

## ABOUT THIS SERIES

Coaches help their teams by guiding them towards good decisions. They create the strategy, put together a game plan, and send their players out to make it happen. Wouldn't it be nice for someone to do that for all of our decisions? Thankfully, God gives us wisdom whenever we feel like we could use a good coach. In this 4-week series from Proverbs and the Epistles, we'll learn more about the wisdom God offers us whenever we want to make godly decisions. We'll see that **wise people practice what God has said** and **share what God has given them**. We'll also look at how the Holy Spirit helps **wise people follow God's guidance** and how **wise people's words show God's love**.

**WEEK 1**

This week, we'll look at the start of Solomon's reign as king when he prepared to make decisions on behalf of the people he served.

- **BIG IDEA:** Wise people practice what God has said.
- **BIBLE:** 2 Chronicles 1:7–13; James 1:22–25; Proverbs 1:7

**WEEK 2**

This week, we'll look at one of John's letters as he coached his church to follow the example of Jesus.

- **BIG IDEA:** Wise people share what God has given them.
- **BIBLE:** 1 John 3:16–20; Proverbs 22:8–9; Matthew 25:35,36,40

**WEEK 3**

This week, we'll look at one of Paul's letters when he advised a church to listen to the Holy Spirit God gave to them.

- **BIG IDEA:** Wise people follow God's guidance.
- **BIBLE:** Ephesians 1:15–23; Proverbs 1:20–33; Luke 2:52

**WEEK 4**

This week, we'll hear from James as he helped inspire his church to think differently about the words they say to each other.

- **BIG IDEA:** Wise people's words show God's love.
- **BIBLE:** James 3:13–4:3; Ephesians 4:29–5:2; Matthew 12:34

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."  
— James 1:22 (NIV)