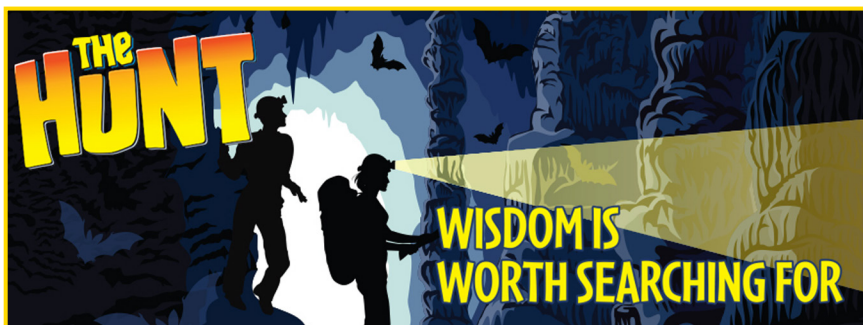


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**KIDS**

**ELEMENTARY**



WEEK FOUR

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord

SAY  
THIS

If you want to be wise,  
trust God to give you wisdom.

DO  
THIS



DRIVE TIME

Pick a time that you will be in the car for awhile and start the following conversation, "Do you remember when I told you that you have to search for wisdom and to be on the lookout for it? Well, have you seen someone this week make a wise choice or where have you found wisdom—from a friend, the Bible, or church?"

REMEMBER THIS

"If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you."  
James 1:5a, NlrV

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WISDOM—Finding out what you should do and doing it

GROWING IN WISDOM AS A PARENT

By Holly Crawshaw

If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault, (James 1:5, NlrV).

James wrote this verse for a very specific group of people. His readers were facing a myriad of challenges—including persecution and displacement. They had lost everything, including their homes and possessions. James wanted them to know they could not only survive their trials, but do so joyfully (James 1:2).

Sure, James. No problem. (Eye roll.)

After I had my third daughter, I suffered from postpartum anxiety. I couldn't sleep. In fact, there were three straight days when I didn't sleep at all. Four out of five of us in the family caught the flu—one right after the other. But I was the lucky one. I caught the flu two times in six weeks. Whatever the opposite of joyfully is, that's what I felt for three straight months.

Let's go back to James. James told his readers that being joyful during seasons of sorrow is possible. Not that you should feel happy-clappy during moments of anxiety or sorrow. James is reminding us that when you need wisdom, God is THERE. Ready to help you see your next right step. We

may still feel sadness or moments of anxiety but the wisdom of God can fill us with the confidence that He is still in control.

When I look back on my season of sorrow, I want to bang my head on a wall. Not once did I ask God for His wisdom. Don't get me wrong—I prayed a lot. But I didn't ask God what He wanted me to do. How I could grow. All I did was try to boss God around. I thought my wisdom was a better option than His.

Is there an area in your life or in your parenting where you're using your wisdom and not God's? Are your prayers essentially a to-do list for God? Are you begging Him for relief when you should be begging Him for wisdom?

I often wonder what would have happened if I had followed James' advice. Maybe the anxiety would have dissipated sooner, maybe not. But I bet I would have had more moments of God's peace and confidence. Because when you're walking in God's wisdom, life is simply better.

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# WISDOM

## FINDING OUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO AND DOING IT

WEEK  
**FOUR**  
K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### READ PROVERBS 1:7

### DAY 1

When we need something, we often have to turn to outside sources. Match the problem with the person or place who can give you help.

When you're sick	Grocery store
When your toilet breaks	School
To learn how to read	God
If you're out of groceries	Doctor
When you need wisdom	Plumber

The most important match to get right in the list above is knowing that God is the source of wisdom. And here's a cool bonus: when we seek God's wisdom, it helps us know what to do in all the other situations as well!

**ASK** God for wisdom first.

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:25

### DAY 2

Who is the strongest person in your house? \_\_\_\_\_ See if you're right by challenging each person to an arm wrestling match. Were you right?

No matter how strong we are as humans, we will never be anything remotely close to God's strength. Thankfully, He's can share His wisdom with us if we just ask!

**LISTEN** to God's wisdom!

## READ PROVERBS 3:5-6

DAY 3

Write out the words of Proverbs 3:5-6 on separate cards. Place the cards on the floor to create a winding pathway. Walk on each card as you say the verse out loud. Now rearrange the cards to make a straight path. Which path was easier to walk on? Was it the winding path or the straight one?

When you choose to follow God and ask Him what He wants you to do, He will help you choose the path that is ALWAYS best.

**THANK** God for His wisdom and His willingness to help you grow wise too.

## READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

DAY 4

Unscramble the letters to reveal some important tools.

EMHAMR	_____
LRURE	_____
PLCEIN	_____
CCROUAALLT	_____
TMOMETEORHR	_____
SWA	_____
WRCRIRSEDVE	_____
SOSCISSR	_____

The Bible is God's word, but it's also a tool for helping us know God better and be more like Him. It teaches us what is true. It helps us know what we need to do better. It teaches us about Jesus and how we can live with God forever. It helps us make wise choices.

But here's the trick—it only does the work if we allow it to. Just like a hammer only builds a house if someone picks it up and uses it, you have to be willing to read God's Word and apply it to your life to see a change. Here's some great news: if you're doing these GodTimes each day, you're already one step closer to wisdom!

**LISTEN** to God's truth and then apply the wisdom you find!

Answers: HAMMER, RULER, PENCIL, CALCULATOR, THERMOMETER, SAW, SCREWDRIVER, SCISSORS

If you want to be wise,  
**TRUST GOD  
TO GIVE YOU  
WISDOM.**