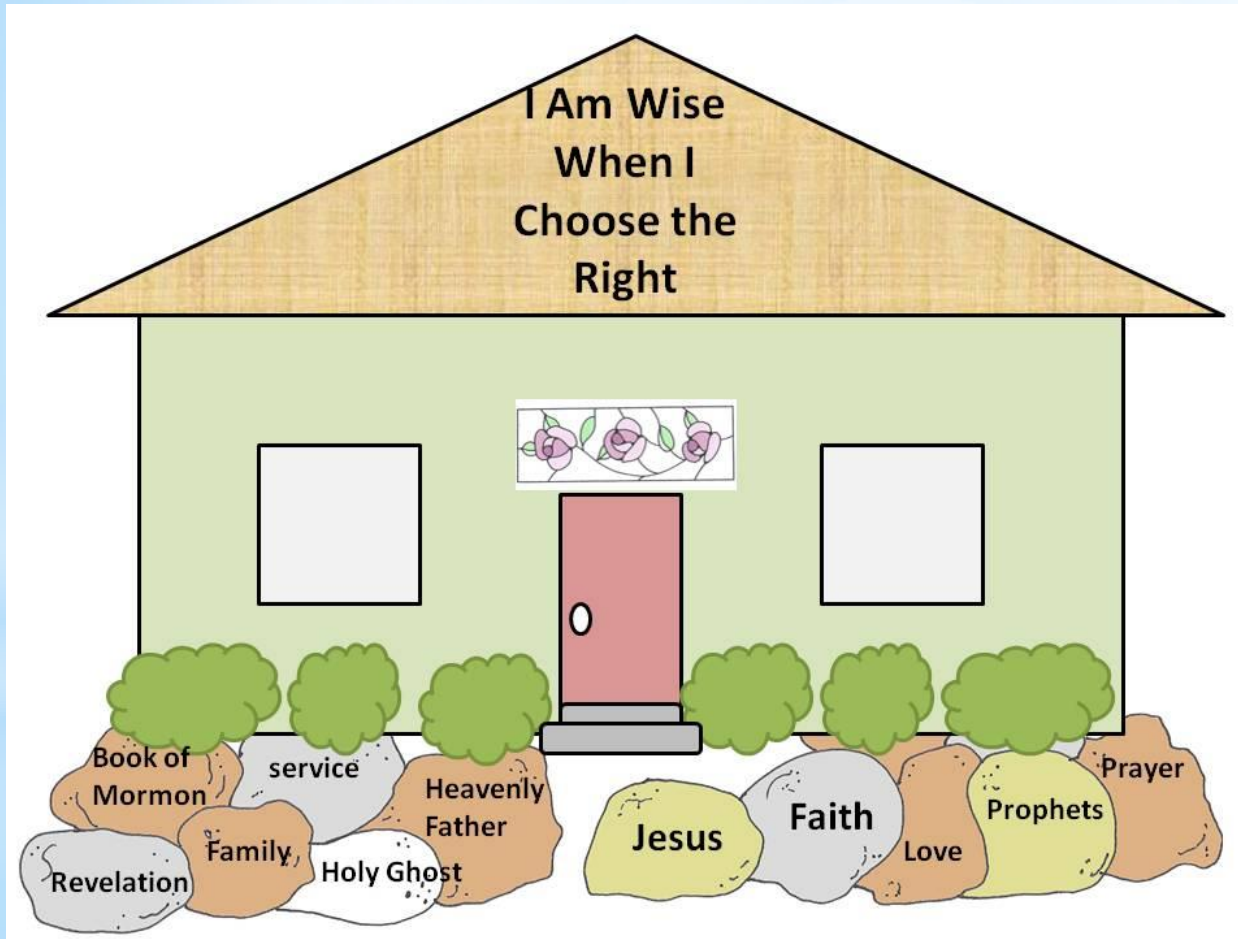


Purpose

- To help you understand that we are wise when we obey the teachings of Jesus Christ.



Lesson 36: I Am Wise When I Choose the Right



Our Opening prayer will be given by:

(Enter name here)



We have here some articles of clothing.



Is this how we should wear gloves?



Is this how we should wear gloves?

Why?



It would be foolish to put gloves on your head because then they could not protect your hands.



What should we use gloves for?



Can someone show us the wise way
to wear gloves?



Let's look at the hat next.



Is this how we should wear a hat?



Is this how we should wear a hat?

Why?



What should we use hats for?



It would be foolish to put a hat on your foot because then it could not protect your head.



Can someone show us the wise way
to wear a hat?



Let's look at the shoes next.



Is this how we should wear shoes?



Is this how we should wear a shoes?

Why?



What should we use shoes for?



It would be foolish to put a shoes on
your hands because then it could
not protect your feet.



Can someone show us the wise way
to wear shoes?



- Few people would wear gloves, hats, or shoes on the wrong parts of their bodies.
- But choices about what to wear can also be wise or foolish.



- When is the wise way to wear your clothing.

- We make many choices each day.



- We make many choices each day.
- Foolish choices can harm us and make us unhappy.



- We make many choices each day.
- Foolish choices can harm us and make us unhappy.
- Wise choices help keep us safe and happy.



Jesus Christ often used stories called parables to teach people.

He told one parable about a man who made a foolish decision and a man who made a wise decision.

Let's hear this parable now.

[Read it.](#)

[Watch it.](#)

Continue

How do you think
the man who
built his house on
the sand felt
when the storm
knocked his
house down?





How do you think
the man who
built his house on
the rock felt
when the storm
did not hurt his
house?



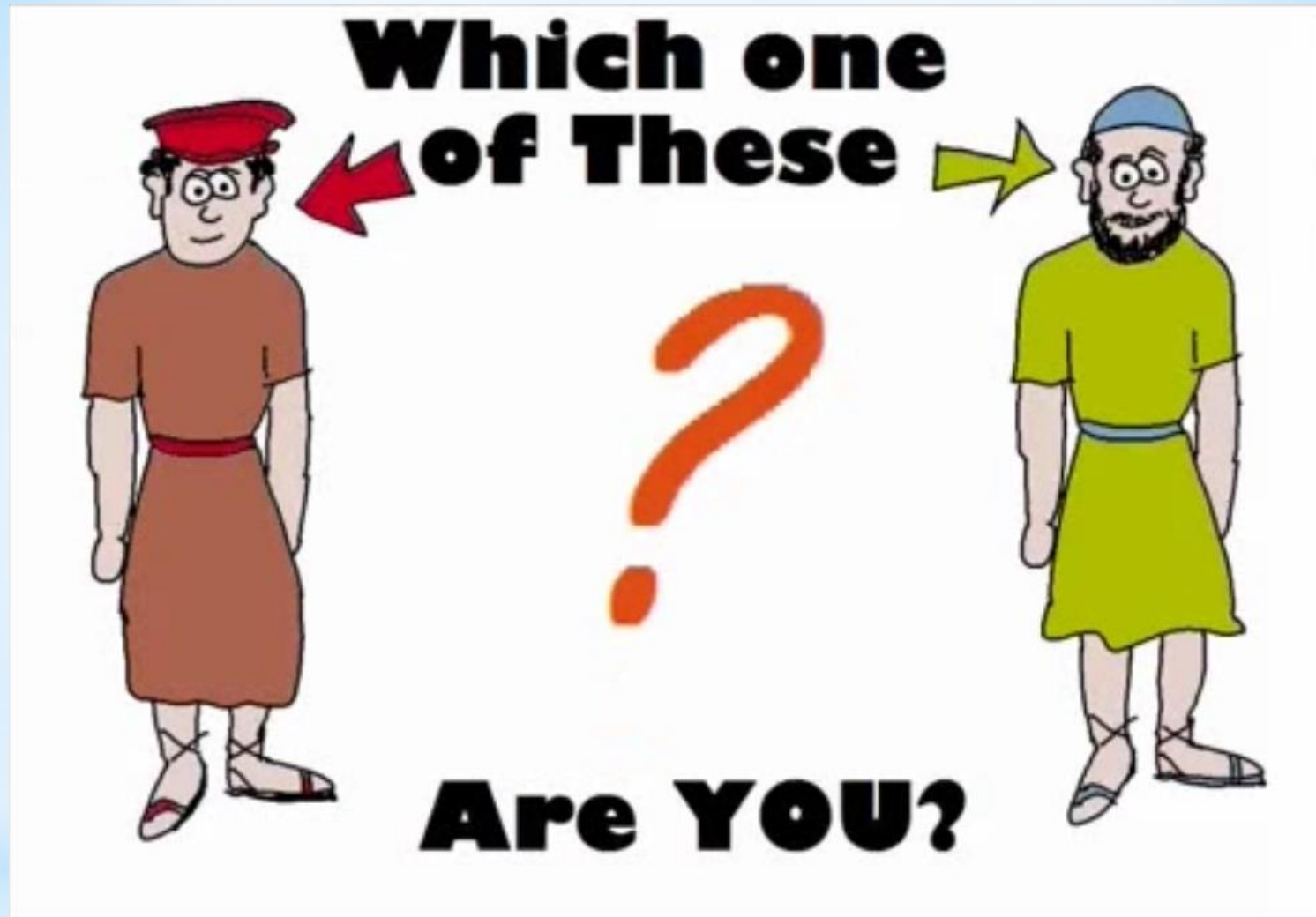
Jesus compared us to the men in the parable.



If we follow Jesus' teachings, we are like the wise man who built his house on the rock. We will be happy.



If we do not follow Jesus' teachings, we are like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. We will be unhappy.



Let's sing "The Wise man and the Foolish Man" using the actions indicated

The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

The wise man built his house upon the rock

(plant right fist solidly in palm of left hand),

The wise man built his house upon the rock

(plant right fist solidly in palm of left hand),

The wise man built his house upon the rock

(plant right fist solidly in palm of left hand),

And the rains came tumbling down

(raise hands high in the air; then bring them down, wiggling fingers).

The rains came down, and the floods came up

(lower hands again; then raise them with palms up),

The rains came down, and the floods came up

(lower hands again; then raise them with palms up),

The rains came down, and the floods came up

(lower hands again; then raise them with palms up),

And the house on the rock stood still

(plant right fist solidly in palm of left hand).

The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

The foolish man built his house upon the sand (wiggle fingers and move arms back and forth in front of body),

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And the rains came tumbling down (raise hands high in the air; then bring them down, wiggling fingers).

The rains came down, and the floods came up (lower hands again; then raise them with palms up),

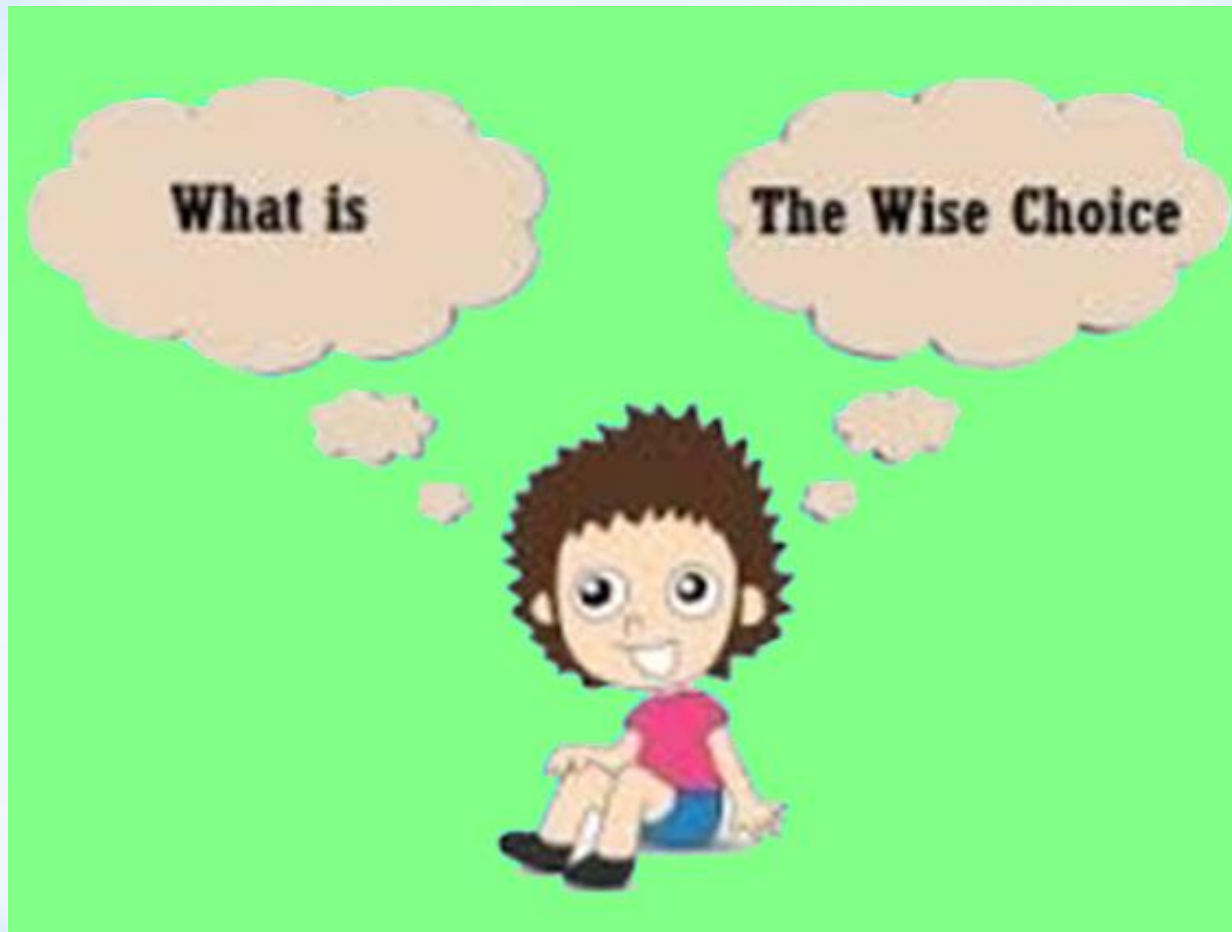
The rains came down, and the floods came up (lower hands again; then raise them with palms up),

The rains came down, and the floods came up (lower hands again; then raise them with palms up),

And the house on the sand washed away (wiggle fingers and move arms out away from body).

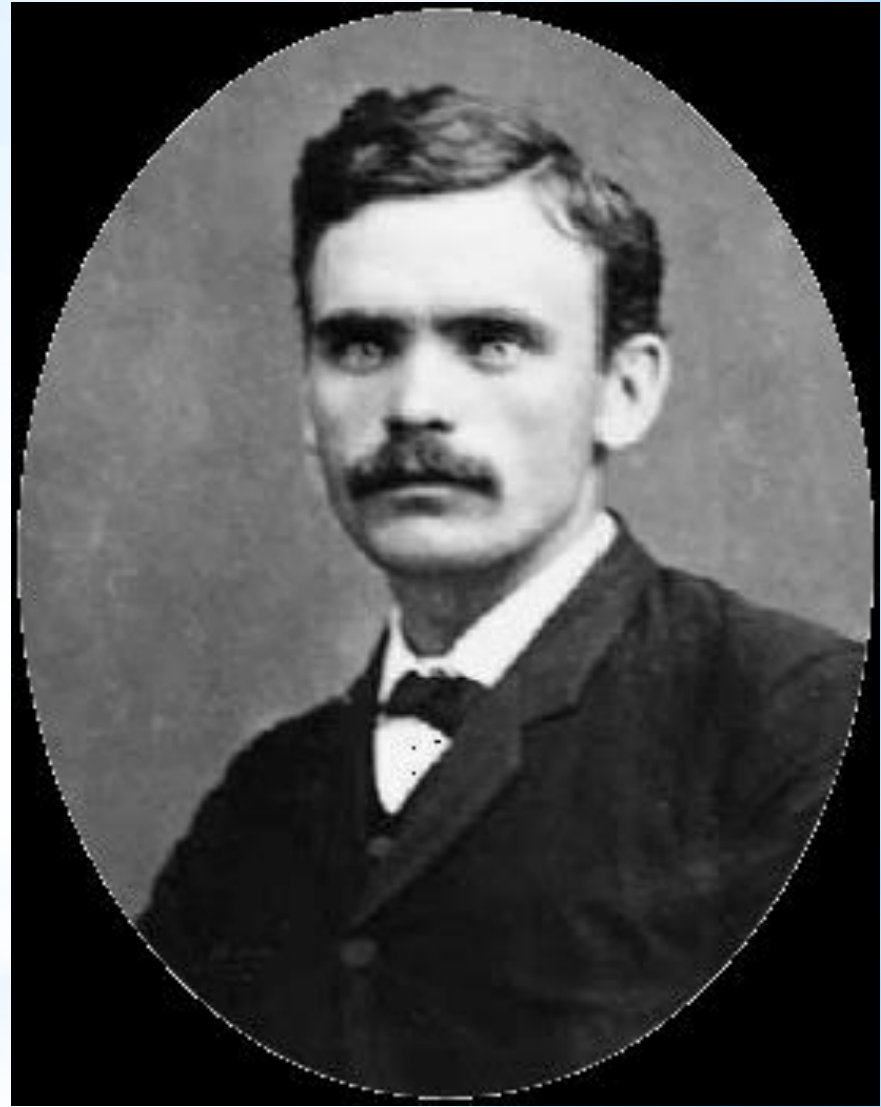
Everyone makes choices every day.





We can make wise choices or we can make foolish ones.

Listen to the following story about B. H. (Harry) Roberts, who grew up to become a General Authority.



Harry was born in England a long time ago. His family was very poor, so Harry did not have a chance to go to school. He wanted very much to learn to read and write. He thought that if he could have a chance to learn he would not only read books but write them too.

When Harry was ten years old, he came to America and crossed the plains with his sister Polly and other pioneers.

Harry had many adventures. One day he heard that his group would be crossing a large river the next day. This sounded exciting, so Harry crept out of camp early the next morning and set out to see the river. This was against the camp rules.

Do you think
Harry's decision
to sneak out of
camp was wise or
foolish?



The river was farther away than Harry thought, and he was tired when he finally got there. He lay down and fell sound asleep among some willows.

When Harry woke up, all the wagons had crossed the river. He ran to the riverbank and shouted to get someone's attention. He was told to swim across, so he took off his coat and shoes and jumped into the river. He almost made it across the river, but he became too tired, and the captain of the company had to bring him the rest of the way on his horse. Harry was happy to be safe, but there was no way to get his coat and shoes back. Every night he wished he still had his coat, and every day he wished he still had his shoes.

Harry had to walk nine hundred miles barefoot. This made his feet very sore. Prickly cactus grew near the trail, and Harry was so hungry that he often gathered it for food. The sharp spines stuck in his sore feet. Polly pulled the spines out while they both cried. Harry cried because his feet hurt, and Polly cried because she felt sorry for Harry.



Why was Harry's choice to sneak out of camp a foolish choice?

How did Harry
feel about his
choice
afterward?



After Harry arrived in Salt Lake City, he finally had an opportunity to go to school. When he was eleven years old, a teacher took him into her school and taught him the alphabet. The only book Harry had was the Bible, and he read it over and over. He studied hard in school and became a very good student.



What choices did
Harry make?



What choices did Harry make?

He chose to learn to read, and he chose to study the scriptures.

Were these
choices wise or
foolish?



When Harry grew up, he became a wise and important man in the Church. He loved to read and enjoyed reading the scriptures. He also wrote many books about the Church. Many people have read his books and learned more about the Church.

(See Church News, 19 July 1980, pp. 8-9; and Truman G. Madsen, Defender of the Faith: The B. H. Roberts Story [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1980], pp. 19-21, 37-40, 56-57.)

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When we
choose the
right we are
making wise
decisions.

I CAN CHOOSE THE RIGHT

It's time for the “

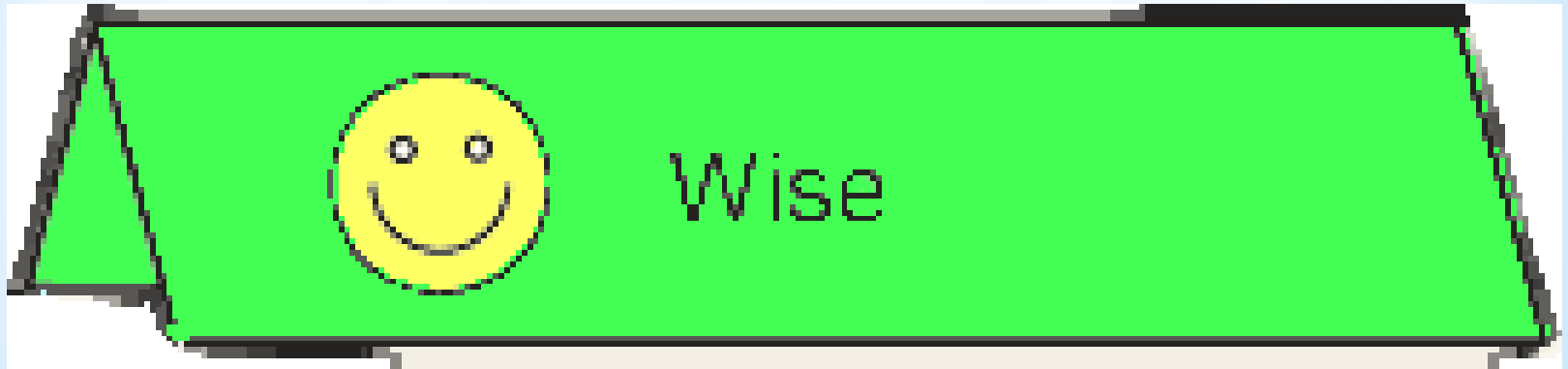
“Wise”

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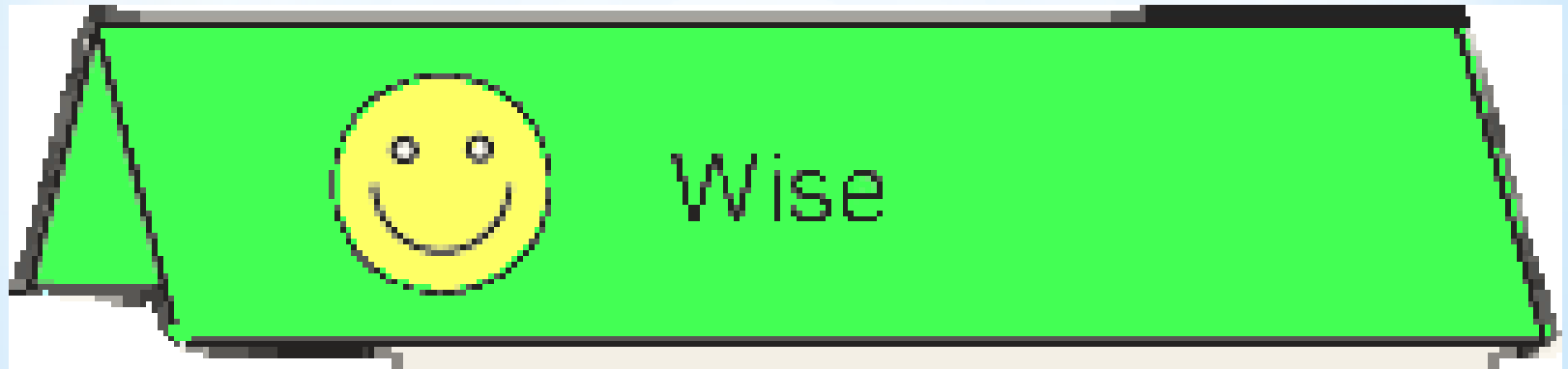
“Foolish”

Game

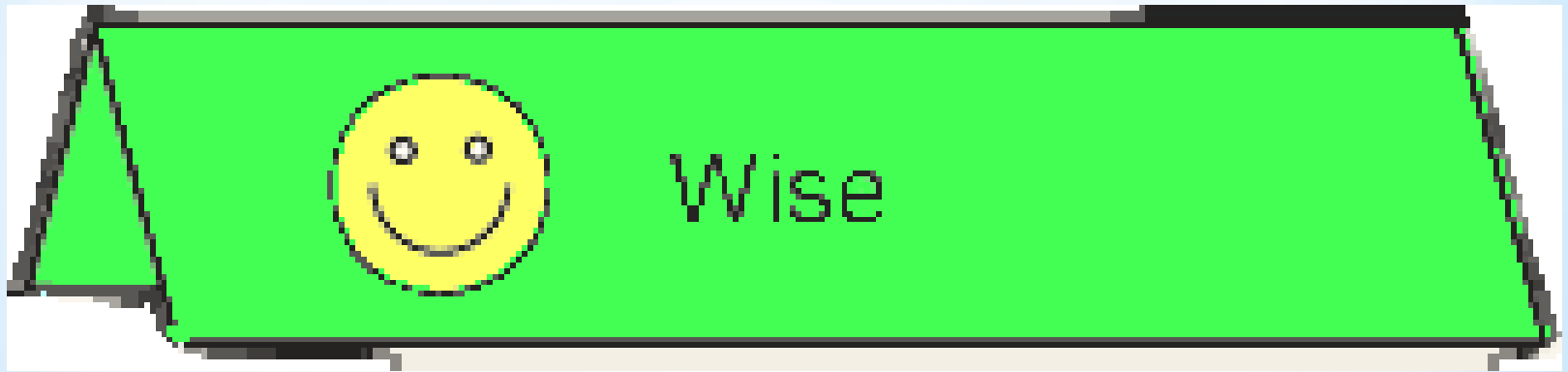
Here we have two signs.



Let's read these signs together.



The “Wise” sign has a happy face on it because being wise makes us happy.



The “foolish” sign has a sad face on it because being foolish makes us unhappy.



Take turns choosing a paper from this container and choose if the action is wise or foolish by placing the paper by the appropriate sign.

That's the Rules, If your ready,

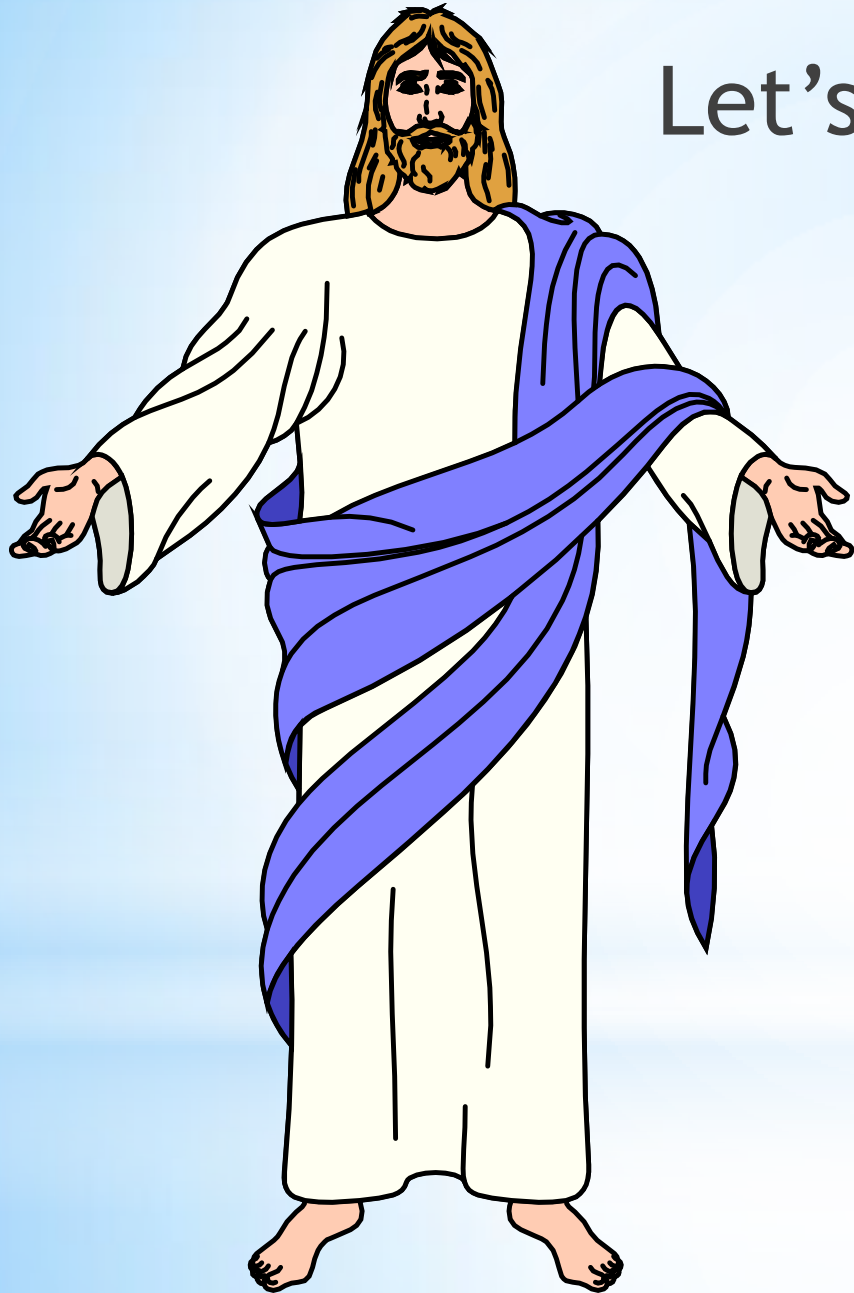
Let's play

Play the game, hit continue when finished.

Let's Review



What kind of choices
make us happy?



Let's Review

In order to be wise and happy, whose teachings should we follow?

Let's Review

Why is it foolish to
disobey Jesus
Christ and do
wrong?



- **Testimony**

- I testify to you that we will be happy when we make wise choices.
- I appreciate the things Jesus Christ has taught us that help us to be happy.
- I want to encourage you to make a special effort this week to think about your decisions and try to make wise choices.



**OUR CLOSING PRAYER
WILL BE GIVEN BY**



(Enter Name Here)

THE END



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Matthew 7:24

*24 ¶Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Matthew 7:25

*25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Matthew 7:26

*26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Matthew 7:27

*27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

The Wise Man -and- the Foolish Man



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