



MAIN POINT	MAIN BIBLE VERSE
Wisdom from above leads to peace, not pride	James 3:13-18
Students will understand that real wisdom doesn't show up as showing off—it shows up as humility, kindness, and peace in how we treat others.	
Teaching Script / Guide	

HOOK

- Do you know someone who is really smart...but not very kind?
- Someone who has a lot to offer but also... :
 - always has to be right
 - always argues
 - always corrects people
 - always wants attention
 - always has to win
- Let me ask you, as smart as they may be, do others typically enjoy being around people like that?
 - Probably not.
- *Speaker Note: Feel free to share a story about a time that you might have won an argument, but damaged the relationship in the process.*
- **James says something surprising today:**
 - Being wise isn't about how much you know. It's about how you live.
 - Because real faith changes the kind of wisdom we live by

BIBLE:

- *Either read, summarize, or invite a student to come up and read James 2:1-13. The emphasis and main point of teaching will be James 3:13-18.*
 - *James teaches in these verses that if someone is truly wise, you should be able to see it in how they live their lives.*
- Now why do I say "TRULY" wise? Well, because James highlights there are two types of wisdom:
 - **Earthly wisdom**
 - Which he describes as:
 - Jealous
 - Selfish
 - Argumentative
 - Attention-seeking
 - Wanting your own way
 - This type of wisdom says:
 - "I want to win"

- "I want the credit"
 - "I want attention"
 - "I want control"
- But then he mentions another type of wisdom
- **Wisdom from above**
 - Read James 3:17 NIV
 - God's wisdom looks different and it creates peace instead of drama.

Look (Meaning)

- Here is James' big idea:
 - If your "wisdom" creates conflict, it's not coming from God. But if it creates peace, then that is heavenly wisdom.
- Earthly wisdom says: "Be the most important person in the room."
- Godly wisdom says: "Be the most loving person in the room."
 - Earthly wisdom pushes people down, while godly wisdom lifts people up and is helpful and beneficial to everyone.

APPLICATION/GOSPEL MOMENT/CLOSE:

- **So how can we be people who choose Godly wisdom?**
 - Godly wisdom shows up when you...
 - Choose peace over winning
 - Not everything needs a comeback response.
 - Humility instead of attention
 - You don't have to be the center of everything
 - Mercy instead of criticism
 - Choose kindness instead of pointing out mistakes
 - When you live this way, people notice something different about you.
 - They actually start to notice less about you, and more about the Christ who rules inside of your heart.
 - That's wisdom from above.
- The truth is, most of us naturally choose pride, even when we don't mean to:
 - We want attention
 - We want credit
 - We want control
- But Jesus chose something different.
 - He chose humility
 - He chose service
 - He chose love
- And when Jesus changes your heart, He starts replacing pride with peace and that's what wisdom from above looks like.

PART 2 SERIES WRAP UP

- This whole series has been called Inside Out because following Jesus starts inside your heart...
 - and then changes:
 - how you treat people
 - what you do
 - what you say
 - and how you live with wisdom
 - Real faith changes everything from the inside out.
 - Close with prayer.
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