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Dear Parents,

I feel really blessed to have the opportunity to work with your child this quarter. We will explore God's Word together through these fourteen lessons. My prayer is that your child will learn a lot and that the learning will result in his or her having a closer relationship with God.

God is experienced as Wisdom in both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. During this quarter, we explore the many facets of wisdom as recorded in the book of Proverbs, in the Gospels, and in the letter written by James.

Unit I, “Wisdom in Proverbs,” containing four lessons, explores the nature of God’s wisdom as found in the book of Proverbs. These lessons describe how Wisdom calls to us; the value of Wisdom; and the gifts she offers. The unit ends by exploring the metaphor of the feast of Wisdom.

Unit II, “Wisdom in the Gospels,” offers four lessons—one from each of the four Gospels. This unit examines the wisdom of God as seen in the teachings and life of Jesus.

Unit III, “Faith and Wisdom in James,” offers a five-lesson study of wisdom as seen in the letter of James. These lessons explore the interaction of faith and wisdom, including practical advice regarding faith in action and the taming of the tongue. The study ends by contrasting two kinds of wisdom.

You can have a discussion with your child about giving his or her life to God with help from the ABCs of Salvation, listed below.

A. Say, “Admit you have sinned (see Psalm 32:5), or done wrong.” Go through just a few of the Ten Commandments—stealing or lying and so forth. Tell how our sins separate us from God (see Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 3:23).

B. Say, “Believe Jesus is God’s Son. He took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross (see Romans 5:8). We must believe that Jesus is God’s Son and that God raised Him from the dead.”

C. Say, “Call on God to forgive you (see Acts 2:21). When we are sorry for our sins and want to stop doing wrong, we can ask God to forgive us (see Acts 16:31).”

I look forward to helping your child understand what it means to have faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you for the opportunity to help shape your child’s spiritual life.

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Your Child’s Teacher
Wise Up!

The words in today’s Scripture text were written by King Solomon, the son of David. He wanted to teach people wisdom and self-control. The words were given for understanding. They will teach believers how to be wise, honest, and fair. They instruct people who have little knowledge. They provide knowledge to the young.

How does a man become wise? The first step is to trust and reverence, or deeply respect, God. This is the foundation of true knowledge. Only fools refuse to be taught. Listen to your father and mother.

If sinners try to lead you into doing wrong, do not follow them. They might say, “Come with us. Let’s ambush and try to kill someone.” Just turn your back on those people.

Wisdom is like a woman who shouts in the streets. She cries out at the city gates. “You foolish people! How long do you want to stay foolish? How long will you make fun of wisdom? How long will you hate knowledge? You have turned away from me and will get killed. But those who listen to me will live in safety. They will be safe and live without fear of being hurt.”

Key Verse:

“Whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.”

(Proverbs 1:33)
Hello, everyone! Ruby here! In today’s story, Brianna had a choice to make. We all make choices every day, like what’s safe or unsafe, or what’s the right or wrong way to behave and treat others. Can you think of a time when you had to make a choice? How did you decide what to do? Did you talk to your parents like Brianna did? Maybe you asked a teacher for advice. Remember that you can always talk to God because He knows what to do in every situation. Ask God for wisdom and He will help you to make wise decisions.

Exploring the Story
in Ruby’s Lab

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Make Wise Decisions

It had been weeks since Brianna agreed to participate in a mission event with her Sunday school class. Now that it was just a few days away, Brianna was having second thoughts. Brianna’s friend Imani wanted her to go to the beach with her family. Brianna loved the beach and it certainly sounded like more fun than the mission project.

“Mama, I promised Ms. Range that I would help with our mission project, but last night Imani called to see if I would go to the beach with her. The problem is that it is on the same day as the mission project. What do you think I should do?” Brianna asked.

Mama replied, “The decision is yours to make, but think about this before you do. How would you feel if someone promised to do something with you and then changed his or her mind at the last minute?”

“I didn’t think about it like that,” Brianna commented. “I’m going to keep my promise to complete the mission project. I’ll ask Imani if she wants to help. Maybe her parents can leave for the beach after we finish.”

“I like that idea,” Mama responded.
Searching for Words
Find the listed words from today’s lesson in the word search below.

WORD BANK

David • knowledge • Proverbs
Solomon • wisdom

K S V W D K C Q E W
T F O A P O U G T I
C W V L W V D J X S
L I G Y O E Y J W D
D K C S L M P W R O
D A Z W S E O R V M
R A O J K L M N X C
R N F U N G A T R D
K U O D F G H V T G
P R O V E R B S R P
True or False?

Read each sentence below and circle T if the statement is true, or F if it is false (not true).

1. Most of the Proverbs were written by King David.  \(\text{T or F}\)

2. The Proverbs will teach you how to be wise, honest, and fair.  \(\text{T or F}\)

3. It is wise to do your own thing and not listen to your parents.  \(\text{T or F}\)

4. When we listen to God, we will be safe and live without fear.  \(\text{T or F}\)

5. King Solomon was King David’s son.  \(\text{T or F}\)