



More than grades

AT A GLANCE



Bible

James 1:5



Topic

Wisdom and worth



Takeaway

Asking God for wisdom – and knowing: I am more than my report card



8 minutes



Object: an old report card or a list of grades without names



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “Wisdom and worth”. Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Show the report card. Ask: What does a report card do to you – pride, pressure, fear, indifference?

2 min

Bible text

Read James 1:5: “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

3 min

Thought

School is important, and learning is worth it. But wisdom is more than knowledge: it helps us make good decisions, deal with people and tell what matters from what does not. That is why we can ask God for it. And one more thing: your worth does not depend on your grades. God loves you with a bad grade just as much as with a top grade.

2 min

Conversation

What do you need wisdom for this school year?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, you love to give wisdom. Help me with my learning and with the decisions ahead. Thank you that to you I am more than my grades. Amen.



To think further

- How do you deal with pressure to perform – and what helps?
- Who in your class could you help with learning?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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