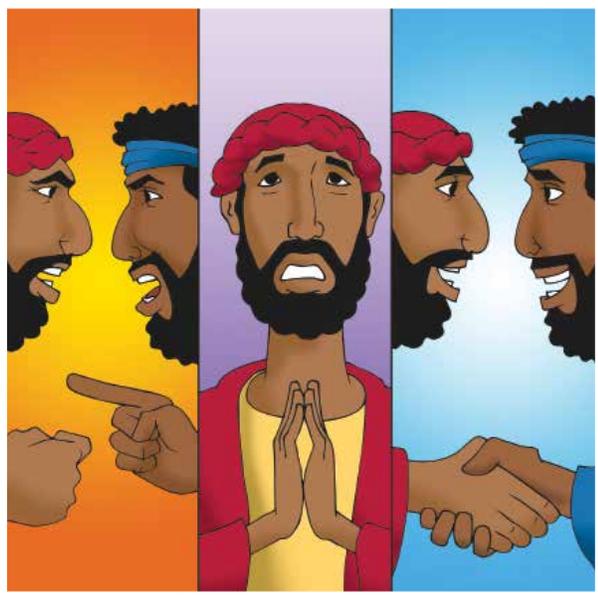


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**Key Verse:**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. (James 3:13)

Think First

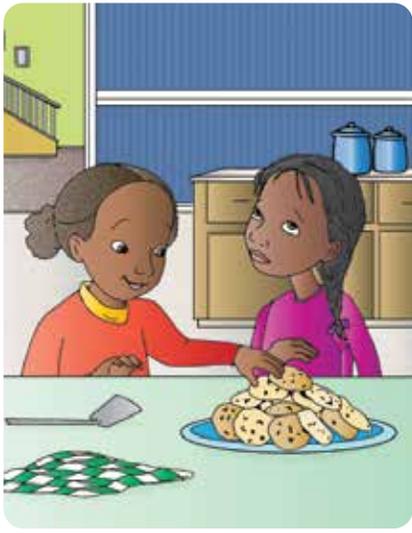
James wrote about the following in today's Scripture passages: *Is there anyone who is truly wise and understanding? If so, he should show it by living right. You should do good things without being proud. If you are bitter and selfish, you should not brag. This kind of "wisdom" does not come from God. When there is jealousy and selfishness, there will also be confusion. But wisdom that comes from heaven is pure, peaceful, kind, and sincere.*

Be patient until the Lord God comes again. Just like a farmer waits for his crops after he has planted, you must be patient. Don't give up hope, because God is coming soon. Don't complain against each other or you will be judged. And the Judge is ready and waiting. Job was an example of patience. He persevered (continued in hard times) and God blessed him. God is full of compassion and mercy.

It is important that you do not swear when you make a promise. Don't use the name of heaven, earth, or anything else to prove what you say. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise, you will be judged.



Have You Considered the Results?



Savannah: Hey, Laila, guess what! Grandma just baked some chocolate-chip cookies. She's upstairs resting now. Let's go and eat a few while she's not looking.

Laila: I don't think that's a very good idea. I think Grandma made those cookies for the church picnic.

Savannah: They are going to have plenty of desserts. Anyway, those cookies won't even be missed.

Laila: I'm pretty sure Grandma will miss the cookies. But since you are so smart, what is your plan?

Savannah: I have it all figured out. I'm going to use her cell phone to take a picture of the cookie plate. We can eat a few cookies then I will use the picture to rearrange the cookies on the plate so Grandma will never know.

Laila: Sounds like you have thought of everything . . . but have you considered what will happen if you get caught?

Savannah: You worry too much. Besides, I don't want to wait for the church picnic.

Laila: I have a better idea. Let's wait until Grandma finishes resting and ask her if we can sample some of her delicious cookies. I'm sure she'll say yes!

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! You know how much I love science! But I also like to read. Savannah's plan reminds me of the story *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale* by John Steptoe. One daughter was proud and selfish and used earthly wisdom. Another daughter was kind and sincere and used godly wisdom. They took the same journey to the king's palace, but they had very different endings. I could tell you, but that would ruin the surprise. Visit your school or local library to find out what happens to Mufaro's daughters. Be prepared to share what you learned next week in class.

"X"s and Hearts

Read each statement below. Put an **X** on examples of earthly wisdom, and a heart around examples of godly wisdom.

Love your enemies.

Do what makes
YOU happy.

"I'm smarter, stronger,
and better than
everyone else."

Trust God in
all you do.

"I'll get them
before they
get me."

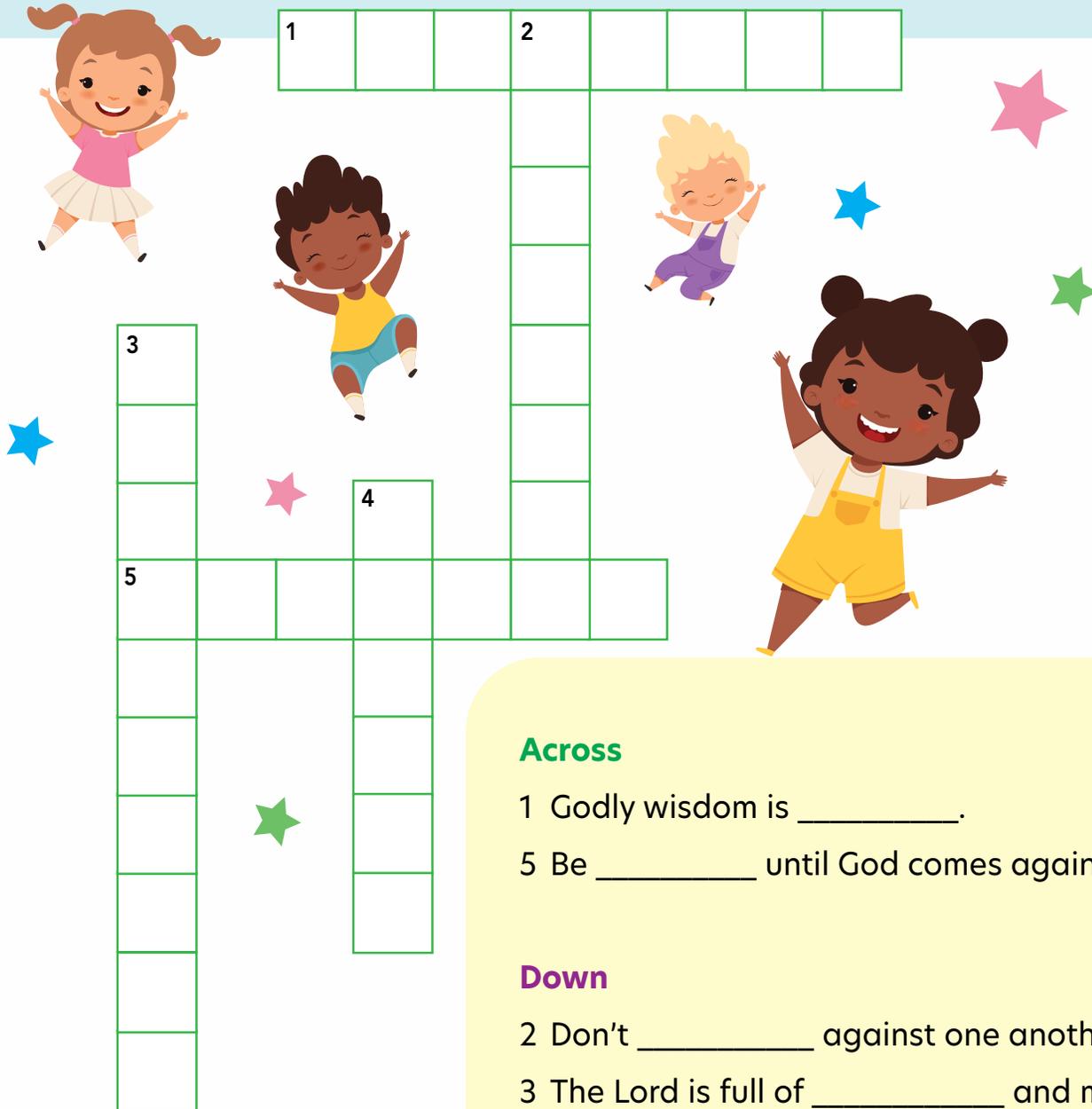
Be patient and
wait on God.

A "Think!" 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

compassion • complain • patient • peaceful • wisdom



Across

- 1 Godly wisdom is _____.
- 5 Be _____ until God comes again.

Down

- 2 Don't _____ against one another.
- 3 The Lord is full of _____ and mercy.
- 4 _____ that comes from heaven is pure.