

VICTORY AT HOME

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



TIME BANDITS

It's fairly safe to say that the life we have been given to live and lead is busy. Like, **SUPER** busy. When someone asks you "How are you doing?", you've probably said at one time or another, "Oh man, I'm so busy..." or "staying busy..." or when asked to do something with a friend or even volunteer at church, you reflect quickly and say "I'm too busy for that". The reality is, being busy is our **choice**. Somewhere along the line, we have given in to the "**time bandits**" of life and have allowed the choice of busyness to steal our focus from the really good and excellent things God has planned for us in life.

There are many choices available to us today that at first look are attractive. Maybe it is sports, binging on Netflix, social media, YouTube, active social life, or a hobby you love. All of these are fine in moderation, but individually unchecked or added together, can easily cross the line of excess and slide into the space of being a "time bandit". This month in VicKids we will be learning about Wise Living and how to make good choices for the time we have been given. So, let's take a minute to assess where we are and think about where God wants us to go and evaluate how things are going in our lives. This will only be as valuable to you as you are honest with the answers.

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• Putting God first	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Marriage & relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Leading your family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• How you spend your time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• What you feed your soul	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Health (physical & financial)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The book of Proverbs is a great book of the Bible to go through together as a family. Since there are 31 chapters, you could start at the beginning and each day read, reflect and talk with your family about what it says and how it could be applied to your lives. You may want to do your reading early and pick out a few notable scriptures for family focus. Here is a fun way your family can start growing together in wisdom.

- **Have a weekly "Time with Jesus":** If you have very young children, take the lead and incorporate them as appropriate. They LOVE seeing you do this! If you have an older elementary or even middle school aged child ask them to lead in an area of reading, coloring or craft making.
- **Worship:** Select one or two songs to play; worship together as a family. For younger children encourage them to dance or use simple objects to make sounds like spoons and plastic cups.
- **Prayer:** Pick a topic for each member of the family to pray over. Then have each member of the family pray out loud for what the need is.
- **Scripture:** Read the focused scriptures (if you picked a few) or all of the chapter if your children are old enough and have a long attention span. For younger children, provide paper and crayons and encourage them to draw pictures of what they see or hear while the scriptures are being read.
- **Family Discussion:** Ask questions and allow each family member to share. Here are some example questions and activities.
 - What do you think the scripture was saying?
 - How could we apply this to our family? How could you apply this to your life now? (if age appropriate)
 - What changes can we make as a family to grow in our discipleship?
 - Have each member of the family tell a joke.
 - Game night is still a winner with your kids. **They just want to be with you.**
 - Think about a funny story from your childhood and share it with your kids. They will remember it and remind you of it later. **It's a place and time of bonding that can't be stolen!**



GOD HELPS ME MAKE GOOD CHOICES

PRESCHOOL

WEEK 1

WE CAN SHOW THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

READ Galatians 5:22-25 This week in VicKids your child is learning that God gives followers of Jesus the Holy Spirit to help them make good choices.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Learning Scripture is an extremely important discipline in the life of a Christian. It is much easier to learn what God's Word says at a young age. Children will see the importance of studying Scripture and applying it to their lives when they see their parents doing it. Help your child learn the memory verse. Consider making up motions, and saying the verses together each night before bed.

PRAY *God, thank You for giving us the Bible to help us make good choices. Help us grow in the Fruit of the Spirit. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen!*

WEEK 2

I CAN HAVE LOVE, JOY, AND PEACE

READ Galatians 5:22-25 Today we learned the Bible teaches us to have love, joy, and peace in our lives when we follow Jesus.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Talk about some different people and things your child loves. What are some ways your family can show God's love to others? Joy is being happy because of Jesus. Discuss ways to find joy when sad or bad things happen. Peace means we can stay calm and not worry because God is always in control. Remind your child to pray for peace when anxious or upset.

PRAY *God, thank You for giving us the Bible to help us learn to make good choices. Remind us to make good choices this week and show love, joy, and peace in our lives We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen!*

WEEK 3

I CAN HAVE PATIENCE, KINDNESS, AND GOODNESS

READ Galatians 5:22-25 This week in VicKids we learned the Bible teaches us to have patience, kindness, and goodness!

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take your child to the grocery store and compare different pieces of fruit. Point out any bad fruit you may see. Select a few pieces of fruit to purchase. As you and your child enjoy the fruit at home, compare the good and bad fruit to our attitudes and actions in our lives. Fresh fruit is good and pleasing, while bad attitudes and actions are like rotten fruit that no one wants.

PRAY *God, thank You for helping us make good choices. Help us live with patience, kindness, and goodness so others will see our good fruit. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen!*

WEEK 4

I CAN HAVE FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL

READ Galatians 5:22-25 Today we learned the Bible teaches us to have faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives when we follow Jesus.

EXPLORE TOGETHER One of the best ways for your child to learn faithfulness is to see it in you. Encourage faithfulness in an area as a family by setting a goal (no whining or complaining, using good manners, etc.) and celebrate when the goal is reached!

PRAY *God, thank You for giving us the Bible to help us learn the Fruit of the Spirit. Help our choices show others how You are growing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen.*

WEEK 5

I CAN MAKE GOOD CHOICES

READ Galatians 5:22-23a This week in VicKids your child is reviewing the fruit of the Spirits! All month long we have learned that the Holy Spirit gives us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

EXPLORE TOGETHER God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us make good choices and be more like Jesus. Read Galatians 5:22-23a to your child, and talk about the fruit of the Spirit. Talk about good fruit verses bad fruit. The Bible teaches us to make good fruit from our lives. Discuss ways your child can live the fruit of the Spirit in his or her life.

PRAY *God, thank You for giving us the Fruit of the Spirit in Your Word so we know how to make good choices. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen!*

WISE LIVING ELEMENTARY

BEGINNING OF WISDOM - 1 KINGS 3:16-28

WEEK 1

READ 1 KINGS 3:16-28 This week in VicKids your student learns about the **BEGINNING OF WISDOM!** Using the story of King Solomon as the backdrop, the students learned about the beginning of wisdom and how it starts with a healthy, reverential respect for God.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take time this week to talk with your student about what it means to walk in reverence and the "fear" of the Lord. Explain to your children that this kind of "fear" is not the kind we are to be afraid of, but that we are to walk in humility before the awesome nature of God. Begin to search out Proverbs for comparisons between the wise young person and the foolish young person. What makes them different?

Pray - God, I thank you that You have given us the best example of wise living by sending us your son Jesus. As we look to your word, help us to decide what is right and wrong and make Godly choices for our lives. In Jesus name, Amen!

SHIELDED BY WISDOM - PROVERBS 4:6-7

WEEK 2

READ PROVERBS 4:6-7 This week in VicKids your student learns about how **walking in the wisdom of God** can warn and protect us as we live our lives. They learned that by applying wisdom to their lives, they can see warning signs of making a foolish choice and the potential consequences of their actions.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take time this week to talk with your student about what it means to ignore God's wisdom as talked about in the Bible. Ask your student if they know ways in which they may be influenced to ignore God's wisdom and make other choices. Read about David and Abigail in 1 Samuel 25. Ask your student if they can remember a time when they wanted to make a decision and because they listened to someone wise they made the right decision. Perhaps share one of your own life stories about a time when this happened to you.

Pray - God, I thank you for your Word and the amazing stories of how You send people to help others make good choices. Thank you for your Word and the protection that comes from applying wisdom to our lives. In Jesus name. Amen!

GROWING IN WISDOM - PROVERBS 4

WEEK 3

READ PROVERBS 4 This week in VicKids your student learns about what it means to **GROW IN WISDOM**. They learn that the Book of Proverbs is a book filled with **ACTION!** Growing in wisdom requires us to do something with the knowledge we have been given - that's called wisdom!

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take time this week to dig into Proverbs 4 and really talk about what it means to apply wisdom to their lives—in the way they speak, look, walk and listen. Remind them that a large part of Proverbs is instruction from a parent to his child, taken from real life experience.

Pray - God, I thank you for your Word and the wisdom of Proverbs. Help us to apply your Scripture to every area of our lives so that we may speak, act, walk, listen and look like Jesus. In Jesus name, Amen!

WISE LIVING - DANIEL 6

WEEK 4

READ DANIEL 6 This week in VicKids your student learns about what it means to live a **WISE LIFE**. They learn about Daniel and how he made a decision to follow the One, True, Living God, even if it meant harm to his physical body.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take time this week to read through the Book of Daniel, at least to the end of chapter 6. While your student will only hear about the lions den account, take time to re-familiarize yourself with his early life and how he walked in wisdom before the king during his entire time in Babylon. Ask your student about some of the traits of wisdom that they see in Daniels life. How did he demonstrate wise living?

Pray - God, I thank you giving us a framework for wise living. Help us to be patient before You as we listen to Your gentle guidance as a shepherd guides his sheep. Thank you for guarding and looking out for us as we walk wisely in our daily lives! In Jesus name, Amen!

CHOOSING DAILY WISDOM - PROVERBS 12-21

WEEK 5

READ PROVERBS 12-21 This week in VicKids your student learns about what it means to **CHOOSE WISDOM DAILY**. By now, you should be well into the Book of Proverbs and be able to continue your conversations on this subject.

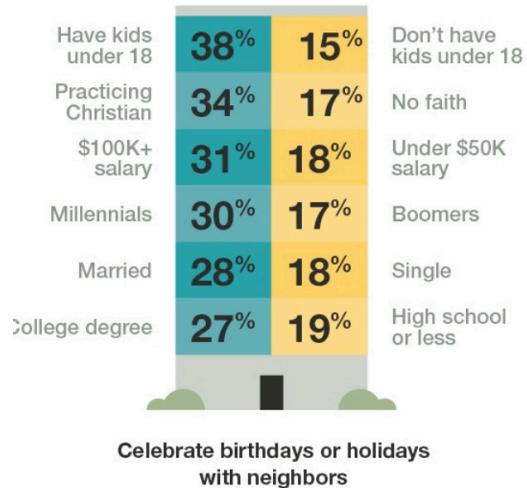
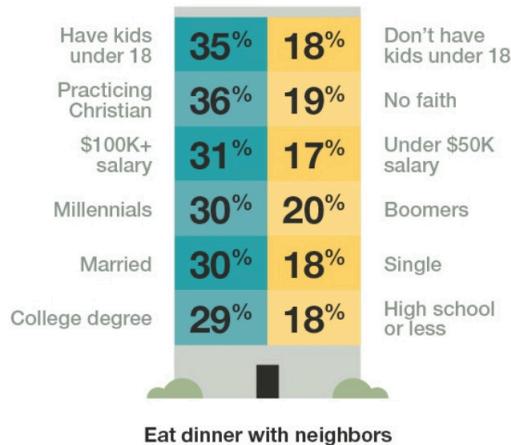
EXPLORE TOGETHER Take time this week to read and touch base on these four areas of life when it comes to wise living—relationships with our parents (Prov. 1:8-9), relationships with our friends (Prov. 12:26), wisdom with our words (Prov. 18:7) and wisdom about our work habits (Prov. 14:23). Talk with your student about these four areas of life and what it may mean for them if they choose to not follow God's instruction in these areas.

Pray - God, I thank you helping us in choosing to live a life of wisdom—DAILY! Help us as a family to guard our hearts, mouths, minds and habits. Help us to apply your wisdom to all we say, think and do! In Jesus name, Amen!

THE WORLD NEXT DOOR

who do you share your life with?

Who are the people more likely to go beyond small talk?



Campus Calendar

NORCROSS

03/09 - VicKids Volunteer Orientation - 5:45pm
Auditorium 'A'

03/16 - LEAD WELL - 9:30am

HAMILTON MILL

03/03 - Victory at Home - 1:00pm
Parent Child Dedication Workshop

03/10 - Victory at Home
Parent Child Dedication In-Service Ceremony

03/16 - LEAD WELL - 9:30am - AT NORCROSS

03/24 - Salvation/Baptism Workshop - 1pm

MIDTOWN

Victory Midtown is continuing to meet weekly at The Gathering Spot. With the new momentum of this campus, Vickids Children's Ministry would like to invite you to serve with us! Please connect with Pastor Kendra Momon or any VicKids team member to learn more about this opportunity!

Campus Service Times

NORCROSS - SAT 6 PM, SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM

HAMILTON MILL - SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM

MIDTOWN - SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM

"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom."

Charles Spurgeon

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding".

Proverbs 2:6

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