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BIG TRUTH: WISDOM IS AN INVESTMENT

Proverbs 2:3-5; 7:1; 10:14; 12:27; 14:23-24; 17:16; Ecclesiastes 5:9-12

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 23:23

"Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding."

BIG IDEAS

- The pursuit of wisdom comes at a price.
- The pursuit of wisdom is worth the cost.
- The pursuit of wisdom will yield a great reward.

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 8:12-21

KNEEL: LIVING IN WISDOM

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

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KNOW

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Every student should know...

- What wisdom is.
- Why wisdom is worthy to be pursued.
- How to grow in wisdom.



- Read through the book of Proverbs one time each month.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Repent of the ways they have not pursued God and His wisdom.



WANT

Every student should feel...

- Love for God who gives all wisdom.
- Satisfied and secure in the wisdom of God.
 Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.

Every student should want...

- To fear the Lord and keep His commandments.
- To live their lives in pursuit of true wisdom.
- To guard their heart from all impurity.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will consider how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that the pursuit of wisdom costs us something. We will pray with them to desire to pursue wisdom as we lead them to pursue wisdom at all costs.



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Read Proverbs 8:12-21 and make notes in your journal of observations and answers the questions below:

- Define the words prudence and discretion. How does wisdom give us prudence and discretion? Why is wisdom tied to these two things?
- How is the fear of the Lord connected to the hatred of evil? How are pride and arrogance connected to evil?
- What are the things that wisdom has? Consider the "I have..." statements.
- What does it mean that wisdom walks in the way of righteousness?
- What is the inheritance that wisdom gives?

Read and meditate on Proverbs 8:12-21 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter the cost of pursuing wisdom. How can you help the understand that wisdom requires our everything?
- Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter the truth that wisdom is worth the cost. How can you help your son or daughter see that wisdom is worth pursuing?
- Consider how you can model pursuing wisdom no matter the cost for your son or daughter. How can you help them see that wisdom yields a great reward?



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them pursue wisdom no matter the cost.
- Meet with your student to pray together. Ask God to lead them to pursue wisdom no matter the cost.



Memorize Proverbs 23:23 with your son or daughter.

- Write the verse on an index card and review each day to help them learn it.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some of the rewards you've experienced from your personal pursuit of wisdom. Help your son or daughter create a list of rewards that the pursuit of wisdom yields.
- Discuss with your student what it means to gain an inheritance from pursuing inheritance. Discuss the inheritance that we have in Jesus and explain how the pursuit of this is worth whatever it costs us.