


HILLSIDE STUDENTS


Wisdom & Humility

CONNECT

 Set out snacks! Add new students to the groups app! Take Attendance!

 Play **Kill Ball!** Grab a volleyball and have everyone stand in a circle. Volley the ball around the circle until someone misses it. The person who missed now sits in the middle of the circle. The game continues by passing the ball 3 times and on the 4th spiking the ball at the people sitting in the circle. If you hit the person, the game continues. If you miss the person, you join them in the middle. If the person in the middle catches it, the game restarts!

WATCH

 **Set up Discussion:** What makes somebody wise? Getting older? Knowing the answers on a test? Never getting in trouble? There are lot of things we can do to *look* wise, but true wisdom comes from God!

 Pre-Video Question: Have your group answer one or both questions below!

- If you had to swap your legs with the legs of any other animal, which animal would you choose?
- What is best form of potato? (Fries, mashed, baked, chips, etc)

Split up into smaller groups and navigate the discussion below:

- What stood out to you from the video?
- **Read James 3:13.** Who is someone you know that has the kind of wisdom this verse is talking about? How do you know they are wise?
- **Read James 3:14-16.** What is selfish ambition? How does selfish ambition get in the way of true wisdom?
- **Read James 3:17.** What does it look like for wisdom to be Peace-loving? Considerate? Submissive? Full of mercy? Full of good fruit? Impartial? Sincere? (You can you're your group answer one-by-one or pick a couple them to zoom in on!)
- **Read James 1:5.** Who do you usually go to when you need wisdom? Why is best to go to God for wisdom?
- After seeking wisdom from God, who are some trusted people in your life who can point you towards Godly wisdom?
- Where do you currently need godly wisdom in your life? Take time to pray over each other that God would supply the wisdom you need!

READ + DISCUSS

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People have different perceptions of what “wisdom” is. Some people assume it comes with age, while others think it has to do with intelligence or behavior. However, the Bible has a lot to say about wisdom and gives some clear indicators for what it really is!

At it’s core, the wisdom that the Bible speaks of is centered on God, not ourselves. When we make decisions to benefit ourselves or our reputation, we are not acting in true wisdom. However, when we make choices to glorify God and benefit others, we live out the kind of the wisdom scripture calls us to!

Therefore, wisdom and humility go hand-in-hand.

This week, help your students understand godly wisdom by giving practical examples of how you have seen inward humility produce outward wisdom.

Read James 3:13 *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.*

Read James 3:14-16 *But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

Read James 3:17 *But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.*

Read James 1:5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*