

READ LUKE 2:52

DAY 1

Wisdom, faith and friendship. Those are the basics that we all need to grow in so that we can change the world around us. But it's hard to know how to grow, sometimes, or even to know if we have grown, isn't it? So, let's make a game plan. Beside each of the words below, write one way that you'd like to grow in that area. Maybe you want to spend more time praying, or you want to make one new friend. Whatever it is, write down your goal and then ask God to help you grow in these basics this summer!

WISDOM: How can I make more wise choices?

FAITH: What will help me trust God more, no matter what?

FRIENDSHIP: How can I treat others the way I want to be treated more often?

THANK God that He gives us all the tools we need to grow in wisdom, faith and friendship.

READ JOB 28:28

DAY 2

So, what IS the wise choice? That's usually the real question, isn't it? The Bible explains that respecting God and obeying His Word is the way to wisdom. If you want to change the world around you, you have to begin with yourself and making sure that YOU are making wise choices. The good news is that the Bible is like a map, helping you to make the right choices.

Let's make the background for a map that you can use ALL summer to keep track of what you discover about following God's plan. Ask a parent if they can brew some coffee or tea for you and let it cool off. Get a plain sheet of white paper and crumple it up. Then flatten it out again and use a brush or paper towel to dip into the cool drink and "paint" to the edges and over the creases of the paper. Let it dry and put it somewhere safe.

ASK God to give you wisdom to make the right choices.

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READ PROVERBS 19:20

DAY 3

Sometimes it's hard to take someone else's advice—especially from our parents or anyone older than us. Maybe we think they don't understand or that things have changed since they were kids. But God has put more experienced people in our lives to help us know what we should do. And usually when we follow what they say, we find ourselves growing in wisdom!

Get out your "map" paper that you stained and write the words in cool handwriting—*WISDOM*, *FAITH* and *FRIENDSHIP*—in three separate corners of the map. Draw a picture of yourself in the center. Begin writing the things you learn about how to grow in these areas in the spaces between your self-portrait and The Basics. For example, today you might write "take advice" between yourself and the word *WISDOM*.

LOOK for people in your life who you trust to give you wise advice.

READ PROVERBS 13:10B

DAY 4

Jesus grew in wisdom. Did you know that He took advice too? From His heavenly Father—God! It's wise to take advice, but it's also wise to be careful **WHO** you take advice from! Who do you trust in your life to give you godly advice? Write their names or draw a picture of them between yourself and the word *WISDOM* on your map. Then get up and walk around your house as you pray and thank God for those people, and take some time this week to thank them too!

KNOW that taking advice is like a shortcut—it can make you wise faster!