

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL WISDOM**

1 Kings 4:29-34; Job 12:13; Psalm 19:7-11, 119:97-102; Proverbs 3:5-8, 2:6-8; Romans 4:17; Ephesians 3:7-10; James 1:5

**BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 2:6**

*"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- Wisdom is living in obedience to God's Word for His glory.
- Wisdom comes from God.
- Wisdom is more valuable than possessions.
- God wants us to pursue wisdom and we get wisdom by pursuing Him.

**BIBLE STORY: 2 CHRONICLES 1:7-13**

Solomon is at the beginning of his reign when we see him in this passage. He is continuing the work that his father, David, began. His obedience to God is apparent when God appears to Solomon in a dream. God tells Solomon to ask for anything and God will give it to him. Solomon's understanding of who God is and the task that is at hand is evident in his request. He asks, not for wealth or fame, but for wisdom that he might govern God's people rightly. God blesses Solomon with wisdom and then later also gives him wealth, honor, and fame.

**FOUNDATION: GOD IS KNOWN—GOD GIVES WISDOM**

God does not hide His existence from humanity. Although sin has broken our relationship with God, He still reveals Himself to us in many ways. He reveals Himself through His creation, through His Word, the Bible, and through Jesus His Son coming to earth as a man. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, and He lived on earth as a man, experiencing the world just like we do. Not only is God known by us, but He gives us wisdom to know Him. Wisdom is taking truths about God's Word and applying them in our daily lives. Because God has revealed Himself, we can know who He is, who we are, how creation reflects His glory, and how we are to live for Him.

**BIG AIMS****Every child should know that:**

- We can know God through reading the Bible.
- Wisdom is good and comes from God.

**Every child should feel:**

- Awe of the God who makes Himself known to mankind and makes wisdom available to those who seek to obey and glorify Him.

**Every child should be able to:**

- Spend time hearing God's Word read at home and ask, "Is what I am about to do wise?"

**Every child should want:**

- To know more about God's Word and walk in awe of God who leads in wisdom.

The Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

**PURSUE WISDOM ABOVE ALL ELSE**

Hide something that is very valuable to your child. It can be a favorite toy or stuffed animal or something he or she has wanted for some time. Lead your child on a hunt to find their treasure. When they find their valuable thing, reward them by giving them something else they enjoy, such as a piece of candy or special snack. God wants us to pursue wisdom like it is a very great treasure. When we do seek it and Him, He gives generously to us.

**DISCOVER IT:**

Read James 1:5.

**THINK ABOUT IT:**

Wisdom comes from God. He gives it freely to His people, yet He desires that we pursue wisdom as if it were a very valuable treasure. We should seek God and knowledge of His Word that we might grow in wisdom. James is reminding the Christians scattered around that they, too, could receive wisdom if they simply asked God for it. God gives generously to those who ask. If we are to truly please God, we must pursue His wisdom and seek Him.

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

- From whom does wisdom come? (It comes from God.)
- How can we get wisdom? (By asking God for it.)



Read Proverbs 2:6 with your child. Help your child understand that wisdom is good and comes from God by taking him or her on a trip to your local grocery store. As you walk through the store, ask your child to identify where certain products come from, or what their sources are. For example, milk comes from a cow, eggs come from chickens, strawberries come from strawberry plants, etc. Remind your child that wisdom comes from God and it's a good thing because it helps us know how to live for God.



As a family put a puzzle together. Start first by emptying out all the pieces. Then blindfold your child and ask them to put the puzzle together blindfolded. Next, take the blindfold off and put the puzzle together. Lead them in a discussion about how difficult it is when we try to live outside of God's wisdom. It's like trying to put the puzzle together with a blindfold on. When we have God's wisdom it's like putting the puzzle together without the blindfold.



As a family have a discussion about how a lot of things are much bigger than we are. Talk about how the universe is so big. Go outside one night when it is clear and try to count the stars. As you drive to the store, church, or school, talk about the many different inventions that make our lives better, such as cars, phones, clothes. Share stories with your child about a time or many times that God gave you wisdom through His Word or His people. Remind your child that God will give them wisdom, too if they will ask for it.