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Are my actions
in line with God's Word?

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What Does Wisdom Look Like?

On Day 3, we learned that asking for wisdom is crucial to living out our faith! But maybe you've wondered, "How will I know when I have wisdom?" Well, guess what? This is what we get to learn today!

Read **James 3:13**. What shows we have wisdom?



Believe it or not, wisdom is pretty easy to see in someone's life. This is because our conduct, or what we do, will clearly show whether we have wisdom or not!

Read **James 3:14-16**. What actions or attitudes can be seen in the life of someone who does NOT have wisdom?

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We cannot be motivated and guided by wisdom while also being jealous and selfish. Just like hating people and loving God, wisdom and these two things do NOT mix. A jealous person looks at what other people have and feels resentful or bitter. They want to have the same things or experiences that others have.

A person who is selfish thinks only of themselves. They cannot see the needs of those around them because they are too worried about what they want or need. Sometimes they refuse to consider the needs of someone else or do not care to help others at all. Both jealousy and selfishness are described as unspiritual, demonic, disordered, and vile. God takes these things very seriously and makes it very clear that they do not come from Him but from the world.

Are there any ways in which you see these attitudes in your life?

☐ YES
☐ NO

If you see these in your life, don't despair! We are still works in progress and are being changed to be more like Christ every single day. It's a blessing to recognize ways in which we can rely on God more so that we are continually growing and getting rid of sinful habits in our lives.

Read  **James 3:17-18**. What does wisdom look like in our lives?

If you compare the passages we've read today, the differences could not be more clear! While false or worldly wisdom shows up as jealousy and selfishness, God's wisdom in our lives will result in peaceful interactions that produce harvests of righteousness! I know which life sounds better to me.

Wisdom doesn't just benefit us, though—it helps others too! When we are peaceful, kind, gentle, sincere, impartial (Day 7), pure, and reasonable, it flows out into the lives of others.

Look at the characteristics in the boxes below. Record how it feels or affects you when people around you act in these ways.

Worldly Wisdom:	God's Wisdom:
selfishness	peacefulness
	gentleness
jealousy	reasonableness
	sincerity

God's wisdom produces **righteousness** in our lives
that benefits those around us as well.

Today, thank God for His promise to give you wisdom when you ask. Ask Him to help you recognize areas where you are not acting wisely so you can grow and change.

Youth Level

Ages 13+

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What kinds of actions or conduct do you think wisdom produces?

What do you think it looks like to NOT have wisdom?

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We cannot be motivated and guided by wisdom while also being jealous and selfish. Just like hating people and loving God, wisdom and these two things do NOT mix. Someone who is jealous looks at what someone else has or is able to do and feels resentful or bitter towards that person because they're wishing to have or do those things.

A person who is selfish thinks only of themselves. They cannot see the needs of those around them because they are too worried about what they want or need. Sometimes they refuse to consider the needs of someone else or do not care to help others at all. Both jealousy and selfishness are described as unspiritual, demonic, disordered, and vile.



God takes these things very seriously and makes it very clear that they do not come from Him but from the world.

Are there any ways in which you see these attitudes in your life? List any ways or times when you see them.

Jealousy

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Selfishness

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Under each description, record how it affects you when people around you act in these ways.

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What steps can you take in your own life to act in wisdom? (Remember, you can ask God for help!)

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Parent Guide

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On Day 3, we learned that asking for wisdom is crucial to living out our faith! But maybe you've wondered, "How will I know when I have wisdom?" This is what we get to study today!

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Wisdom is actually pretty easy to see in someone's life. This is because our conduct will clearly show whether we have wisdom or not!

What kinds of actions or conduct do you think wisdom produces?

What do you think it looks like to NOT have wisdom?

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What steps can you take in your own life to act in wisdom?
(Remember, you can ask God for help!)

What examples from each of these categories do you see happening in your family? Consider making a chart to put up on your fridge and refer to throughout the day when various things like fighting, arguing, unkindness, sharing, obeying, and helping happen. Write out some examples of worldly wisdom and godly wisdom on the chart, and then remind your kids what kind of wisdom they're showing through their behavior.

Today, thank God for His promise to give you wisdom when you ask. Ask Him to help you recognize areas where you are not acting wisely so you can grow and change.

Scripture: James 3:17-18
Key Truth: God's wisdom produces righteousness in our lives that benefits those around us as well.

Discussion: What attitudes or actions show wisdom? What shows that we are not acting in wisdom? What are some examples of "harvests of righteousness" you might see when you act in God's wisdom?

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AUTHENTIC FAITH

What do you know about faith? Of course, we are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). But what is the **role** of faith after we're saved?

Faith is not only necessary for salvation, but it is also crucially important for every single day of our lives! In *Authentic Faith*, you will learn how God's desire for us as His children is that our faith would **grow** and **mature** throughout our whole lives. As we obey and trust Him, He **increases** our faith and our ability to live it out every single day!

