

**Bible Story:** Wisdom and Speech: Psalm 19

**Big Idea:** I can be wise by choosing my words carefully.



**Lesson Guide:**

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.

- Make Me Wise: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTJxVJuLfck>
- Jesus is My Best Friend: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tER4Jx6LyZk&t=22s>
- O Be Careful: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsTWc\\_tAGts](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsTWc_tAGts)

2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

<https://vimeo.com/582589199/f3182347b3>

3. Review the Bible story like this:

**\*Bible**

- Open the Bible to Psalm 19, and show the kids where today's lesson comes from.
- *[Read or paraphrase verses one through six of Psalm 19.]*
  - **Can you name some things that are in nature?**
  - The Bible tells us that even though these things cannot really talk, they still are praising God!
  - **If you were the sun, moon, or something else in nature, what would you say about God?**
- *[Read or paraphrase verses seven through nine.]*
  - **What is God's law?**
  - God's law is instructions from God. The Bible tells us all the things God wants us to do and not do. These things keep us safe and happy. The person who wrote this psalm, King David, says he loves God's law so much!
  - **Are there any laws or rules you really like?**
- *[Read or paraphrase verses ten through thirteen.]*
  - David says he loves God's word so much, he says they are more precious than gold and sweeter than honey!
  - **What are some other sweet things you can think of? Let's try completing this sentence with your words: "God's word is sweeter than \_\_\_\_\_."**
- *[Read or paraphrase verse fourteen.]*
  - David finishes this psalm by saying he wants everything he says to be something that makes God happy.
  - **What kinds of words can we say that would make God happy?**

- **BIG IDEA | I can be wise by choosing my words carefully.**
- Try these tongue twisters with your family:
  - Theo threw three things.
  - Green grapes, green grapes, green grapes.
  - Four fresh fish for Frank.
  - Sally sells seashells by the seashore.
  - Etc.
- Some of those were pretty silly...and hard to say.
- Choosing the words we say or choosing the words NOT to say can be tough to do, but with God's help we can be careful with our words!

#### 4. Practice the September Memory Verse like this.

- Look up Ephesians 5:15 in the Bible and read it with your family.
- Practice the verse together using the motions from this video:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8xpay0mrxpvs7fz/SeptMemVerseMotions.MOV?dl=0>
- Next try this activity with the kids...
  - Put a piece of tape in a line on the floor or draw a line with chalk outside.
  - Have your family all stand on one side of it.
  - Say a word or phrase.
  - If they think it is wise, have them jump over the tape.
  - Each time the kids think the word/ phrase is wise, celebrate by saying the verse together while they jump back and forth across the tape line.
  - If they think your word/ phrase is unwise, have them cover their mouths, and shout, "No thank you!"

#### 5. Pray with your family.