late to finish the project

Bombershay, what other scenarios can you come up with?

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What about us? What can we do to make wise choices when we face decisions?

I love how you are thinking, Campers. These are great ideas to know what is the wise thing to do! Let's talk about a few of them a little bit more.

### Connection to Bible Story Theme

In our Bible story today, what was special about the two young kings, King Joash and King Josiah?

(They did what God wanted them to do. They made wise choices for their kingdoms.)

(Use the Bible) Here in the Bible, it says, "There was no king like Josiah either before him or after him. None of them turned to the Lord as he did. He obeyed the Lord with all his heart and all his soul. He obeyed him with all his strength." 2 Kings 23:25 NIRV

Let's watch a video about King Josiah.

Video to watch: [CLICK HERE](#)

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- Pray and Ask God

In life, when we feel stuck, we can pray and ask God. We can talk to Him in prayer. He wants to help you.

### Open Bible

Here in the Bible, it says, “If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn’t find fault.” James 1:5 NIRV

- Read the Bible

The Bible is full of stories, letters, and poems that help us learn more about God.

Let’s say it together. What is the Bible? The Bible is TRUTH!

### Open Bible

Here in the Bible, it says, “My son, do not forget my teaching. Keep my commands in your heart. They will help you live for many years. They will bring you peace and success. Don’t let love and truth ever leave you. Tie them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will find favor and a good name in the eyes of God and people.” Proverbs 3:1-4 NIRV

Have you ever thought of your heart as a tablet? You are writing things on it! Write God’s word on your heart tablet.

- Ask trusted adults for help

Adults are older and have already experienced lots of decisions. They know what it’s like to make wise and not so wise choices. Sometimes it’s not easy to ask; but that trusted adult is the one! Who is your person?

- Read good books and magazines

There are a lot of great books, magazines and podcasts to help us know what the wise thing is to do and how to make good choices.

The next time you face a decision, ask yourself,  
What makes this choice a wise one?

Pray and ask God, read your Bible,  
ask trusted adults for help,  
and read good books, magazines or listen  
to podcast.

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Then you can make the best choice you know to make with the information you have.

Next, it's your turn to go do it.

And... If the choice you make doesn't turn out the way you thought or how you wanted it to go, don't be hard on yourself. Learn from it. Talk to God, your 'person' or consider journalling about it so that you can remember in the future.

God is for you. He loves you, and works everything out for your good even if it feels like things didn't turn out the way you hoped or thought it would.

Reference Romans 8:28 We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him

Leaders:

share a time when you didn't know what to do and an adult or favourite Bible verse helped you. What did it feel like not knowing, how long did you struggle? How did you work through it according to our Bid Cards?



You are wise decision makers, \_\_Crew Name\_\_! Your Take Action is to bring in something from home that represents a wise choice that you already made.

I would love to see it and hear about the wise choice you made.

Special Note for tomorrow: When campers bring their items that represent a wise choice you might say, "I'm proud of you for making that wise choice. How did you know that was a wise choice?"

### Prayer

Thank You, God. I'm glad we don't have to make decisions on our own. We can pray and talk to You, and You listen and help us to know what to do. Thank You for the Bible to learn the wise things to do. Thank you for adults who care about us and help us. Help us make wise choices to live a life with purpose. Amen.

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