



## WISDOM

**Bible Story:** Wise and Foolish Builders – Matthew 7:24-29

**Point:** God gives me wisdom when I ask Him for it.

**Quote of the Month:** “If any of you need wisdom, ask God for it. He will give it to you...~ James 1:5 NIRV

### BIBLE STORY DISCUSSION

- Read the Bible story Matthew 7:24-29
- Say the point and Bible verse together.
  - Point – **God gives me wisdom when I ask Him for it.**
  - Verse – **James 1:5 “If any of you need wisdom, ask God for it. He will give it to you...”**
- Discuss the following questions
  - **Who will give us wisdom when we ask for it?** (*God*)
  - **What does wisdom mean?** (*Knowing and choosing God’s way*)
  - **What can you do if you are confused or overwhelmed?** (*Ask God for help, trust him to help you.*)
  - **Who is our firm foundation?** (*Jesus*)
  - **It is wise to build our lives on Him. How do you think we can do that?** (*Answers will vary. Ideas: follow Jesus, learn God’s way, obey God’s way, ask others to help you, etc.*)
  - **If we build our lives on Jesus, our firm foundation, instead of a sandy foundation, what will happen when trouble and hard times come?** (*We will not be shaken, we will be able to stand firm and God’s peace will be with us*)
  - **How long do you think it takes to learn all of God’s wisdom?** (*Your whole life, and even then, you still won’t have all of God’s wisdom!*)
  - **What can you do this week to learn more about God’s way?** (*Study the Bible, do the things I learn from Hope Kids, pray, learn from others who follow Jesus, etc.*)
  - **What are you feeling worried about that you need God’s wisdom for?** (*Answers will vary*)

### ACTIVITIES

#### “Firm Foundation”

*Supplies needed: Anything you can use to build a tower (playing cards, Lego’s, blocks, cups, popsicle sticks, etc) Piece of paper with the word “GOD” written on it.*

**Say:** Let’s build a tower using my hands as the foundation. Use these \_\_\_\_\_ (playing cards, Lego’s, blocks, cups, etc.) and try to build on my hands!

1. **Hold out your hands**, palms up. Collaborate with your child (or let them collaborate together) different ways to build a tower on your hands, using the supplies provided.
2. **Move** your hands as kids build to make it difficult.

**Say:** OK, that wasn’t fair when I moved my hands around. But that’s what it’s like when we live without God’s wisdom. It’s like building our life on a shifting, shaky foundation. It’s much wiser to build on God’s way, because it’s a firm, strong foundation! Now this time, let’s build on a firm foundation, place your “God” paper on the floor and build on that.

1. **Build** a tower on the floor this time and see how high it can go.
2. Repeat this activity but switch places and let your child hold their hands out while you try to build a tower on them.

## **“Wise & Foolish Builder”**

*Supplies needed: 2 cookie sheets, brick (or something solid that can get wet), sand (or brown sugar), building blocks (or Lego's), pitcher of water.*

Please watch the YouTube link and do this activity together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VT5O3WYVpFU>

## **JOURNAL**

- Write or draw a picture of something that you are worried or nervous about.
- Write down the memory verse right next to that.
- Write down the things you want to pray about today.

## **PRAYER**

- Pray for the requests that you wrote down in your journal.
- Pray for wisdom.

Not sure what to say? Pray this: God, thank You for Your promise to give us wisdom. I need your wisdom in \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in what you want to ask God about). Please help me remember to ask You for help and remember to trust you. In Jesus' name, Amen.