

Using TV Wisely

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What does your child watch on TV?
- Do you watch TV with your child?

Definitions:

- Wise – able to make good choices; smart
- Kind – helpful; friendly; nice
- View – to see or watch something



Reading

13 Sam's daughter likes to watch *Dora*. Sam and Ruth watch the TV show
13 together. They talk about what Dora and her friends see and do. Sam asks Ruth
28 questions such as, "Are Dora and her friends kind to each other? Do they make good
28 choices? What might Dora do next?"
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50 Sam has read about TV viewing and children. He knows how to use TV
50 wisely. He sets rules about the TV. He has two rules for Ruth. First, she can watch
64 only one hour of TV a day. Second, she can watch only planned shows.
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95 At the start of the week Sam looks through the *TV Guide* with Ruth. They
110 choose which shows Ruth will watch each day. They are both happy with TV time.
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Understanding

1. What is one TV show that Sam and Ruth like? _____

2. What does Sam do with Ruth while they watch TV? _____

3. Who sets the TV rules? _____

4. What are the rules for Ruth's TV viewing? _____

5. Who chooses the weekly TV shows? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about how the TV is used in your home. Do you have TV rules?
