A Great Gift

In today’s Scripture text, King Solomon wrote that having wisdom is a good thing. If wisdom were a person, this is what she would say: “Everything I say is honest. Nothing I say is crooked or false. People who can discern (figure out) my words know that what I am saying is true. Those with knowledge know that my words are right. They choose my teachings instead of silver. They choose to have knowledge rather than gold.

“I am (Wisdom is) more precious than rubies and there is nothing that you want that compares to me. I am the best gift to receive from God. I lead you to have knowledge, insight, and common sense. If you love God, you will hate evil, pride, and arrogance. I give good advice. I have understanding and power. I love those who love me, and those who look for me will be able to find me. I can lead you to riches and honor, and wealth and success. What I provide is better than fine gold and pure silver. I can lead you down the path of righteousness and justice. Those who seek me (Wisdom) will find a good gift.”
What Is the Best Gift?

Taylor loved celebrating her birthday with family and friends. She always knew her birthday was special because she was born on the same day as her great-grandfather, who was turning 90 this year. The party was going to be special.

"Mama, I can’t wait for my birthday celebration this year,” Taylor said.

“It’s going to be a special day, but remember that this year, we are really honoring Pop-Pop,” Mama explained.

“Yes, I know, but he always lets me help open his gifts. So, it’s still going to be fun for me,” Taylor noted.

“You sure seem to have a lot of fun. I’ve often wondered what the two of you are always talking about,” Mama said.

“Before we open each gift, we try to decide what’s inside. Sometimes, we decide which will be the best gift by the wrapping paper,” Taylor commented.

“Do you ever guess correctly?” Mama asked.

“To be honest, Pop-Pop likes all of the gifts, but every year he whispers the same thing in my ear when we finish. He says that the best gifts are love from our family and wisdom from God,” Taylor explained.

“I agree!” Mama exclaimed.

Exploring the Story in Ruby’s Lab

Hello, everyone! Ruby here! In today’s Bible lesson, we continue our study on wisdom. The author uses personification [pur-sah-ni-fi-cay-shun] to make wisdom come alive. Personification is language where something that is non-human (wisdom) is given a human characteristic (like a woman). Wisdom is a gift of God. We receive wisdom through listening, making right choices, and obeying God.

What are the easiest ways for you to show wisdom? What are some areas where you still need work? This week, ask God to help you to show wisdom in all areas of your life.
Unscrambler
Review today’s Bible story. Then unscramble each of the scrambled-up words (in parentheses and in color) and write the correct word on the line. If you need help, refer to the New International Version of the Bible.

1. “Choose my (sttrnuioconi) ______________ instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold.” (verse 10)

2. “For (wmidos) ______________ is more precious than rubies.” (verse 11)

3. “Counsel and sound (tjnmedgu) ______________ are mine.” (verse 14)

4. “I love those who (vole) _____________ me, and those who (ekes) ___________ me find me.” (verse 17)

5. “My (utrif) __________ is better than fine (dglo) ___________; what I yield surpasses choice (revisl) ______________.” (verse 19)
“A Great Gift” Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues below and the words from the Word Box to complete the crossword puzzle related to today’s lesson.

WORD BANK

Gold • Honest • Justice • Treasures • Wisdom

Across
2 A precious yellow metal used to make jewelry
5 People who give fair and right treatment show this.

Down
1 Another word for “truthful”
3 Another word for “riches”
4 To use good judgment is to have this.