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.

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)
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.