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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for Elementary

FALL C
Lesson 11

Increase Wisdom

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

James 1:5

We tried a fun project about wisdom: The kids decorated a shoe box and made it into a Wise Treasure Chest. They wrote out the words of James 1:5 on the outside. When a situation came up that required some thought for a good decision, we'd talk about various options and consequences for each. This helps kids develop critical thinking skills and lets them see the thought process parents go through in giving guidance. Then we would pray, asking God to give us wisdom in the situation. We briefly wrote out the situation, the decision, and dropped it in the Treasure Chest. Some time later we'd reread these and talk about how things turned out, writing down the outcomes. Looking back at our "wisdom process" helped us in making other decisions.

Try This:

Give your kids situations kids might find themselves in. Ask them to show you a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" to show whether they think the person used wisdom. Then have each of them tell you why it was wise or not. Use situations that are familiar to your child, such as: There's a thunderstorm with lightning outside, and your friends want to play soccer in the rain. A boy wants to stay at his friend's house longer than his parents gave him permission, but he chose to go home on time. On a school night, a girl stays up late to finish reading a great book. A boy is so busy that he skips brushing his teeth for a few days. The dog keeps barking at the door to go out and relieve himself, and his owner took him outside. A girl eats only dessert for school lunches. Then challenge your kids to give you a situation!