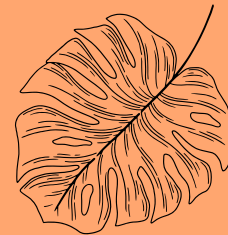




# Parent Guide

## Week of September 20



### Memory Verse:

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, **who gives generously** to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.  
James 1:5 NIRV

Last week we began a new series studying the **Book of Proverbs**. We discovered that there is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Remember that knowledge is to have an understanding about information. **Wisdom** is taking that understanding and putting that understanding into practice. Knowing what the Bible says is knowledge. Taking God's truth and putting it into practice is **wisdom**. Turn your **Bible to 1 Kings 3**.

After King David died his son Solomon became king over Israel. "Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the statutes of his father David..." (1Kings 3:3a) Just as Solomon heard what his father taught him, more importantly he showed his love for God by obeying what his Dad taught him about God. Read 1 Kings 3:6-9. Solomon saw that the job to be king over God's people would require God's wisdom. Solomon's response to the question pleased God (1Kings 3:10). Why do you think this request

pleased God? Solomon's focus was on being the kind of king that could lead God's people and not focused on being famous or important. God was pleased because Solomon knew that in order to be the kind of king that could lead God's people he could only do it with God's wisdom.

You and I will most likely never be a king as Solomon was. However, as a follower of Jesus the work He has called us to do is just as important. We need **wisdom** to live a life that pleases God so we can lead others to know and love Jesus. Jesus says that followers of Jesus can only do God's work with His power. (John 15:5) Picture what Jesus is saying as we think about a tree. The source of life for the branches of a tree is the sap that runs through the tree. A branch is only able to live if it is connected to the tree. When the branch is connected to the tree, leaves sprout and later fruit will grow from the branches. In order for God's power to work in and through our ives. We have to stay close to Jesus because He is our life source. We need to pray daily and stay in His Word so we can hear His voice and obey His instructions. Use the study page to help you apply the **wisdom** of God to your life!

**Blindfold Navigate:** Place a simple blindfold over your child's eyes so that they can't see very well. Give directions for the them to get from point A to B. Make it more challenging and put obstacles in the way.

Talk about how the person blindfolded needed to trust the person given the directions. Remember how important it is for us to trust the direction God gives to us. We stay connected to His instruction when we spend time with Him reading and studying His word, the Bible!

### Make: Whoo's Wise Craft Part 2:

Supplies: Pine cones, cotton balls, colored paper, googly eyes!

Help kids memorize Proverbs 9:10 by making a pine cone snowy owl. Collect pine cones outside and use the stuffing of cotton balls to create "snow" for your owl! Cut out small circles for eyes, a small beak, and wings from the colored paper! Once you're all done, use this cute owl to be a reminder of your memory verse and the wisdom that God has given us!



**PRAY:** God, help me to chose wisdom over sin. I want to show others that I am different because I know you. Amen.

# Proverbs chapter \_\_\_\_\_

A verse or proverb that would be fun to draw: v \_\_\_\_\_

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A verse or proverb I can  
apply to my life: v \_\_\_\_\_

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Here's  
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