

Lesson 12: Gaining Wisdom Everyday

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study different verses on wisdom and what they can learn from those
 - 2) Make a calendar that encourages them to be wise every day of the year.
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Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students? See Lesson 1 for ideas

Supplies:

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Principles of Wisdom – one per student
- Old Testament Bible Books Display Sheet – as used in previous class
- Calendar Template for children – print on white cardstock paper – there are two months on a page – need 3 pages per child for a 5 month calendar since we are starting in August.
- A current calendar for the year to see what numbers to fill in the homemade calendars
- Hole punch
- Yarn– 12 inch lengths – or Stapler to staple for keeping calendar together.

Optional:

- Treats to hand out for learning books of the Bible
- Flash Cards (previously cut out) of Old Testament Books to practice

Snack:

- Your choice one per student
- Napkins for snack one per student
- Juice or water and cup one per student

Easel or Chalkboard for everyone to see and a marker or chalk

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson 10 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming.

Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. Once children are seated say, **“Today we are going to see how we can incorporate wisdom into our lives every day. We are also going to make a craft calendar to help us remember to be wise every day of the year.”**

2) Principles of Wisdom Activity Sheet 10 minutes +

Hand out one sheet to each child. (This may take longer than 10 minutes, so if you are doing the calendar stop this activity after completing a few of the principles and then continue on after the calendar activity if time.) Students can take the sheet home to study and look up the rest, or you can keep all the papers and finish the activity next week.

Say: **As a class let’s go through each principle and find the Scripture.** Hand out Bibles to those who need or ask children to share. Thank those who brought their Bibles.

Remember God will impart His wisdom to His children if they desire to acquire it and look to His Word for instruction.

Let's look at the first principle of wisdom – what does it say? (Ask for a volunteer to read and to read the Scripture once everyone finds it in Proverbs. Go through each principle asking the questions, reading the Scriptures and discussing as a class.)

1...Obey your parents. ([Proverbs 1:8](#)) Be obedient to what your parents ask of you. What are some disobedient things you might do or say to your parents? What should you do instead?

2...Keep God's commandments. ([Proverbs 4:4](#)) Seek to know and follow God's commandments. What are some of God's commandments?

3...Hold on to God's Word for answers. ([Proverbs 4:20](#)) Read your Bible daily and seek His understanding and knowledge on all things. What are some things God tells you to do?

4...Embrace God's Word and plant it deep in your heart. ([Proverbs 4:23](#)) Memorize Scripture and allow God to touch your heart with His truth. What are some Bible verses you have memorized? What are some you would like to memorize?

5...Watch who you have as friends. ([Proverbs 4:10-13](#)) Choose your friends wisely and seek those who will not mislead you to go against God's Word. Do you have any friends who do not know or follow God's Word? Is there a way you can help them?

6...Refrain from using hurtful words. ([Proverbs 4:24, and 21:23](#)) Watch your emotions and abstain from saying anything that might be hurtful to others. What are some things you might say that would be better than using hurtful words?

7...Be honest in all that you do. ([Proverbs 11:3](#)) Be careful to always tell the truth in all things. Name some reasons you might feel tempted to lie? What can you do instead so you don't lie?

8...Keep an eye on where you go. ([Proverbs 4:26-27](#)) Stay away from activities and places that are evil. Where are some places that you would not want to go? Where can you go instead?

9...Seek self-control when someone hurts you. ([Proverbs 16:32](#)) Keep attitudes and behavior focused on God not on the pain and emotion of the moment. How can you show self-control?

10...Work hard in everything that you do. ([Proverbs 12:24, 13:4, and 19:15](#)) Do everything with diligence and motivation. What are some reasons you might not want to work hard when doing something? How can you overcome those feelings?

When finished, move on to the next activity, or if needed continue this activity later on in the lesson or finish next week.

3) Making a Calendar to Attain Wisdom Every Day

20+ minutes

Before class print out the calendars on cardstock paper if possible and cut out each month for the children. Using a current calendar fill in the proper numbers under the right day, example the first "1" may be on a Wednesday for August. Fill them in for the students but don't write the Month, let them do that later. To keep track, keep each calendar list in order so you can just hand out the first

page for August, the second for September, etc. (In total the students will have an, August, September, October, November, December calendar months – 5 in all.)

Tell the students that, **“Now, we are going to make a calendar, this calendar will help us to remember to be wise because on each month of our calendar we are going to write a phrase to help us remember to do something wise for every day!**

We are going to start our calendar with the month of August. Since that is the month we are starting this craft. Let’s write August at the top of our calendar and underneath that we need to write something the phrase – “Remember to Pray”. That is something wise we should all do, after that we will write the verse from the Bible that tells us to pray and that is 1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray continuously” So on your calendar it will look like this (Show them on a chalkboard or easel so they can see how to do it.)

August
Remember to Pray – 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Ask the children to spend about two minutes now coloring the page to make it nice before moving on to the next page.

Now our next page will have the month September written on it at the top and the phrase “Study the Bible” because to be wise we need to study the Bible as it says in 2 Timothy 3:15 “and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

So we are going to write the verse 2 Timothy 3:15 down as well. It will look like this:

September
Study the Bible – 2 Timothy 3:15

Ask the children to spend about two minutes now coloring the page to make it nice before moving on to the next page. The next few pages are below – make sure there are a few minutes between for coloring and make sure kids who need help writing, get help. Take the time to read each verse to the children so they know that these sayings come from the Bible. And read them aloud as you write them down on the board for those who have trouble reading.

October
Wise people help those in need - Proverbs 31:20

November
Fear the Lord – Proverbs 1:7

December
Wise people seek God and Go to Church – Psalm 14:2

Help the children finish their calendars and then gather the months together in order – one set for each child. Hole punch two times at the top of the set about three inches apart so that you can

string some yarn or ribbon through and tie a bow to keep the calendar together and to create a hook for the calendar. Or staple the pages together. Have children help clean up before moving on to the next activity.

4) Review Learning the Books of the Bible

5 minutes

“We have been learning all the books of the Old Testament this quarter to help us be wiser. I want us all to sing the books of the Bible song we have started learning as a quick review and then I want to ask each of you to take turns saying as many books of the Bible that you can remember. There are no winners or losers; we are just practicing as much as we know. Don’t worry if you can’t get them all right. (First sing the song together and then ask children to volunteer to say as many books as they can remember out loud to the class, praise their good efforts and help the shy ones to at least say some.) If you want to keep track, checkmark each book the child gets correct so you can know what books of the Bible to focus on for each child.

At the end, as an option, hand out a treat to everyone for trying to learn these books.

(The books of the Bible can be learned using many tunes; one tune is to use the A-B-C song. A-B-C-D-E-F-G – but instead of singing the alphabet you sing Genesis-Exodus-Leviticus –Numbers H-I goes with Deuteronomy.

For other tunes, you can also use One little, Two little, Three little ladybugs instead.)

*You can also hand out flash cards again for students to sort or to play “Go Fish” with as well. See card sets from previous classes and the rules of Go Fish if you need a reminder.

5) Optional – Snack: Your Choice

5 minutes

Hand out a snack to each child with water and napkins as well. Discuss the principles of wisdom and ask the children what ones from the calendar or principle sheet is most meaningful to them and why. Review all the points this week by re-stating each principle of wisdom and why we need to study and pray and focus on gaining wisdom every day!

Have a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions and examples of how we can be wise, while snacking!

6) Optional – Song

5 minutes

The Books of the Old Testament – Sung to the Alphabet Song Tune 2 times

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers	Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah,
Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges	Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel.
Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2	Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah,
Chronicles.	Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk
Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Job,	Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi!
Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes.	

7) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray. Start below if you need help and then add the other prayer requests of the children.

Thank you God that you have given us the chance to be wise and to learn what wisdom is. Thank you that we can look to You and Your Son Jesus for examples and look to others in the Bible that were wise. Thank you for Your Bible that guides us and gives us the answers we need. We pray that you will help us all to be wise, to make wise decisions, to seek you and find you and to follow you all the days of our lives. Help us to be good examples to others and let them see Your love and kindness in our lives. Thank you for our families and bless them. Give us wisdom Father, and it is in Your Son's precious name that we pray this, Amen.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!