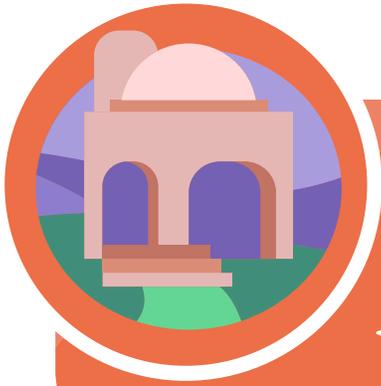


WEEK OF MAY 21, 2023



WISE WAYS

PREPARE



**BEFORE
YOU BEGIN**



TALK TOGETHER

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD WISDOM?

Many people picture a white-haired old man because they believe wisdom comes with age.

But that's not what the Bible says!

The Bible tells us wisdom comes from a different source, and it's not something just for grandmas and grandpas. The book of Proverbs tells us wisdom is valuable and something we should chase after, like a treasure hunter looking for gold! The word wisdom means to live rightly. **Let's take a look at Proverbs 2:1-8 to learn more.**



CONT...



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



MY SON, IF YOU RECEIVE MY WORDS AND TREASURE UP MY COMMANDMENTS WITH YOU, MAKING YOUR EAR ATTENTIVE TO WISDOM AND INCLINING YOUR HEART TO UNDERSTANDING; YES, IF YOU CALL OUT FOR INSIGHT AND RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR UNDERSTANDING, IF YOU SEEK IT LIKE SILVER AND SEARCH FOR IT AS FOR HIDDEN TREASURES, THEN YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE FEAR OF THE LORD AND FIND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. FOR THE LORD GIVES WISDOM; FROM HIS MOUTH COME KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING; HE STORES UP SOUND WISDOM FOR THE UPRIGHT; HE IS A SHIELD TO THOSE WHO WALK IN INTEGRITY, GUARDING THE PATHS OF JUSTICE AND WATCHING OVER THE WAY OF HIS SAINTS.

PROVERBS 2:1-8

Did you catch where wisdom comes from? It comes from the Lord, our Creator! The more we pursue getting to know God, the wiser we will become. Why? Because God is the source of true wisdom. I don't know about you, but I could sure use more of God's wisdom in my life!

Proverbs says wisdom brings an understanding of righteousness, justice and equity. Those are big words, huh? Think of it this way:

- God's wisdom will help us live life like Jesus.
- God's wisdom will help us make the right decisions.
- God's wisdom will help us treat others fairly!

God's Word says wisdom is something we should search for, like a hidden treasure chest! Can you imagine how excited you'd be if you found a box stuffed with gold, rubies and pearls?

Wisdom is more precious than any of those things because it helps us make choices that honor God.

Life will throw some tricky, sticky and even icky situations in your path. You'll need God's wisdom to make good choices that keep you safe from the evil in this world. Don't wait until you're old to start your search for wisdom. **Follow God's map (the Bible) and ask Him for wisdom to help you make wise choices today, tomorrow and every day of this life!**



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: PROVERBS

This week's story comes from the book of Proverbs. Proverbs is one of several books that fall under the category of poetry and wisdom. At least part of the book was written by Solomon, the wisest man to ever live. This book shares with its readers wisdom for godly living.

OT-NT CONNECTION

In the New Testament book of 1 Corinthians, Paul says something incredible about the wisdom of God. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:25.**

- What does Paul say about the foolishness of God?

Note: Our almighty God is not foolish. The point Paul makes in this verse is that the wisest man on Earth cannot begin to compare with the wisdom of God.

- What could you use some of God's wisdom for in your life?

CAN I BE WISE ALL THE TIME?

Not until we get to heaven! Sin prevents us from always making wise decisions, but thankfully God is the source of wisdom and He is bigger than sin! Jesus defeated sin on the cross. Christians can ask God for wisdom and learn more about Him through the Bible. He is the only One who can help us make wise decisions.

HOW DO I BECOME WISE?

Proverbs 2 tells us to search for wisdom as we would treasure! It also tells us wisdom comes from the Lord. Wisdom can be found by following God, learning about Him in the Bible and asking Him for wisdom through prayer.

JOURNAL

Think about your favorite book or movie that features a treasure hunt. What is the treasure in that story? The Bible compares wisdom to silver and hidden treasures. Write a short poem comparing wisdom to treasure and thanking God for sharing His wisdom with us.

READ



Proverbs 2, verses 1-4 lists several actions we should take to pursue wisdom. Read those verses again. What are they?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

**FOR THE LORD
GIVES WISDOM;
FROM HIS
MOUTH COME
KNOWLEDGE
AND
UNDERSTANDING.**

(PROVERBS 2:6)

Q: WHO GIVES WISDOM?

A: THE LORD

SHARE

Tell your kids about a time you abandoned God's wisdom. What happened? What did your choice teach you about applying wisdom to your everyday life?

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of Proverbs. Help your child find the book of Proverbs. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR LORD, I KNOW TRUE WISDOM COMES FROM YOU. HELP ME TO SEARCH FOR YOUR WISDOM AND APPLY IT IN MY LIFE. PLEASE GUIDE ME TO GOOD CHOICES THAT SHOW YOUR LOVE TO THE PEOPLE AROUND ME. AMEN.

MAKE

Ask your child to choose a color of construction paper and help them cut out the shape of a gemstone. Write, "Wisdom comes from the Lord" on the center of the gemstone. Let them decorate it. Once finished, help them hang their masterpiece in their room.

SEARCH

We should search for God's wisdom throughout our life, like someone searches for treasure!

Hide an object (a piece of candy, a note to your child, a fun, cheap toy) in your house and draw a map to it. Help your child follow the map to find the treasure. Remind them we need to search for God's wisdom just like we would search for treasure.

EAT

Gather some pretzel sticks and help your child spell out the word wisdom. While you munch on your masterpiece, ask them to share one thing they learned about wisdom from today's lesson.

SING

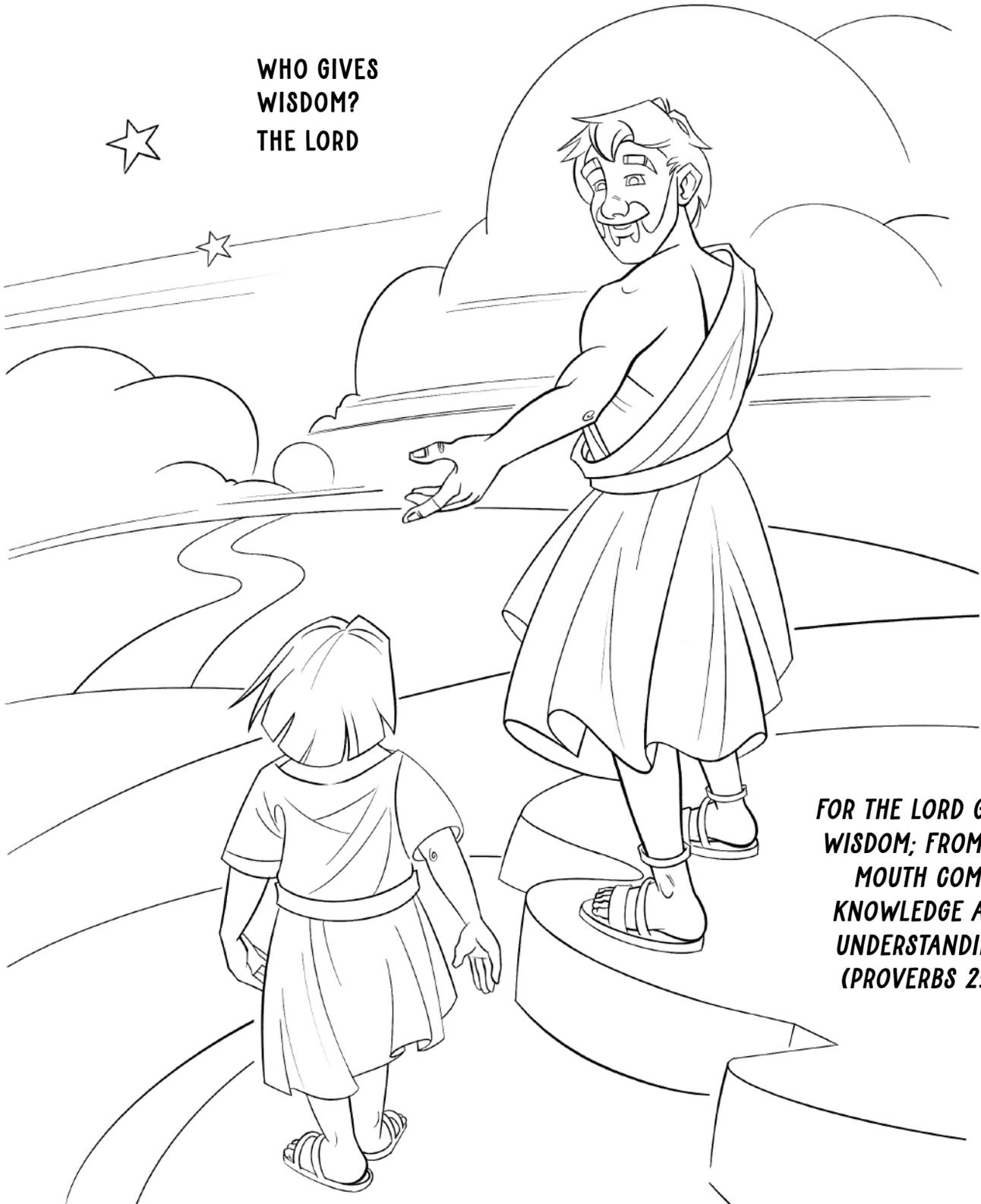


Listen to this playlist to think about what it means to live life in pursuit of godly wisdom.

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



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NAME: _____