

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



THE BIG IDEA

I can be wise by not choosing sides.

THE BIBLE

Wisdom and Favoritism: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;
James 2:1-10

QUESTIONS

- What is better to have than riches?
- What were the two types of people that the Bible story from Proverbs 22 talked about?
- Whether we are rich or poor, what do all of us have in common?
- Read James 2:9. What does this verse say about favoritism?
- What are some ways you might be tempted to show favoritism?
- What can you do to remind yourself to choose wisely and not choose sides?
- What do you show when you don't show favoritism?

ACTIVITY

Hold a ball of yarn and begin a story that would fit into our theme for today. Then, toss the ball of yarn to another kid (while still holding onto the end of the string) and have them build on your story with another action, and have the group decide if that was wise or unwise. Have the kid toss the ball of yarn to another kid while still holding onto a piece of string that now connects you with them.

"Spinning yarn" is an old sailing expression for telling stories. Look at the yarn we spun — literally!

Every choice we make leads to another, like how we are all connected by this yarn. That's why it's important that we make wise choices to build on rather than unwise ones! Remind yourself to make good choices this week, and remember our Big Idea for this week: **I can be wise by not choosing sides!**

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Ephesians 5:15 (NIV)

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise."

Looking for sign language? Go to growcurriculum.org/Ephesians5-15 and get memorizing!

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