

# BASKETBALL LEAGUE DEVOTIONS

Parent Companion Guide

UPWARD  
SPORTS

## PRACTICE 6

### WISDOM

is finding out what you should do and doing it.

### KEY VERSE

**IF YOU NEED WISDOM, ASK OUR GENEROUS GOD,  
AND HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU.**

**JAMES 1:5a (NLT)**

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**Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.**

We started a conversation last week about wisdom. Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it. Where does wisdom come from? All wisdom comes from God because He is the wisest of all. Because all wisdom comes from Him, we can always put our trust in God to help us make wise decisions.

Check this out. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

You know what it means to trust in something. You trust in stuff every day. You trust a chair to hold you up when you sit down. You trust your car to get you to work. You trust your friend will want to hang out over the weekend.

But what happens when chairs break or cars break down? Or your friend made different plans? Sometimes we trust in things or people that let us down. But God never will. He is completely trustworthy. When God makes a promise, He keeps it, always.

When it comes to wisdom, we shouldn't lean on or trust in our own way to make the right kind of choices. Why? Because we can't know everything. But God does. He made you, He loves you, and He has a perfect plan for your life. When you ask Him to help you, He will. You can trust that God will always lead you in the right direction. If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.

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## CONVERSATION STARTERS

(K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

- What makes someone easy to trust? Why can we trust God?
- What can you do to become wiser?

(3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- Is it easy to trust God? Why or why not?
- What can you do to gain more wisdom from God?

(7<sup>th</sup> Grade and up)

- Do you believe God is trustworthy? Why or why not?
- Is there any situation in your life right now where you need God's wisdom? What is it?

## GOING DEEPER

This week, read 1 Kings 3:4-15 and 4:29-44 with your child. These passages tell the story of a young king named Solomon. When God offered to give Solomon a gift, what did he ask for? (1 Kings 3:9) What was God's response to Solomon's request? In 1 Kings 4:29-44, what are some examples of how King Solomon used his wisdom? Finally, read Proverbs 3:5-6 with your child. Explain that they can ask God for wisdom, too, and that He will guide them.