

WEEK
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DIG DEEP

DISCOVER WHAT
MATTERS MOST

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-5th grade)

AUGUST 29, 2021

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Brand New (Renew Your Mind) • Romans 12:2

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE: Never stop growing in wisdom.

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 can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU NEED: A few sheets of paper

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct everyone to look around their space and choose a target.
- The target can be a particular spot in the room, a bucket or toy bin, a laundry basket, or even a trash can.
- Ask the kids to toss the paper into the target, without folding, crumpling, or bending it in any way. (This will not work well for obvious reasons!)
- Then let kids make paper airplanes out of a fresh sheet of paper. (You can demonstrate how to do this and guide the group to do it all together or let them each do it individually.)

- When everyone's airplanes are ready, instruct them to try hitting the target again.
- It should be much easier/more accurate than the first time.
- (If kids have a hard time with the airplanes, direct them to crumple paper into a tight ball and try again.)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When paper is made, it's pressed tightly to become flat and smooth. That's fine for paper, but not great for airplanes!

"Our Scripture today reminds us that we need to transform—that means to change—our way of thinking. We need to be flexible so that we can change according to what God wants us to be, instead of staying in one shape like flat paper. When we learn new ways to be wise, we change our thinking! Then we can be anything—a better friend, a diligent student, or a helpful sibling.

"How do you think you need to transform your thinking this week? (Allow for responses such as not complaining about homework or going back to school; doing chores without complaining; obeying parents or babysitters, etc.) How does this help you become who God wants you to be?

"If we keep transforming into who God wants us to be, we will **[Bottom Line] never stop growing in wisdom!**"

[Make it Personal] (Share a way that you transformed your thoughts lately—are you working on complaining less? Being more thoughtful with your words around your friends? Choosing to interact kindly on social media?)

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"Dear God, thank You that Your wisdom never runs out! We can always trust You to help us make the wise choice. Help us learn to trust You and **[Bottom Line] never stop growing in wisdom.** We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."