



ea OR Nay—Which do I say ?

**James 1:5a**

***“If any of you need wisdom, ask God for it. He will give it to you...”***

Remember singing those old nursery rhymes? Here’s a favorite, so sing along:

*“Old MacDonald had some friends—E-I-E-I-O. And with these friends came many choices—E-I-E-I-O.  
With a ‘can you come over?’ here, and a ‘let’s go to a movie’ there,  
Here a voice, There a voice, everywhere a choice, choice.  
Old MacDonald gave up his friends—E-I-E-I-O.”*

Ok, so the words have changed a little since you’ve gotten older, but so have your choices. And the older you get, the more you’ll have to make. These decisions are not always those between doing good and evil like Letter “R” instructed. Sometimes, they are between doing what’s good and what’s good. Huh?

So here’s the deal. Having a good Christian friend is good, right? Having 2 good Christian friends is good, too, right? What about 3 or 4? The difficult part is that the more friends you have, the more questions are going to come your way. This is when your own relationship with your Best Friend comes shining through. Remember back in letter “K,” you learned about keeping your list in order? If you’re spending time with Jesus FIRST and every day, He can give you wisdom for your everyday decisions.

What questions do you think are going to come up in friendships, if not now, then later? Start with these. *\*Do I go to the library with Jen or over to Lisa’s house? Or should I invite both of them over to play? \*Do I play dodge ball with Preston and Ty, or do I play checkers with Jake? \*Which table should I sit at? \*I’ve only got one extra cookie—who do I give it to? \*Dad says I can have one friend to take to Six Flags with us: Who do I choose? On and on the questions will go, dear ones, and if without God’s wisdom to guide you, you’ll be ready to give up on friendship altogether!*

On top of it all, God has given you what you need to help you: your parents. They have a whole lot to do with many of your choices anyway, but don’t forget their ability to help guide you in wisdom. They’ve lived a lot longer than you, and they’ve already had to make a great many of these choices themselves. Why not learn from their mistakes and successes? *Proverbs 19:20 says, “Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end, you will be wise.”* With Jesus by your side and your parents to advise you, you will begin to know when to yea or nay or stop and pray...Any questions?

Discuss the following questions with your parent/s:

1. What kinds of choices come from your friends’ voices? What kinds of choices come from the “inside your head” voices?
2. Do you think Jesus ever had to make choices in His relationships? If so, can you find some in the Bible?

*No more questions, time for an exclamation: Get ready to end with a “Z” sensation!!!!*