



**PRE-K
LARGE GROUP**

LESSON 1

WISDOM COMES FROM GOD

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Wisdom Comes from God

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 1

GOD'S BIG STORY: God—the source of all wisdom—calls us to live wisely. In the book of Proverbs, God invites us to become wise, to learn His ways, and to walk in His ways.

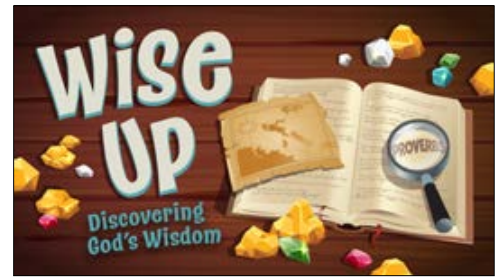
WORD OF WONDER: Listen to God's words and do not turn from them. —from Proverbs 4:5

CURIOSITY

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FAITH

- Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions
- Declaring God's Wonder
- Prayer of Invitation
- Worship
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Prayer and Blessing





LESSON 1 FOR LEADERS

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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Read Proverbs 1:20–23. These words give me hope. In a world swirling with loud ideas, unfiltered thoughts, and countless suggestions, the search for wisdom can feel daunting. But wisdom isn't locked away in a safety deposit box somewhere. It's not carrying on in the VIP lounge of some exclusive club. No, it's "out in the open" (Proverbs 1:20). It's available. It's ours if we'll take it.

It begins with God Himself. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7, NIV). God is a giver. When we seek Him with reverence and respect, He delights in giving us knowledge and understanding to act rightly. He doesn't dangle the carrot just to yank it away.

Do you believe that? I do, but sometimes I forget. Sometimes I think wisdom means using fancier words, listening to better podcasts, or quoting song lyrics I don't really understand. (Shh, don't tell anyone!) But wisdom actually means a deep, abiding fellowship with God. It comes through prayerful obedience. A life marinated in God's Word. God is the source of wisdom!

So, what kind of life are you leading? Is it a life that acknowledges God—a life of awe and wonder? Wisdom is out there, not tucked away in some back alley. It's ours if we'll take it. Time to wise up!

—Michael Rade

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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Most of the book of Proverbs is attributed to King Solomon, David's son (Proverbs 1:1). When God appeared to Solomon and told him to ask for anything he wished, Solomon asked for wisdom, which God was glad to give (1 Kings 3:1–15). These proverbs express that wisdom.

WHAT?

Proverbs is written “for gaining wisdom and instruction” (Proverbs 1:2, NIV). It says that all knowledge and wisdom begin with “fear of the LORD” (Proverbs 1:7, NIV), or as the NIV puts it, “respect for the LORD.” Everything good and wise comes from God.

WHERE?

These proverbs address the youth—especially young men—living in the land of Israel. The instructions are written from a father to a son, but a mother is sometimes included as well (Proverbs 23:22–25). This wisdom came from the royal courts of Israel, where Solomon ruled.

WHEN?

Solomon might have lived in the 900s BC. His proverbs fit with the structure and content of wisdom literature from the ancient Near East. There are similar collections of sayings from Egypt and Mesopotamia.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

If all wisdom comes from the one true God, we expect God's Son to be a revealer of wisdom. Sure enough, the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:19 led many early Christians to view Him as the embodiment of God's wisdom (compare 1 Corinthians 1:24).



LESSON 1 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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Welcome

Slide: Series Welcome Loop

As kids arrive...

Walk around the room and welcome as many kids as possible by showing excitement that they have joined you. Give high-fives, fist bumps, encourage them to sit on the floor in their spots, and ask questions about their week.

Video: Countdown

Welcome kids to worship time. Introduce yourself by name.

Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

SUPPLIES: compass

Introduce the kids to Tac, the curious cat.

Leader: Hi, Tac! What do you have there?

Tac the Cat: I have a compass!

Leader: I see. That's interesting. We have some compasses too. What are you going to do with your compass?

Tac the Cat: Well, I'm hoping it can give me some direction. You see, I don't know what to do with my friend, and I heard that a compass could give me direction.

Leader: Hmm. I see. I'm not sure a compass is what you need. But can you tell me more about your problem with your friend?

Tac the Cat: Sure! My friend wants me to come over and play tomorrow. But my mom said that I needed to pick up all my toys before going to my friend's house. I don't really want to pick my toys up. It's a lot! And my friend said my mom would probably just forget about it, so I could sneak out and go to his house without picking up my toys.

Leader: I see. Sounds like you have a decision to make! And it sounds like you have the option to be wise in this situation.

Tac the Cat: Yep! That's why I have this compass. So maybe it could tell me what I'm supposed to do.

Leader: Well, a compass isn't going to help you in this case. A compass tells you what direction you're moving: north, south, east, or west. You need a way to know which direction to go or what choice to make in this situation. You need some wisdom!

Tac the Cat: Yeah! That sounds more like it. If I can't get wisdom from this compass, where do I find it?

Leader: The Bible tells us that wisdom comes from God. He is the best source of wisdom, and we can become wise by reading His Word and following Him.

Tac the Cat: Oh, I see. So the Bible is like a compass because it shows us what is right and wrong.

Leader: Exactly! Let's see if our friends know what you should do in your situation with your friend.

(Turn to kids and allow them to give Tac advice.)

Tac the Cat: You know what? I think I need to go home and pick up my toys! I'll see you later!

"Have you ever been curious about something? Let's take a moment and think: Would you rather be wise or rich? Allow the kids to respond. Why do you think God wants us to be wise? Allow the kids to respond. We all see and hear things that make us curious. Did you ever stop to think about how God gives us wisdom?"

SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

Today's Wonder Truth is **WISDOM COMES FROM GOD**. Today we'll discover how wisdom comes from God!"

Declaring God's Wonder

SLIDE: DECLARATION

Encourage the kids to stand up, say the statements, and do the motions with you.

"Let's say these words together."

Thank You, God, that You made me! *(Kids repeat.)*

Make prayer hands, then point up to God and to yourself.

And I am Your kid! *(Kids repeat.)*

Put your hands on your hips.

Jesus loves me so much; *(Kids repeat.)*

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

His love for me is big. *(Kids repeat.)*

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

The Holy Spirit leads me, *(Kids repeat.)*

Bring your arms down from the sky, making a path in front of you.

And I can follow You. *(Kids repeat.)*

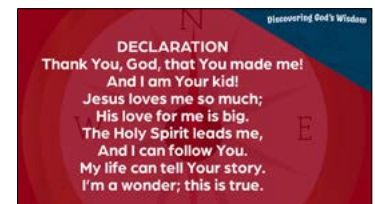
March in place like you're following the leader.

My life can tell Your story. *(Kids repeat.)*

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

I'm a wonder; this is true. *(Kids repeat.)*

Put your hands up, shaking your fingers, celebrating ("praise hands").



Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use your own words. Use this prayer as a guide if needed **God, thank You for bringing us here today. Help us listen closely to hear from You and how You give us wisdom. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Worship

Today we'll learn about how wisdom comes from God. Let's sing together about God giving us wisdom!

WORSHIP VIDEOS: Even Better, Faithful

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them today's story comes from the book of Proverbs in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

I open my Bible and what do I see? (*Hands together then opening palms up, like opening a book.*)

God's big story, waiting for me! (*Point to yourself.*)

"Let's watch part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Proverbs in the Bible."

VIDEO: GOD'S BIG STORY

GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

SUPPLIES: Bible, cardstock, scissors (prep only), treasure box or backpack, tape

RESOURCES: [Wisdom Puzzle Sheet](#)

Ahead of time, print the Wisdom Puzzle Sheet onto cardstock and cut apart the pieces. Put the pieces into a treasure box or backpack. Gather kids in a circle and bring the treasure box or backpack with the puzzle pieces inside.

"Today we're going to go on a treasure hunt! I've collected clues about the treasure and put them in my special box (or bag). Let's see what the clues are ..."



As you pull each puzzle piece out, encourage kids to identify what the picture is and how they think it might relate to wisdom. Use the notes below to elaborate on each puzzle piece and to prompt discussion. The puzzle pieces are as follows:

- King Solomon (crown). Say: **King Solomon, David's son, was one of the wisest men to ever live. God gave him wisdom. He wrote part of the Bible in a book called Proverbs.**
- Wisdom can help us live God's way (thumbs-up). Say: **Wisdom can help us understand what is good and help us avoid making silly decisions. Wisdom is knowledge and understanding that comes from God.**
- We can listen to advice from people in charge of us (adults). Say: **We should be careful whom we listen to for advice. We know that we can listen to wise people in our lives, such as our parents, people in charge of us, and most importantly God.**
- We can become wise by learning God's ways (Bible). Say: **When we take time to know God and learn His ways, our lives will change, and we can live the way He tells us to live. The Bible tells us about God and how He wants us to live.**
- **The book of Proverbs teaches us about wisdom** (person/emoji with a thinking face, hand on chin). Say: **The Bible teaches us many things, and Proverbs is a book in the Bible that teaches a lot about wisdom. Proverbs teaches us that God is the source of wisdom and we can come to Him for wisdom.**
- God is the best source of wisdom (lightbulb). Say: **Wisdom will always come from God. God is wise and all-knowing.**

"Can you help me put this puzzle together? There is a special message on the back." Allow a few volunteers to come help fit the pieces and tape them together. Turn the puzzle over and read the Wonder Truth aloud from the back of the puzzle: **WISDOM COMES FROM GOD.**

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Ask the following question to kids to help them connect the Wonder Truth to God's big story:

SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

"Our Wonder Truth today is WISDOM COMES FROM GOD. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

All wisdom comes from God, and Jesus—God's Son—reveals His wisdom to the world. Wisdom is found in knowing Jesus. When we know and follow Him, we know God's wisdom and truth."

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for giving us wisdom in every situation—big or small. Use your own words. Use this prayer as a guide if needed:

God, thank You for always being with us. Help us become wise and use the wisdom that You give us in everything we do—big or small. Thank You for Your gift of wisdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them. Speak a blessing using your own words, use this example as a guide if needed:

Blessing: May our loving God, who gives us true wisdom, make you wise in all you say, think, and do.