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DISCOVER WHAT  
MATTERS MOST

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

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**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY:** Think (Wise People See Danger) • Proverbs 22:3

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:** Think before you act.

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:** *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)*

**MONTHLY LIFE APPLICATION:** Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it.

**BASIC TRUTH:** I need to make the wise choice..

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

## WHAT YOU DO:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.
- If you choose, consider using one of the ice breakers or games on the "Virtual Small Group General Info" page.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group, get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled.
- After the Bible story video, transition into the activity below.

## ACTIVITY:

Look up and read today's Scripture, Proverbs 22:3. Remind kids that this verse is basically telling us to "STOP. THINK. And ACT." As a group, come up with some hand motions for each of those words. For instance:

- Stop: hold your palm straight out in front of you
- Think: put your fingers to your temples and make a concentration/serious face
- Act: pantomime walking forward, slowly moving your arms as if you're moving forward

Then read each of the scenarios below. After each one, pause for kids to do the motions and say "STOP! THINK! And ACT!" Suggested scenarios: (Add others you think your kids will identify with.):

- You think about telling a lie.
- You always buckle up when you ride in the car.
- You have a box of new markers and you share them with your friend.
- You see a toy in the store that you'd like to have. It's a really small toy, so no one would see if you stole it.
- You are allergic to peanut butter but you really want to try the Perfect Peanut Butter Patty candy your friend has at their birthday party.
- You're not sure if you should watch a scary movie that your older sister's friend wants to watch at your house.
- You memorized a Bible verse this week.
- You paid attention in Large Group and listened instead of talking to your friend.
- You ask for help to read your Bible every day.

## WHAT YOU SAY:

"When you think something could be dangerous, that's your cue like your RED FLAG warning you to STOP and THINK. You might need to find out if it's safe or wise for a kid your age to do. When you want to do something you think is dangerous, or if someone else is trying to get you to do something you're not sure is safe, don't just keep going. Stop. Think about what your parents have told you to do. Think about what God tells you to do. If you're still not sure, talk to someone who's wiser than you. Learning to **[Bottom Line] think before you act** is one way God keeps you safe and out of trouble.""

## CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"God, thank You for connecting all of us here today. I am thankful You continuously teach me through each of these kids and through Your Word. Help us see these glasses and be reminded that You can help us see danger and find our safe place, whatever we might face. Please help each one of these kids trust You to help them STOP, THINK, then ACT on what is wise in any situation. We love You and are so grateful for the wisdom You give us when we ask. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."