

City LG—August 21st-23rd, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Foolish Heart (Rehoboam Listens to Fools) • 2 Chronicles 10
(supporting: Proverbs 13:20)

Today's Bottom Line: Hang out with wise people.

Monthly Memory Verse: *If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault.* James 1:5 (NirV)

WORSHIP: Chasing Me and Shine a Light

"Hello, friends! We've found some amazing wisdom this month in the words of King Solomon. As you might remember, Solomon asked God for wisdom when he was a young man, and God made him one of the wisest people who ever lived!

"Solomon ruled as king of Israel for 40 years. He built a temple for the Lord and a palace for himself. He welcomed visitors, and shared the wisdom God had given him. Much of his wisdom is written down in the book of Proverbs, which is part of the Bible that we can read today. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"Just like Solomon, we can ask God for the wisdom we need to face tough decisions in life. We can also find God's wisdom in our relationships with other people.

"Solomon had something to say about that, as we find in Proverbs 13:20. Listen to this.

Open the Bible to Proverbs 13:20 (NirV) and read.

"Walk with wise people and become wise. A companion of foolish people suffers harm.

"That makes sense, right? If you spend time with wise people, you'll become more and more wise. But if you spend time with people who aren't **making the wise choice** . . . well, you probably won't make such wise choices either."

"When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king. I wish I could tell you that Rehoboam listened to his father's good advice. Unfortunately, that's not what happened. To tell you HIS story, let's take a look at this week's video!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:00)

"From that day on, God's people were split into two kingdoms. Rehoboam still ruled in Judah, but Jeroboam was made king of Israel. King Rehoboam's foolishness had cost him nearly all of the kingdom! The people didn't trust him, and they didn't want to follow him anymore.

"So what can we learn from the story of Rehoboam? Well, it's like Solomon said, '*Walk with wise people and become wise.*' (Proverbs 13:20 NirV)

"If Rehoboam had listened to the wise elders, the story would have turned out very differently.

"It's important that we spend time with wise people, because then we'll grow in wisdom. It's important that we hang out with others who follow God, because that will help us follow God, too. Remember . . .

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“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for giving us friends, family, and leaders who love You and want to follow You. Please help us find those wise people and spend time with them. Give us the wisdom to listen when they give us advice. Help us learn from them as we grow closer to You every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“You know, King Rehoboam was on the right track when he asked the wise elders for advice. He could have done what his dad had said—*walk with wise people and become wise*. (*Proverbs 13:20, NIV*) But unfortunately, he chose to listen to the young guys who just told him what he wanted to hear.

“We can learn from Rehoboam’s mistake today. We can spend our time with people who are wise—people who love God, love us, and want what’s best for us. ALL of us need people in our lives who can give us good advice and help us grow in wisdom. It’s so cool that God can give us HIS wisdom through them! Let’s do this.

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“Remember, Jesus had a group of close friends who spent lots of time with Him. They hung out with Jesus in all kinds of situations. They listened to Him teach, watched Him heal people, and saw how He showed love in lots of different ways. They saw what His relationship with His Father was like. Just like the disciples learned from Jesus, we can become wiser when we spend time with people who follow Jesus and want to live His way. Can you think of some wise people that God has put in your life? I can, too.

Talk about someone wise, or a group of wise people, who helped you grow in wisdom—like your adult community group.

“You can always ask God to help you find wise people and spend time with them. In fact, that’s what you get to do right after offering time!”

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri
New Lenox: Daniel
Homer Glen: Victor

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