**6 June 2021 JClub Lesson Plan**

**Proverbs: Walk on the Wise Side**

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| Big Point | **We are wise when we build great friendships.** |
| Memory Verse | “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.” PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NLT) |
| 4 M Values | Ministry Equipping: We have to follow God’s guidelines to be wise to build good friendships and connections. |
| Learning Outcomes | At the conclusion of this lesson children will:   * Know that we are wise when we build great friendships. * Learn from king Solomon who made some good and some bad friendships. * Discover that when we walk with the wise, we become wise. |
| Influencers |  |

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| **SETUP CHECK LIST**   * Setup the check-in tables and printer outside the room * Mic/Sound/Video setup and test * Craft/Activities/Games resource and props check. * Journaling sheets & handouts * Check class/area for safety and security measures. * Remove items that are not meant to be there. |

**Today at a glance:**

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| Time | Activity | Influencer/s |
| 7:30 | Prayer, lesson run through and set-up | All in |
| 8:30 | Check-in and Bump-in time |  |
| 9:00 | Session start / Welcome and rules |  |
| 9:10 | Praise & Worship  1.  2.  3. |  |
| 9:25 | Thanksgiving |  |
| 9:30 | Game: Stop & Go |  |
| 9:40 | Object Lesson: Choosing good friends |  |
| 9:50 | Memory Verse |  |
| 9:55 | Bible Story: King Solomon’s friendships |  |
| 10:00 | Big Message Video |  |
| 10:10 | Discussion Groups | All in |
| 10:25 | Wrap-up |  |
| 10:30 | Check-out |  |

**Lesson:**

**9:00 Session Start: Welcome & Rules / Intro**

Welcome children and go through 3Ls (LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE)

Introduce focus of today’s session (Title/Big Point).

**9:10 Praise and Worship**

Guide children through three praise and worship songs.

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**9:25 Thanksgiving**

Ask the children what they are thankful for. Collect any offerings children may have.

**9:30 Game: Stop & Go**

Every round of stop and go change up the style of “walk” e.g. Crab Walk, March, Hop, Crawl etc.

Everyone starts on one side of the room.

One person on the other side of the room facing the wall. They call “stop” or “go”.

When they say “go” everyone must walk up to the other side.

When they say “stop” and turns around everyone freezes.

If someone is still moving when they turn around, they are out of the game.

**9:40 Object Lesson – Choosing Good Friends**

‘Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future’. It is said that you become like those that you spend the most time with. Some people think this extends to your pets! Take a look at these pictures and we’ll see if these dogs look like their owners or if it’s the owners that look like their dogs!

*(Show object lesson screen images 1-5.)*

We might not physically look like the people we spend the most time with, but we certainly become like them in values, beliefs and manner. **Proverbs 13:20 (MSG) “Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.”** Who we surround ourselves with is one of the most important decisions we can make.

Let’s take a look at 2 different friendships: *(Show screen image: good friendship/bad friendship text)*

Ask children to read the different friends text messages.

Q: Why do you think the first pair of friends show they are a good friendship?

Q: Why do you think the second pair were a bad friendship?

We need friends who will be friends to our future - taking us toward the life that God has for us, not away from it. Good friends make each other better. **Proverbs 27:17 (CEV) “Just as iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen the minds of each other.**” If you want to be good at skateboarding you, might want to get to know some people who are great skateboarders so you can learn from them. **If you want to grow in your relationship with God, you might want to be friends with someone who is also growing in that area of their life. If you want to be wise, Proverbs says to hang out with wise people! Walk on the wise side. We are wise when we build great friendships.**

**9:50 Memory Verse**

Read Memory verse together:

“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.” PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NLT)

Play BIG WORD Video: <https://vimeo.com/553274930/5195d585ef>

**9:55 Bible Story: King Solomon’s Friendships**

Someone who was known for wisdom was King Solomon. He built many friendships some were very good, but some were very bad and made him make some bad choices. Let’s hear about King Solomon and his friendships.

Play **Big story.** [**https://vimeo.com/554996245/dc4318b6ef**](https://vimeo.com/554996245/dc4318b6ef)

Just like Solomon we can choose what kind of friendships we build. Those that lead us toward good things or friendships that lead us away from good things. **1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) “Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character”.** We are wise when we build great friendships.

**10:00 BIG Message Video**

Play episode of BIG: <https://vimeo.com/554993338/560af938bf>

**10:10 Discussion Groups**

Split into discussion groups. Take challenge card sheets, activity sheets and colours for your group.

1. **Questions:**

**1. Why is it important to build great friendships?**

You need to build great friendships with the right people. We become like the people we spend the most time with. We become like them in values, beliefs and manner. Proverbs 13:20 (MSG) “Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.” Who we surround ourselves with is one of the most important decisions we can make.

**2. What happened when king Solomon made some bad friendships?**

God had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods. He didn’t keep the Lord’s command and married many women who worshipped statues instead of the one true God. Solomon’s heart turned away from God and his wives led him astray. 1 Kings 11:4 (NIV) “As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.”

**3. How can we build great friendships?**

We can be a good friend to others by being a friend to their future. A good friend is a friend in the tough times and the good times. A good friend is kind, encouraging and helpful. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) “Encourage one another and build each other up”. You can either build a friendship with wisdom or tear it down by ignoring the wisdom found in God’s Word. God’s Word gives us wisdom for life. We are wise when we build great friendships, brick by brick on a solid foundation.

1. **Activity Sheets**
2. **Challenge Cards pasted into books**
3. **Award stickers for previous week’s challenge card.**

**10:25 Wrap-up**

**Big Quiz:** [**https://vimeo.com/554995960/27cdd27fbc**](https://vimeo.com/554995960/27cdd27fbc)

**Summarize:**

We need to build a great friendship. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) “Encourage one another and build each other up”. You can either build a friendship with wisdom or tear it down by ignoring the wisdom found in God’s Word. God’s Word gives us wisdom for life. We are wise when we build great friendships, brick by brick on a solid foundation.

**Close in prayer**

**10:35 Check-out**

**PACK UP CHECK LIST**

* Clean out rubbish
* Neatly store stationery and craft materials back into storage boxes
* Pack up check-in tablet and printer
* Turn off TV/Screens/Sound/Mics
* Team Leader to fill up feedback form. (<http://tiny.cc/8pactz>)