



Just Do It

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

MEMORY VERSE: You know the right thing to do, so just do it.

Proverbs 13:20 says, "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." (NASB)

A wise person is someone who knows the right thing to do and does it. A fool is somebody who knows the right thing to do and chooses not to do it. The Bible promises that fools, and people who hang out with fools, will suffer harm.

We have already established that our children have a conscience that tells them right from wrong, but the bottom line is do they do the right thing?

You could have the whole Bible memorized, but the Bible only helps you if you do what it says. Many times when you quote a Bible verse people will say, "I already know that verse. I've heard it a hundred times." Yes, but are you doing that Bible verse? The only part of the Bible that is really yours is that part that you do.

Isaiah 1:19 says, "If you be willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land." In other words, not only does God want you to obey, He wants you to have a good attitude while you obey.

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Do you obey your parents because you have to or because you want to?

Do you go to church because you have to or because you want to? Do you read your Bible because your parents make you read your Bible or because you want to read the Bible?

A wise person knows the right thing to do and does it, not because he has to, but because he wants to. In other words, a wise person knows it is in his best interest to obey his parents, read his Bible, and go to church.

- Obeying my parents helps me!
- Reading my Bible helps me!
- Going to church helps me!

The Bible promises that a wise person will:

- Make good decisions
- Live a long life
- Prosper
- Be prepared for the future
- Rise to a position of power
- Be kept safe from harm

The Bible promises that a fool:

- Shall suffer harm
- Be destroyed

What do you want to be? A wise person or a fool?



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic	Adventures of the Masked Hero #12
_____	6. Motion Comic Follow-up	
_____	7. Bottom Line	You know the right thing to do, so just do it.
_____	8. Memory Verse	James 1:22, Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (NIV)
_____	9. Drama	Not Too Bright: "Who's The Wise Guy?"
_____	10. Object Lesson	Are You Blossoming?
_____	11. Short Film	The C-Team
_____	12. Short Film Application	
_____	13. Inter-Active Lesson	Wheel Barrel Relay
_____	14. Altar Call	
_____	15. Digital Review Questions	
_____	16. Small Groups	



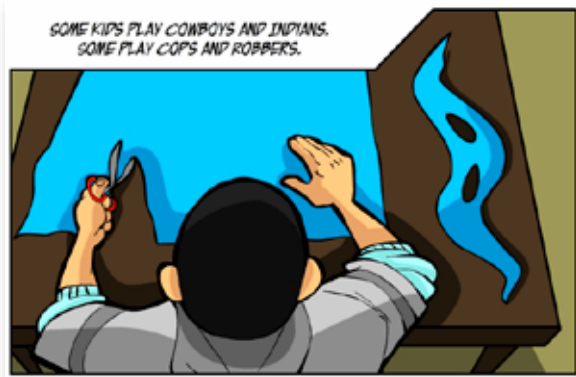
MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Choices: Episode #12

► TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- Wow! Johnny did figure a way out. He made the right choice and called the police.
- Many times the right choice is very obvious. You know the right thing to do, so just do it!
- Johnny made the right choice. He chose to use his gifts to help people.
- This is how the Masked Hero got his start.
- Stay tuned for more exciting adventures of THE MASKED HERO.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

***Not Too Bright:
“Who’s The Wise Guy?”***

CHARACTERS:

Not Too Bright, The Foolish Guy (wearing shorts, t-shirt and fins),
The Wise Guy (wearing black pants, polo shirt)

DRAMA SCRIPT:

Teacher: We have three guests with us today and we are going to play a game. This is a game to see what you would do when faced with all important, real life situations.

We have The Wise Guy, The Foolish Guy and Not Too Bright. The first question is: “You are at a crosswalk. You want to cross to the other side of the street, but there is a car coming at about roughly 40 miles per hour. What do you do?” The Wise Guy, let’s start with you.

The Wise Guy: Well, I would push the button indicating that I want to cross the street and wait for the walk sign.

The Foolish Guy: (Interrupts) Whatever! Why wait? I would just look and make a quick run for it and hope that I make it.

Teacher: Okay. The Wise Guy says to wait for the walk sign, The Foolish Guy says just make a run for it. Not Too Bright, what would you do?

Not Too Bright: Well, I would find a bench and wait for the bus.

Teacher: Okay. Well the correct answer is “wait for the walk sign.” The Wise Guy has 1000 points, The Foolish Guy has -100 and Not Too Bright has -500.

Next question: “Your teacher announces that you are having a math test tomorrow. What would you do when you get home?” Let’s start with The Foolish Guy.

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**Not Too Bright: "Who's The Wise Guy?" Drama Script — Continued**

The Foolish Guy: Well, I don't really like math. I don't see any use for it, and no one will know how I do on the test. So when I get home I'm gonna make some popcorn and watch the Sponge Bob Water Fest!

Teacher: Okay, The Wise Guy?

The Wise Guy: Well, I won't want to do it, but I will take my math book home and study.

Teacher: Not Too Bright, what will you do?

Not Too Bright: When I get home, I'm gonna put on my Superman underwear and jump off the roof.

Teacher: Okay, we have a study for the test, watch Sponge Bob and put underwear on? It looks like The Wise Guy has 20,000 points and is in the lead for first place. The Foolish Guy is behind and falls into "the Stupid Zone" and Not Too Bright is trailing way behind and is making a run for the "Out Of Here Title."

Let's move on to question number three. Here you go gentlemen. "You have been invited over to Jacob's house. Jacob is new at school, but you have noticed he gets into a lot of trouble (visiting the principal's office and back-talking to teachers).

What are you going to do?" Not Too Bright, why don't you go first.

Not Too Bright: Well, I like going to the lake. So, yes. I would go to the lake.

Teacher: The Foolish Guy, what would you do?

The Foolish Guy: Well, Jacob sounds like the kind of guy I could help out. He's getting caught too many times. I'm going to Jacob's house.

Teacher: Okay, Wise Guy?

Wise Guy: I would have to tell him no. I wouldn't go to his house.

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Not Too Bright: "Who's The Wise Guy?" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: Well, it looks like The Wise Guy is on the fast track with over 30,000 points. The Foolish Guy is definitely behind with -5,000 points and "Not Too Bright" is not even in the game, so it seems.

On to our last and final question. "Your parents come to you and tell you that they won't make you go to church anymore. It's up to you. What will you do on Sunday mornings?" The Foolish Guy?

The Foolish Guy: Hot dog! Now I can stay up late watching TV, or playing video games and be able to sleep in on Sunday mornings.

Teacher: Not Too Bright?

Not Too Bright Well, this is interesting. I like going to the movies. I'm going to the movies.

Teacher: Okay. The Wise Guy?

The Wise Guy: I love God, and I'm going to church.

Teacher: Our judges have tallied up your scores and double checked your answers so here are the scores and what you win.

Not Too Bright, you have a total of -30,000. You my friend have won the title of "Mr. Not Too Bright" and because of your choices you will be destroyed!

The Foolish Guy, you have a total of -15,000 points and are walking away with the title of "Mr. Foolish!" You get to enjoy a life of suffering and harm as a direct result of your foolish decisions and relationships.

The Wise Guy, you have a total of 50,000 points. As a result of making wise choices and decisions you are the new "Mr. Wise Guy." You will enjoy a long, prosperous life. You will be prepared for your future. You will be safe, and you will rise to a position of power. So keep making wise choices!

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen! That is it for this round of "Who Is The Next Wise Guy."



OBJECT LESSON

Are You Blossoming?

TAKE HOME POINT:

We blossom when we obey God.

WHAT YOU NEED:

A flowering plant, a dead plant

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

“Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.... anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned.”

John 15:2,6 (NASB)

This plant represents a Christian who bears fruit. The flowers are the fruit of the plant. When we see a plant that has flowers on it, what does that tell us?

(Allow for response.)

It tells us two things:

1. The plant is alive.
2. The plant is connected to the vine .

How does a Christian bear fruit? We bear fruit whenever we obey God. When we know the right thing to do and we do it, we are bearing fruit. We are blossoming like this plant. The

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***Are You Blossoming? Object Lesson — continued***

Bible also says that you are a wise person when you know the right thing to do and you do it. Who can tell me some specific things you can do to bear fruit or blossom? (Allow for response.)

- Obey my parents
- Read the Bible
- Pay my tithes
- Go to church
- Be kind to my friends
- Be kind to my brothers and sisters
- Lift my hands to worship God
- Tell others about Jesus

Every time you do one of these things you are blossoming or bearing fruit. Every time you know the right thing to do and you do it you are being wise. Even if you have done a bunch of stupid things, you can still make the right choice next time.

This plant (hold up the dead plant) represents what the Bible calls a fool. This is someone who knows the right thing to do (he knows what the Bible says) but he chooses not to do it. What happens to this plant? The Bible says that the Christian that doesn't bear any fruit is cut off and thrown into the fire.

So be a wise man, and do what what the Bible says.



SHORT FILM APPLICATION: ***“The C-Team”***

What did God ask Joey to do? God asked Joey to join the ministry team. Did Joey listen to what God asked him to do? He did, didn't he?

What else did God ask Joey to do? Well, God asked Joey to share his Pixie Sticks with the A-Team kids.

Joey didn't listen at first did he? What happened when Joey disobeyed? It was kind of like the story of Jonah. Joey was trapped in the elevator on the 11th floor of the elevator for three days and nights.

What happened when Joey shared his Pixie Sticks? He made new friends.

Has God ever asked you to do something that was hard to do? Many times we know the right choice to make, but it's hard to do. What should you do if you find yourself in this situation?

Just do it.



**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON**

Wheel Barrel Relay

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

Learn to pull your own weight and not depend on others to make decisions for you.

WHAT YOU NEED:

4 Contestants
Masking tape

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use the masking tape to mark your relay race track.
- 2 contestants per team.
- When the race begins, 1st team member gets on hands and knees, the 2nd team member holds the feet of 1st team member, and they race using the hands on the ground of the 1st team member.
- Both team members race.
- The team that finishes first wins.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Wasn't that fun? What is a wheel barrel used for? A wheel barrel is used to haul dirt and heavy things around outside. As you grow older it is important that you push your own weight. You need to learn to take responsibility for yourself. It is important that you learn how to make right decisions and that you learn to not depend on others to make choices for you. You need to learn to carry your own weight. Ask yourself three questions: Do I go to church because I want to or because I have to? Do I read my Bible because I want to or because I have to? Do I pray because I want to or because I have to? If you do these things because you have to, you are not at the place where God wants you to be. The Bible says, "the willing and the obedient will eat the good of the land." A wise person is someone who pushes his own wheel barrel. A wise person is someone who has his own faith in God and doesn't depend on his parent's faith. A wise person is someone who knows the right thing to do and he does it because he wants to. He knows what it will do for him.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. You know the right thing to do, so ____.
 - a. think about it
 - b. talk about it
 - c. pray about it
 - d. just do it**
2. James 1:22 says, “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves ____.”
 - a. memorize it
 - b. read it
 - c. think about it
 - d. do what it says**
3. A fool is somebody who knows the right thing to do ____.
 - a. and chooses to do it
 - b. and chooses not to do it**
 - c. and chooses to think about it some more
 - d. and chooses to clean his room
4. How does a Christian bear fruit?
 - a. By planting apple seeds
 - b. By eating lots of cucumber seeds
 - c. By choosing to obey God**
 - d. By choosing to disobey God
5. Isaiah 1:19 says, “If you are ____, you will eat the good of the land.”
 - a. smart and lazy
 - b. willing and obedient**
 - c. willing and smart
 - d. smart and obedient



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Drama: Not Too Bright: "Who's The Wise Guy?" — Pages 5-7

Characters

_____ Not Too Bright

_____ The Foolish Guy (wearing shorts, t-shirt and fins)

_____ The Wise Guy (wearing black pants, polo shirt)

Object Lesson: Are You Blossoming? — Pages 8-9

_____ Flowering plant

_____ Dead plant

Inter-Active Lesson: Wheel Barrel Relay — Page 11

_____ 4 Contestants

_____ Masking tape

Small Group: You Do What You Want To

_____ 1 candy bar

_____ How many needed?

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed?