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DISCOVER WHAT  
MATTERS MOST

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

AUGUST 22, 2021

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY:** Foolish Heart (Rehoboam Listens to Fools) • 2 Chronicles 10  
(supporting: Proverbs 13:20)

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:** Hang out with wise people.

**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:** If possible, print the list of statements of Advice from Friends below. If a printer is not available, write a few of them down on a sheet of paper.

## 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:

- Ask for a volunteer to be your first “guesser.”
- That person will close their eyes (and turn away from their screen) while you silently choose someone to be the “advice giver.” (You can do this by putting their name in the chat.)
- Hold up one of the advice statements from below.
- Ask the advice giver to decide if it’s wise advice or unwise advice.
- Then instruct them to read the advice aloud, in whatever voice they think fits the advice. Silly, goofy voice for unwise advice. Stoic, formal voice for wise advice. Encourage kids to get creative with their voices!
- The guesser, keeping their eyes close and their back turned, should try to guess who is speaking. Let them have three guesses and then they can open their eyes.
- If they get it right, they get to choose the next guesser.

Note: If you have pre-readers, you can read the statement to them and let them repeat it back in the wise/unwise voice.

#### Advice from Friends:

- We want Rehoboam to give his people a lighter workload and be kind to them.
- We want Rehoboam to make the people work even harder.
- We want you to shove all of your toys and dirty clothes under your bed instead of putting them away like your mom said.
- We want you to help your aunt carry in the groceries.
- We want you to run to the car and push your sister aside to get the best seat.
- We want you to lie.
- We want you to give some of your money in the offering at church.
- We want you to be mean to your older sister when she’s mean to you.
- We want you to treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- We think it’s a great idea to read God’s Word and talk to Him all the time.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

“Some of Rehoboam’s friends were foolish, and they gave him bad advice that He chose to follow. We can learn from Rehoboam how important it is to **[Bottom Line] hang out with wise people**. So what kind of people should you pick to be your best friends? (Allow kids to answer.) That’s right, your closest friends should be those who help you make good choices. A good friend is kind, helpful, tells the truth, and most of all—they love Jesus. So remember to be friendly and kind to everyone, but ask God to help you find the wise people in your life to be your best friends. He wants you to have wisdom, and He can use other people to help show you the way.”

#### CLOSE IN PRAYER:

“Dear God, we know how important it is to [Bottom Line] hang out with wise people. Please give us many friends who love You and want to follow You. Help us be a wise friend to others this week. In Jesus’ name, amen.”