

WISDOM

Finding out
what you should do
and doing it



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READ PROVERBS 22:3

DAY 1

Have you ever been in a situation where you knew something wasn't right? Maybe you're at a friend's house and he starts playing a video game that you're not allowed to play. Or maybe your friend convinces you to sneak into the locked basketball court down the street to shoot some hoops. What did you do? Did you see the danger and head for safety? Or did you simply stay, go with the flow and face the consequences?

Wise people look ahead. If they see that the situation isn't going to end well, they run for safety. A foolish person notices the danger, but heads straight for it. Who would you rather be the wise person that's protected or the fool that gets hurt? To protect yourself and your friends, you have to pay attention to those warning signs. Don't just go along with the crowd and suffer later on.

Grab another card and write Proverbs 22:3 on one side. On the other, create your own DANGER sign. Use an orange or yellow marker to color in the center of your sign to make it stand out.

THANK God for giving you warning signs so that you can head for safety BEFORE you get hurt.

READ PROVERBS 17:24

DAY 2

If you need glasses to see, what happens when you don't wear them? Exactly, you aren't able to see as well. Glasses aren't just a fashion accessory. They're necessary to help a person see more clearly. Wisdom is like a pair of glasses. You have to be able to see the situation clearly if you want to make the best possible decision about what to do.

A foolish person is like someone who needs glasses, but refuses to wear them. Instead of looking clearly at a situation with wisdom, they just take a leap and hope everything will work out. A wise person reads the Bible, asks others that follow God for their advice or prays to God. If you want to be wise, you have to take a long hard look BEFORE you leap into a decision.

Grab another card and write Proverbs 17:24 on one side. On the other side, dig through some magazines or ads and cut out a picture of a pair of glasses and glue it to the back of your card to remind you to look before you leap.

ASK God to help you look before you leap.



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READ PROVERBS 4:25

DAY 3

Riding a bike requires balance and concentration. And most importantly, you have to keep your eyes FORWARD. Turn around to look at your little brother or best friend on the bike beside you and CRASH! Keeping your eyes focused on the road ahead of you is key to staying safe as you ride.

The same is true for wisdom. If you want to make smart choices that keep you safe, you have to pay attention to what's ahead. Just like you would turn or move aside to avoid a huge pothole in the road, paying attention to what's ahead will help you avoid trouble.

Grab a card to add to your Proverbs flipbook. Write Proverbs 4:25 on one side. Find a white crayon. On the other side of the card, write out Proverbs 4:25 in your own words. When finished, color over the words with another bright colored crayon to reveal what you've written.

LOOK straight ahead so that you can make wise choices this week.

READ PROVERBS 4:26

DAY 4

Have you ever had to walk across a parking lot after a big rainstorm? In order to avoid all those big muddy puddles, you were probably careful to watch where you placed your feet. Sure it took you longer than usual to get across the lot, but in the end, your feet stayed dry because of your careful steps.

Wisdom works the same way. If you want to be wise, you have to pay attention to the path ahead. Wise people avoid danger by making choices that keep them from harm. If you want to be wise, look before you leap.

Grab another card to add to your Proverbs flipbook. Write Proverbs 4:26 on one side. Head outside, carefully color the bottom of your shoe with a washable marker and then step on the back of your card to make a footprint. Be sure to use a paper towel and some water to clean off your shoes when you're finished.

KNOW that wise people pay attention so they can end up where they want to be.

If you want to be **WISE**,
look before you leap.