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KIDS' WISDOM

What is Wisdom?

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a funny sounding word-wisdom. Maybe you've heard people say that their grandpa is wise, or, maybe the librarian because they read a lot of books. Well wisdom isn't just for old or smart people. Wisdom is for anyone, even kids! Here's why. Wisdom is simply knowing what's right and doing it. So, you are wise when you know the rules in your home or at school and you choose to obey them. You are wise when you read the Bible and do what it says. So, anyone can get wisdom. All it takes is looking for the right information and then putting it into practice. Wisdom also makes life way more fun. When we choose to obey God's word, we're happy and safe. But, if we choose not to obey it, we'll make bad choices that lead to painful consequences. So, make sure to get really good at seeking wisdom as a kid, so that when you grow up, you'll be really good at following God's way. And, you'll have lots of wisdom to share with others!

Big Idea

Wisdom is knowing what's right and doing it.

Key Question

What is the opposite of wisdom?

Memory Verse

Proverbs 3:35 "The wise inherit honor, but fools are put to shame!"

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Who is the smartest person you know? What makes them so smart? What's the best advice someone has given you?** (Tip: Hopefully, we know people who are good models for us. They're smart and obedient. God's word is full of great advice that will help us to live a life that honors God.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Foolish is the opposite of wisdom.** (A foolish person is someone that knows the right information but chooses to ignore it. They want to do things their own way and they don't care about the consequences. A foolish person thinks they're smarter than God and they don't need to take his advice.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What is wisdom? What is a foolish person like? **4-5th:** What are some examples of foolish choices people can make? What are the likely consequences for those choices?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Proverbs 9:10-12. What does it mean to fear the Lord? How does living wisely make our lives better?** (Answer: To fear the Lord doesn't mean we should be afraid of God. It means that we give God the respect and honor he deserves. He created everything and he knows everything. So, we shouldn't question God or wonder if he's right. We should listen to him and obey him because he knows what's best. Wise living means we listen to and obey God's word. And, when we do that, we will be safe and we'll live out the plan God has for us.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: WHAT'S THE WISE THING TO DO?

Instructions:

- Read a scenario from below to the class. See if they can come up with the wise thing to do for each situation. Read each corresponding verse to give them some help as to the right answer.

Scenarios:

1. You're at a friend's house and they want to watch a movie you're not allowed to watch. (Colossians 3:20)
2. Your sibling brought home some candy and they told you not to take any. (Exodus 20:15)
3. You're messing around with your friends and you break your Mom's favorite vase. (Proverbs 12:22)
4. You're at a sleepover and friends are saying mean things about someone who isn't there. (Ephesians 4:29)
5. You're at recess and someone is bullying you. (Matthew 7:12)
6. You yelled at a teammate when they messed up. (Colossians 3:12-13)

Supplies needed: None

OPTION 2: BE WISE HANGMAN

Instructions:

- Draw a Hangman puzzle on the whiteboard and then play a round of Hangman for each phrase below. See if the kids can guess the word/phrase before a full man is drawn.

Words/Phrases:

Don't lie to your parents.

Wisdom is knowing what's right and doing it.

Don't steal from your friends.

Don't gossip.

Proverbs

Supplies needed: None

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Wisdom isn't just for old people. You can start getting it now, and it'll really pay off someday.

Key Points:

- Wisdom is knowing what's right and _____.
- Wisdom is worth more than anything _____.
- Being a wise kid will pay off when you _____.

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 3:35 The wise inherit honor, but fools are put to shame!

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Who is the smartest person you know? What makes them so smart? What's the best advice someone has given you?*
3. *What is wisdom? What book in the Bible is full of wisdom?*
4. *What does wisdom help us to do?*
5. *Read Proverbs 9:10-12. What does it mean to fear the Lord? How does living wisely make our lives better?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.



Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

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inherit _____, but fools are put
to _____!"*

