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**Primary  
School**



**Lunchtime Group Resource**

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## WELCOME

This resource has been specifically written with school groups in mind but can be adapted depending on your needs. It is based on the group running for approximately 30 minutes each meeting.

## WHAT'S INSIDE?

- 9 sets of leader's notes for regular meetings. The leader's notes provide an aim, fun activity, guidelines for an interactive talk, as well as prayer and song ideas.
- 2 colour advertising posters designed to grab the attention of students and help increase awareness of your group. There is space for you to fill in your group name and where you meet. We encourage Independent schools to use the 'CRU School Groups' logo when promoting their group so as to link students with the work that God is doing in other schools.

## BEFORE YOU START

- Whilst this resource is aimed at easing the load for the group leader, it is vital before each meeting to read the Bible passages and adapt the talk to the specific needs of your group.
- A variety of video clips and other resources are used in this series. These can be accessed from the Web Extras section of the CRU website:

**[www.crusaders.edu.au/ministry/resourcewebextras](http://www.crusaders.edu.au/ministry/resourcewebextras)**

- It would be very easy to spend too much time on the activity each week. Remember that looking at the Bible and praying together are the most important parts of the meeting and divide time accordingly.
- Please note that all pages in this resource can be photocopied but Crusaders request each school purchase at least one original.

We pray that this resource will be a great help as you join in God's work of bringing students to Himself and growing them to be like His Son.

*"We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom,  
so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.  
To this end I labour, struggling with all His energy which so powerfully works in me."  
Colossians 1:28–29*

# Choose your own Adventure

Week	Title	Key Passage	Main Idea
1	Choose Your Own Adventure	Proverbs 8:11	<b>Desire wisdom</b> Wisdom is the one thing that can lead us to a life that works.
2	Lean On Me	Proverbs 3:5-6	<b>Lean on the creator</b> The wise person leans on the creator in life, not their own understanding.
3	Golden Oldies	Proverbs 4:10-13	<b>Love advice</b> The wise person embraces advice from older people who have already walked the path of life.
4	Think Before You Leap	Proverbs 14:15	<b>Think ahead</b> The wise person takes time to think about where a path will lead before taking it.
5	My Proverb		An opportunity to ponder some proverbs and express your own favourites.
6	Words That Work	Proverbs 18:21a	<b>Watch your words</b> The wise person seeks to use words that bring life to others, not death.
7	Friendships That Work #1	Proverbs 13:20	<b>Consider your companions</b> The wise person is careful about how their friends influence them.
8	Friendships That Work #2	Proverbs 17:17a	<b>Stick with your friends</b> The wise person loves their friends at all times, even when things are hard.
9	Money That Works	Proverbs 23:4-5	<b>Keep money in perspective</b> The wise person doesn't chase money or let it crowd out other good things in life.

# Choose Your Own Proverbs 8:11

## AIM

For students to want wisdom more than other things so they can make good choices in life.

## FOCUS VERSES

### 1 Kings 3:5, 9-12 (CEV)

<sup>5</sup>The LORD God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Solomon, ask for anything you want, and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered... <sup>9</sup>"Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right and wrong..."

<sup>10-11</sup>God said: "Solomon, I'm pleased that you asked for this. You could have asked to live a long time or to be rich. Or you could have asked for your enemies to be destroyed. Instead, you asked for wisdom to make right decisions. <sup>12</sup>So I'll make you wiser than anyone who has ever lived or ever will live."

### Proverbs 8:11 (CEV)

<sup>11</sup>Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels or anything else you desire.

## PREPARE

- Familiarise yourself with the content and context of 1 Kings 3:5, 9-12 and Proverbs 8:11. Pray that students will grow in their desire for wisdom.
- Fun Activity - borrow a 'Choose Your Own Adventure' book from the school library.
- Print the Web Extras document 'GPS'. Place page 1 inside a cardboard box (or label a real GPS navigator with the word 'wisdom' and place it inside). Wrap the box as a gift and stick page 2 to the outside.
- Bring some things your students tend to idolise (e.g. sports equipment, chocolate, beauty products, mobile phone, clothes, game console).
- Optional - create invites for next week's 'Bring a Friend'.

### Advertising your group...

- A. 'Choose Your Own Adventure' books provide a great avenue for advertising this series to the whole school. You could...
  - read the first couple of pages at assembly and get the entire school to vote on which path to take. Then tell students the mission will continue at the group this week (where you will also be talking about how to make choices in life that work).
  - read a single page each week at assembly and get the entire school to vote on which path to take next week. Each week advertise the group.
- B. Web Extras also contains several video clips you could use to promote this Proverbs series each week at assembly.

## FUN ACTIVITY

This activity is designed to get students thinking about choices and their outcomes.

**Choose Your Own Adventure** - read the first page of the book to the group. At the end of the first page you will be presented with two paths to choose between. Get the group to vote on which path to take.

Turn to the relevant page number and you will be taken to the next part of the story. If you choose well the story will continue and you will be presented with another choice. If you choose poorly your path will lead to failure. The goal is to keep choosing paths that take you to the best possible outcome (the books contain multiple possible endings which vary from highly desirable to highly undesirable).

*Note: You may not have time to reach an actual ending. If this is the case, you could ...*

- read the first couple of pages at assembly
- leave them hanging & finish the mission next week
- spread the mission out across the whole term by just making a single choice each week.

# Adventure



## TALK

### A. Life is like a 'choose your own adventure'

- We don't get to choose everything in life (e.g. family, illness), but every day we make lots of choices. Get students to discuss in pairs the most recent choice they have made... most silly choice... most important choice.
- Our choices take us down paths that either make our life better or worse. Lots of choices are small, but some can impact the rest of our life!
- Sometimes it can be hard to know which paths to choose - many promise to make our life better, but they don't all work. You may like to tell a story about a path you took in life which you thought would work out well but it didn't.
- Introduce Proverbs as a book written to help us make choices in life that work.

### B. Wisdom can show us which way to go

- Holding up the box, ask: *If God said He would give you anything, what one thing would you ask for?* Using the props, point out some of the things we often want most in life (popularity, cool stuff, money, sport, looks, brains).
- As you read 1 Kings 3:5 and 9-12, ask students to listen for what Solomon (who wrote many of the proverbs) asked for. Discuss with students what first comes to mind when they hear the word 'wisdom'.
- We often think wisdom = brains, but in Proverbs wisdom is about making good choices in life. Getting a student to open the box, emphasise that wisdom is like a GPS navigator for life. Wisdom can show us which way to go when it comes to things like friends, words and money (you may like to ask students for some examples of wise and unwise choices in these areas).

### C. Desire wisdom more than anything else

- Ask: *Why do you think Solomon would have asked for wisdom when he could have had anything he wanted?*
- Read and discuss Proverbs 8:11. Wisdom is the most important thing to get because it is the only thing that can lead us to a life that works. Many brainy/popular/rich people head down paths that wreck their life because they don't get wisdom. Many not so brainy/popular/rich people head down paths that lead to happiness because they get wisdom.
- Give students some time to reconsider what one thing they would ask God for if they could have anything. Challenge them to want wisdom more than anything else so that they are able to make good choices in life.

## PRAY

Give students time individually to ask God for help to want wisdom more than anything else.

## FINISH

Get students to think of two friends they can invite to next week's 'Bring a Friend'. Emphasise that next week (and the rest of these sessions on Proverbs) will be all about how we get this wisdom that is so good.