

Day 2

Read 2 Chronicles 10

As you read 2 Chronicles 10, place a ☺ beside the paragraphs where wise advice is given, or wise action is taken. Place a ☹ beside the paragraphs where foolish advice is given, or unwise action is taken. (Some paragraphs won't have either.)

There were a lot more ☺ than ☹, weren't there? Read verses 16-19 to see the result of all that foolish advice and action.

Go back and circle the wise people who Rehoboam should have listened to.

Who are the "elders" in your life? (Remember, this doesn't necessarily mean someone older than you, although it can; it means someone who is wiser than you.) Write their names down and save it for later this week. (Note: If you don't think you have any "elders" in your life, think about people like your small group leader or Sunday School teacher. Still stumped? Don't worry! We'll talk to God about that tomorrow.)



Day 3

No matter how many names you wrote down yesterday, you can always use more wise friends in your life.

Think about the different places you spend time—do you have at least one wise friend in each of those places? Someone who encourages you to make wise choices and who helps you stop and think before you act?

Write down some of the people in each of the following places you might spend time. If you don't have anyone in that particular place, that's a great one to ask God for help in finding a wise friend. If you do have wise friends there, thank God for them, and ask Him to help your friendship deepen and to help you be an "elder" for your friend as well!

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Take a few minutes to ask God to help you find the wise people in your life. He wants you to have wisdom, remember, and He can use other people to help show you the way.

Home: .....

School: .....

Neighborhood: .....

Church: .....

Sports: .....

Arts: .....

## Day 4

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**Look back at the names that you wrote down on Day 2 and Day 3—your "elders."**

Are these people that you regularly hang out with? If not, why? If so, awesome! Is there more you could do with these people—to learn from them, to become wise like them?

Today, send a text or email, or pick up the phone and make a call, and ask at least one of your "elders" if you can hang out in the next week or so. Be sure and explain that you're learning about wisdom, and since you consider them wise, you want to spend some time with them. (Be sure and get a parent's permission first, of course.)

Before you meet up, think about some of the things you'd like to talk about. Maybe you have a specific situation you could use some help figuring out? Or perhaps you'd just like to pick their brain, to find out how they got so wise, and what kind of things they'd recommend you do to become wiser. You could also consider asking them to be your mentor—a person who you regularly spend time with to become a wiser person.

Try to make this "meeting of the elders" a regular event in your life—you could hang out with one person each week, or even start a text chain with your closest, wisest friends that's focused on talking about the wise choices you're trying to make! **Hang out with wise people!**



## Day 5

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**Who is the wisest person you know?**

It's time to update the Wisdom Wall again. (Note: If you're running out of room, you can always add another sheet to the wall.)

Take it down, and this time, add the names of your "elders." If you have photos of these wise friends, you can also print those and glue them onto your wisdom wall.

As you write down their name or glue their photo, say a prayer of thankfulness for this person's role in your life. Ask God to help you both continue to search for wisdom—and to encourage each other to grow closer to God.

Then re-hang your Wisdom Wall and smile as you see the names or faces of the wise people you hang out with.