

Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.



DAY 1

Read Proverbs 13:20

Who is your best friend?

Friends are really important. Friends have the potential to lead us in the right or the wrong direction. If you choose friends who are wise, friends who listen to and follow God, then you will be wise. But if you choose to spend most of your time with friends who don't follow God, who don't listen to their parents or follow the rules, you will suffer harm.

Should you be kind to everyone? Of course. Should you let everyone into your close circle of friends? Maybe not. If you want to grow wise, hang out with wise people. Choose your friends carefully and you'll be protected from harm.

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**Grab some paper, markers, and a stamp pad if you have one.** Press your finger on the stamp pad or color your fingertip with a marker and press it onto the paper. Repeat to create several fingerprints, spread out along the bottom of the page. Turn these fingerprints into people by adding arms and legs, hair and facial features. Across the top of the page, write today's verse!

## DAY 2

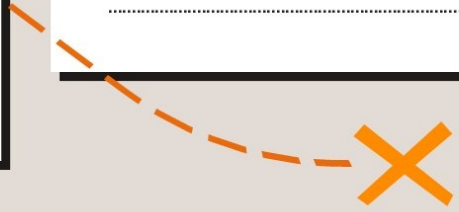
### Read Proverbs 14:7

Do you know what the word "foolish" means? A fool is an unintelligent, silly or reckless person. No one wakes up in the morning and thinks, "Man, I hope someone calls me foolish today!"

Today's verse reminds us to watch out for foolish people. A fool won't give you good advice. A thoughtless or unintelligent person won't lead you where you want to go. God wants you to make wise choices that honor Him and those around you. When you choose friends who listen to God, you'll grow in wisdom just by hanging out with them! And as you grow in wisdom, you'll be the kind of friend that helps others make wise choices too.

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Write out today's verse in the space below in your own words. Then pray and ask God to help you choose friends who are wise instead of foolish.

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Read Proverbs 10:14

Have you ever watched a squirrel in the park or your backyard preparing for winter? Squirrels hoard food placing it in shallow holes and covering it up. They do this to prepare for the cold winter. They'll have access to food. They store the food so they won't starve later on.

Did you know that you can hoard or store up wisdom? It's true! You can stack it up, adding more knowledge and understanding as you learn and grow and follow God each day. All that wisdom will help you make decisions that lead you in the right direction.

One way to protect all that knowledge is to hang out with wise people! After all, if the people you spend the most time with are storing up their knowledge and understanding, it just makes sense that all that wisdom will rub off on you too.

Grab an acorn or berry sprig from your backyard or local park. Set it on your bedside table as a reminder to store up knowledge and hang out with wise people who do the same thing.

Read Job 12:12

Think about your grandparents. Or maybe an older teacher at school or church. Do you ever wonder what life was like for them 20 or 30 years ago? Can you imagine a world without cell phones, or internet, or WIFI?

Older people who've lived longer than you have more wisdom than you. Why? Because more years means more experience. Older people can look back on their lives and see how God has guided them through good and bad days. Hanging out with someone like your grandparents allows you to learn some the lessons they've learned, to hear about the things they've already experienced.

Interview a grandparent or older person in your church or neighborhood who follows God. Use the questions below or come up with questions of your own.

- ➔ What was life like when you were my age?
How is it the same? How is it different?
- ➔ Did you ever get in trouble when you were younger? What happened and what did you learn from that experience?
- ➔ How has your faith (what you believe) changed your life?
- ➔ What is your favorite verse from the Bible? Why?

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wise people.

