

# Lesson 3: Father's Day and God's Wisdom

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Learn that they can gain wisdom from their Godly parents and look at Bible verses that discuss this fact
- 2) Make a Father's Day Page and Craft for their Dad or Grandpa
- 3) As part of learning about wisdom students will become wiser by learning the books of the Old Testament including activities and singing songs.

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**Accommodations:** How will I accommodate individual needs of students? See lesson 1 for ideas

**Supplies:**

**Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)**

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- White or Light Colored Paper – one per student (for Father's Day card)
- Old Testament Books Display Sheet – one for class to see – from previous lesson
- Word Sort Sheet -one sheet per class 2 sets on a page – print on cardstock and cut out
- Plastic Zip Bag – to put Sorted Words into – one bag per set
- Owl Template – Print on White Card Stock paper –one per child
- Owl Phrase Template – Print on White Card Stock Paper – One sheet for 12 students.
- Stiff Dark Brown Felt or Brown Cardstock paper – One piece for each child
- Regular Light Brown Felt – One piece for every two children
- Orange Felt – One piece for every 6 children
- Glue – White or Glue stick – enough to share
- Scissors – enough to share

**Optional:**

Learn Books of the Bible Game:

- Chalk or Masking Tape – to make big circles

Snack: Oatmeal Cookies                      one per child

- Napkins for snack                      one per child

- Juice or water and cup                      one per child

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

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**Lesson:**

**1) Introduction to lesson**

**10 minutes**

As students enter, welcome them and help them 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, if a new child arrives put their name on the chart for them. Once children are seated say: **"This quarter we are learning about something important...wisdom! Today we will learn that to be wise means that we should listen to our Godly parents who teach us about God.**

**Let's look at what the Bible says about wisdom. Open your Bibles to Proverbs 1:8-9.** Read aloud the Bible passage.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. **Verse eight tells us to hear your father's instruction. What is instruction?"** Take ideas from students.
2. **What does 'do not forsake' mean when talking about our mother's teaching?"** Take input from the children.

**So, in Proverbs 1:8-9, God is telling us to listen and remember what our parents teach us."**

3. **Verse nine says "they". Who are 'they' in this verse?** 'They' are your parent's instruction and teaching."
4. **What do you think verse nine is saying about your parents Godly teachings?** Being wise will bring you honor as you live a wise life following the teaching and instruction of your parents.
5. **What are some ways we know our parents/guardians are wise?** They brought us to church today, love us enough to make sure we go to school, have food to eat, clothes to wear and care for us, etc.

**Now let's read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. Remember Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Bible in the Old Testament. Can I get a volunteer to read that please?**

**Discussion Question:**

**"Why should we listen and remember what our parents teach us?"** Because they should teach us about the commandments of God.

**In Deuteronomy, God commands your parents to always be teaching you when sitting in your house, when going on a walk, when going to bed at night, and when you wake up in the morning. In Proverbs, God tells children to listen to the teaching of their parents."**

**God tells us that when we listen to our parents and remember what they have taught us, we will become wise.**

**Today is Father's Day and we need to remember that if our Father believes in God and comes to church services he can share with you wisdom from the Bible!**

**2) Father's Day Card – For Grandpa or Dad**

**15 minutes**

Hand out one sheet to each child along with crayons. Ask them to fold their sheet in half and make a Father or Grandfather's Day card! They can decorate it and draw pictures and words to share how much they love their Dad or Grandpa.

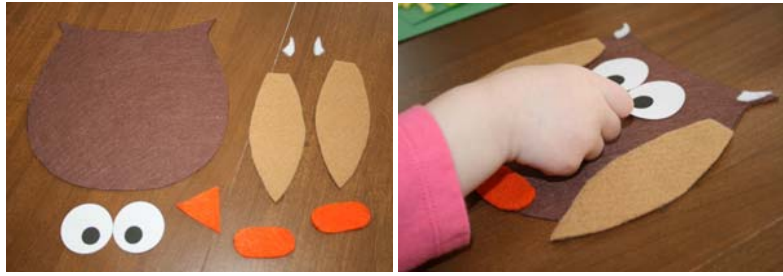
**3) Father's Day Craft**

**15-20 minutes**

1. Print out owl template and get children to cut the pieces out.
2. Trace the body onto the stiff brown felt or if unavailable use brown cardstock paper, the wings onto light brown felt and the beak and feet onto orange felt. Cut the felt pieces out.
3. Cut out eye template and glue that on to the owl body.
4. Glue the wings to the body. Then glue the eyes on. Finish by gluing on the beak, feet and ears. You can make horns out of the scrap white template paper as shown in the picture and glue them on the top of the owl's head as well.
5. Print Owl Phrase Sheet and cut out for each child to glue under their Owl's beak. It says:



TO A REAL WISE GUY!  
Deuteronomy 6:5-7



Tell the students, **“This owl is a gift for your Dad or Grandpa. It is to remind them how special they are – they are wise when they teach you God’s ways, take you to worship, help you to pray, etc. If your dad doesn’t come to church services, it is still a great gift because he can look up the verse and study the Bible and still be happy that he has a great gift from you!** Have children clean up before moving on to next activity.

#### 4) Word Sort – Books of the Old Testament Game

10-15 minutes

Using the Word Sort Sheet provided, cut out the words of the Old Testament and mix them up in a bag, hand out to the students to sort out. If you want some competition put them in two teams to see who can sort the fastest, keeping in mind to put younger children with older children to ensure fairness. When the children finish sorting they can say, “Done!” Get another student from the other team or yourself to “judge” who got the books in the right order by comparing it to the index in the Bible.



This also shows that we should always look to the Bible to see if we are right not just for the order of the books but for everything! Have students put the books of the Bible words back in the bag before moving on.

#### 5) Optional - Books of the Bible Physical Game for Kids

10-15 minutes

Tell the kids that they are going to practice learning the Books of the Old Testament. Find a large area to play and either use chalk – if drawing on a sidewalk outside, or masking tape if using a place inside a classroom or hallway - make two large circles beside each other.



- Make the circles large enough for all the kids to stand within.
- Label one box “L” for Books of the Law and the other “H” for Books of History.
- Explain to the kids they should stand in the area that matches the name of the Bible books you are about to say – randomly pick words from the list below – making sure you can say which circle they should be in to see who “wins”. If you prefer not to make it competitive you can just let the children re-join if they get it wrong and move to the right circle and then continue playing
- For books not in the Old Testament they should stand outside both boxes

#### Books of Law

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

#### Books of History

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel and/or 2 Samuel  
1 Kings and/or 2 Kings  
1 Chronicles and/or 2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther

## **Books of the New Testament** (this is when they should stand out of both circles)

Matthew    Mark    Luke    John    Acts    Romans    1 and 2 Corinthians    Galatians  
Ephesians    Philippians    Colossians    1 and 2 Thessalonians    1 and 2 Timothy  
Titus    Philemon    Hebrews    James    1 and 2 Peter    1, 2,3 John    Jude    Revelation

### **6) Optional – Snack: Oatmeal Cookies**

**5 minutes**

Hand out a cookie along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Explain that, “**earthly wisdom says that oatmeal is a brain food – it provides good cardiovascular health – meaning good for your heart and circulation, which is also good for your brain!**”

**We know that oatmeal comes from God and all foods that come from God are good no matter what they are. They all have special things that God has designed to make us healthy. But since we were talking about wisdom, it makes sense to eat a snack known for its brain boosting powers!**

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

### **7) Song**

**5 minutes**

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

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers  
Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges  
Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles.  
Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Job,  
Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes.

Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah,  
Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel.  
Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah,  
Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk  
Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi!

### **8) 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 as well that were wise. Thank you for Your Bible that guides us and gives us the answers we need. And 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 parents who guide us and bring us to church services. Give us wisdom Father, and it is in Your Son’s precious name that we pray this, Amen.**