My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry 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 blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; prudence will watch over you; and understanding will guard you.
Word Power!!!

- **Making Your Ear Attentive** – Adjusting yourself so you are able to make sense of what’s being shared.
- **Inclining Your Heart** – Choosing to focus on something or someone.
- **Insight** – Correct and deep understanding of something.
- **Fear the Lord** – Showing God respect.
- **Prudence** – Wise choices.

Getting Ready!!!

Lyric sang in more than one choir at church even though she was just a kid. She sang in the children’s choir and the gospel choir. The directors of the two choirs wanted choir members to celebrate God and encourage others to do the same. They just got to the goal differently.

Miss Mary made sure Lyric and the other children’s choir members understood what they were singing about. That way they could connect with the song and sing the words with feeling. Mr. Mark made sure Lyric and the gospel choir members paid attention to how their singing blended with other choir members. That way they could change how they sang if he told them someone was singing a wrong note.

There was one problem, though. Lyric couldn’t always tell when her note came out wrong. Sometimes, Mr. Mark would blow a tuning pipe to get people on the right note. Other times, he would have the pianist play each section’s part. That helped the grown-ups in the choir but it didn’t help Lyric. Lyric didn’t know how to get what her ear heard to come out of her mouth.
Lyric didn’t want to miss out on celebrating God so she asked for help. Then Mr. Mark and Miss Mary worked together to “train” her ear. Mr. Mark would either play the pitch pipe or hit the correct note on the piano. Next, Miss Mary would sing the note. Then she and Lyric would sing it together. After a few months of work, Lyric’s ear was trained. Now, she could sing the note correctly when she heard it.

Do you think the advice that Lyric received was wise advice?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

INTO GOD’S WORD!!!

The wise advice given from a godly parent to a child continues with today’s lesson. This week the focus shifts from inviting people to respond to the wise advice of God and God’s people. Now, the focus is on the necessary conditions to benefit from what God’s offering.

First, people have to be willing to accept and value the advice being given. Second, they have to adjust the way they listen to the advice. Next, they must choose to focus on gaining understanding. They should act like being able to fear God is as important as finding a hidden treasure. That way they can ask God to give them a correct and deep understanding.
When these conditions are met, God will respond in awesome ways. God will make people wise. God will protect the faithful. God will help them follow the right path. Then they will be able to make wise choices that keep them safe.

Activity #1 – Training to Fear God. Unscramble the words and phrases below. Your answers will remind you of what it will take to be able to respect and honor God.

1. EAMK OYRU REA AEVNTETIT
2. NICNELI YURO EHTRA
3. CYR UTO ORF HGISITN
4. EKSE TI LEKI RSIVLE
5. CPATCE YM RWSDO

USING GOD’S WORD!!!

Today’s lesson reminds us that we have to put as much effort into having a strong relationship with God as God has with us. God will help us gain the understanding and wisdom we need to choose wisely, but God won’t do all the work. We have to want a respect-filled relationship with God. That means we have to do things that will make it easier to understand how to
live like God wants.

That can be as simple as being willing to listen to advice. It could also be practicing how to lead The Lord’s Prayer or the Decalogue. It could be asking why it’s not okay to place stuff on the altar. Or, it could be reading a kid-friendly Bible so you understand what you’re reading. All these things and more will show God that God’s gift of wisdom is important to us.

**Activity #2 – All These Things and More.** Use the space below to write a prayer or a call to worship about how you value godly wisdom.

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**REMIX!!!**

God wants us to value our relationship with God and value our ability to make wise choices. God knows we won’t value either if it doesn’t take effort. That’s why we have to put effort into becoming wise and learning how to fear God. Otherwise, all
the wonderful things that come with that right relationship won’t mean much.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

_O God,_
_Please know you matter to us._
_We care about knowing you._
_We care about making you proud._
_Help us hear and understand today’s lesson._
_Give us courage to ask questions._
_Send us people who’ll help us learn the answers._
Then we'll know your wisdom is the best treasure of all. **AMEN.**