



THE GOSPEL PROJECT SR. Unit 11.2 Wisdom for God's People

Date: Sunday May 3, 2026 **Teachers:** Vicky W (lead), Dana (co-lead)

Bible Passage: Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-12; 4:10-19 **Key Passage:** Proverbs 2:6-7

Props: from home: none. **At centre** activity sheet

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind Words like our God 3 in One

INTRO TO BIBLE STORY: "Rules" materials: (whiteboard)

Vicky

Invite kids to answer the natural law that exists for the following items. Have kids notice that you cannot "choose" those laws they are given because God made the world and all of those things and they find their expression in Him. (feel free to add some of your own!)

FISH (MUST BE IN WATER TO BREATHE)

SHARK (MUST CONTINUE TO SWIM to force water over their gills so they don't drown)

GRAVITY (WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN)

WHAT IS FASTER THE SPEED OF LIGHT OR THE SPEED OF SOUND? (LIGHT)

SUN ALWAYS RISES IN THE _____ SETS IN THE _____ (EAST, WEST)

THE NORTH POLE IS _____ THAN THE SOUTH POLE (COLDER)

We sometimes think we are different. We think as humans with brains we can decide what we want to do with ourselves and with our world. Who gave us those brains? God! He made us for Him and we only find our full expression of our Humanity when we obey Him and how He made us. God knows us and knows best about how life works because He created us and ordered this World. Today's Bible story considers some of the ways in which God gave wisdom in how to order our lives.

BIBLE STORY VIDEO: GOD GIVES WISDOM TO HIS PEOPLE

Isaiah

DISCUSSION VIDEO Have you ever been totally convinced something was true only to find out later you were wrong? Think about that while watching this clip.

Ask what information was Nell missing? Ask the kids if they have ever found themselves missing important information. Ask what it feels like to find out you were wrong.

Who has all the information? Whom can we always trust to guide us correctly? What happens if we ignore God's information and decide things on our own? Wisdom is listening to God's way for life.

DISMISS JR. KIDS

KEY PASSAGE VERSE (white board decode with scrambled words)

Dana

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity." Proverbs 2:6-7

BIBLE STORY REVIEW *materials: (whiteboard)*

Vicky

When we start talking about God's law or How He designed us to live sometimes we think that is where our focus in life should be. We do the same thing Adam and Eve did in the garden...I'll be my own God, and now I've got the "rules " about how to do it... and we forget that our FOCUS is FIRST on the ONE who rescued us, the FRUIT of our lives flows from THE FREEDOM that FOCUSING on JESUS CHRIST brings .

A lesson like today reminds us that because of what Jesus has done through his obedient life, death, resurrection and ascension we are free to live according to how God designed us, which makes us more human than striving to live as we choose! We are MADE for God so we will find our true self in HIM and how HE has MADE US

What book of the Bible gives us wise sayings about God's wisdom? (Proverbs)

Who wrote the Book of Proverbs? (Solomon, Prov. 1:1)

Fill in the blank: "Trust in the Lord with all your ____." (heart, Proverbs 3:5)

Fill in the blank: "God disciplines those He ____." (loves, Proverbs 3:12)

WISDOM SAYS:

Dana

Invite kids to play an active game. Explain that kids should listen to your words. If the words describe someone who is foolish, they should sit and cross their arms. If the words describe someone who is wise, they should jump up . Read the following statements one at a time, allowing kids to respond accordingly:

I will listen and learn. (wise, Prov. 1:5)

I ignore instruction. (foolish, Prov. 1:7)

I trust in the Lord with all my heart. (wise, Prov. 3:5)

I trust in myself. (foolish, Prov. 3:5)

I plan evil against my neighbor. (foolish, Prov. 3:29)

I am slow to get angry. (wise, Prov. 14:29)

I'm happy when my enemy falls. (foolish, Prov. 24:17)

Great job! You were able to detect the wise and foolish statements. Wisdom is fearing the Lord and obeying His Word. We can trust that God's instructions for us are best because He knows how the world works best. He created everything! You know, the Bible says that the gospel—the good news of what Jesus has done for sinners—"seems foolish to those who are lost and dying" (1 Cor. 1:18). Some people hear that Jesus came to save people from sin, and they don't believe it! They think it is foolish. But for everyone who hears the gospel and trusts in Jesus, the gospel is God's power. It is a gift of grace.

ACTIVITY: group "what would you do?" materials (activity sheet "what would you do" 3-4 copies)

Both

Divide the class into 3-4 groups and compete to complete the "what would you do activity sheet" They have to write what they would do in the top diagrams.

ACTIVITY: WISDOM acrostic

Vicky

Does anyone know what an acrostic is? It's a type of puzzle where the first letter of each line makes up a word.

We're going to create an acrostic with the word wisdom. Write the letters of the word WISDOM down the left-hand side of the paper. Encourage the children to use those letters to think of ways or places we learn God's wisdom. You may also provide paper and pens for kids who need to write down their thoughts.

Example:

Worship

In prayer

Scripture

Dad

Other teachers

Mom

Where does wisdom come from? Wisdom comes from God through His Word. God wants us to know Him and His plan for us, so He has given us His Word. The Bible is His gift to us. When we believe in Jesus, He sends the Holy Spirit to help us understand God's Word. Wisdom is fearing the Lord and obeying His Word.

ACTIVITY SHEET: Solomon's Search