Powerfully Teaching
Your Children
Gospel Principles

Lesson Plan: “Give Me Wisdom”

Objectives:
- Emphasize that true wisdom comes from God.
- Talk about seeking wisdom, knowledge and eternal life.

Reinforces Principle of:
- Wisdom

Each lesson contains 5 timed activities:

(Choose the activities that fit your family’s schedule. Additional resources are provided as extra time may be available.)

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip
Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder
Story Time: Story
Activity Time: Object lesson or activity
Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe & music video

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Sing Together: Hymn #239 “Choose the Right” verse 1.

If you wish to have an online music file to accompany you visit: http://www.lds.org/cm
(Note: Navigate to the Interactive Church Music Player where you can listen to and print Church hymns and children’s songs.)

Prayer:

Scripture Time: Proverbs 2:2-6

2. So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;
3. Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
4. If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
5. Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.
6. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Video Clip: Watch chapter 8 from the animated Complete Learning System, Solomon DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)
Lesson Summary:

After Solomon was made king he prayed and the Lord appeared to him in a dream and asked “what I shall give thee...” (1 Kings 3:5)

If you were Solomon what would you ask the Lord for? (Discuss ideas.)

Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom and an understanding heart so that he could tell the difference between good and bad while judging the people of Israel. (See 1 Kings 3:9 & 2 Chronicles 1:10)

Was the Lord pleased with Solomon’s request? (Yes.)

“And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee;...” (2 Chronicles 1:11–12)

How did Solomon’s verdict to “Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other” (1 Kgs. 3:25) show wisdom in a case that lacked witnesses? (Discuss ideas.)

“In soundly judging—which is a function of wisdom—the inspiration of the Lord can and often does compensate for unknown facts—that is, for lack of knowledge.” Marion G. Romney, Tambuli, Oct 1983 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

Why is it important for us to gain knowledge and wisdom? (Discuss ideas.)

“All our educational pursuits are in the service of God, for all these labors are to establish truth on the earth, and that we may increase in knowledge, wisdom, understanding in the power of faith and in the wisdom of God, that we may become fit subjects to dwell in a higher state of existence and intelligence than we now enjoy.” Brigham Young © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

Do you have to be an adult to gain wisdom? (Discuss ideas.)

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” (Luke 2:52)
Points to Ponder:

Where does wisdom come from? (Discuss ideas.)

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” (James 1:5)

How does the value of wisdom compare to earthly treasures? (Discuss ideas.)

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“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. [Wisdom] is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto [it].” (Proverbs 3:13-15)

How can we gain wisdom? (Discuss ideas.)

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“While wisdom may be partially acquired through experience, it is essentially a gift of the Spirit (see D&C 46:17–18). ... The gift of wisdom must be earnestly sought. ... Study and experience are good, but only if we ‘hearken unto the counsels of God’ (2 Ne. 9:29). As we earnestly study and learn the ways of the Lord and then qualify ourselves for the companionship of the Holy Ghost, I testify that He will guide us in wisdom’s path (see Mosiah 2:36).” James J. Hamula, Ensign, Jul 2002 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

Will learning to choose the right help us to grow in wisdom like Jesus did? (Discuss ideas.)

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“O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God.” (Alma 37:35)

Quote:

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“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart... .” Proverbs 3:5-7
Celeste rubbed her cheek against the downy softness of her new baby brother’s head and inhaled deeply. “I think babies smell just like heaven and their hair is as soft as angel wings,” she commented to Mother, who was sitting on the couch folding laundry.

Mother lifted her eyes from the towel she was folding to appreciate the touching scene. “And you’ve got the magic touch, Celeste. He sure is sleeping peacefully in your arms.”

Celeste smiled. She loved being a big sister. “He’s a good baby. Isn’t he Mom?”

“All babies are good, Celeste. Some babies are just less fussy than others.”

Celeste thought for a minute about the wisdom in Mother’s words before responding, “Oh, yeah! If they weren’t good that would mean they were bad and how could such a sweet innocent baby, be bad?”

“Mom,” Celeste continued, “I hope I’m as wise as you when I grow up.”

“There is no doubt in my mind that you will be even wiser than me,” Mother said, laying the last folded towel on the pile. “After all, you did choose to hold Andrew instead of folding clothes,” Mother playfully teased.

Celeste giggled. “You know I would have folded clothes,” she said, “but you gave me a choice and how could I resist holding this little guy?” “I will put the towels away for you, though!” Celeste offered. “Andrew’s getting hungry anyway,” she said, before handing the rooting baby to Mother.

After Celeste put the towels in the linen closet she heard three-year-old Spencer calling for Mother. Celeste peeked into his bedroom. “Did you have a good nap, Spencer?” she asked. “Momma’s feeding the baby. Do you want me to take you to her?”

Spencer put his thumb in his mouth before nodding.

“Look who’s awake,” Celeste said to Mother.

“It’s my big boy!” Mother exclaimed. “Would you like to watch a movie while I finish feeding the baby?” she asked Spencer.

Spencer scrambled to the video cabinet and pulled out “Solomon” and handed it to Celeste to put in the DVD player.
“He always picks Solomon,” Celeste said, removing the DVD from its cover. “

“I like Solomon! Not Ad-a, Ad-a,” Spencer struggled.

“A-d-o-n-i-j-a-h,” Celeste said slowly.

“Yeah. Ad-a. ... Who you said.”

After the movie was over, Celeste caressed baby Andrew’s head. “Mom, how did Solomon know that the other woman wouldn’t try to stop him from dividing the baby, too? If it were me I wouldn’t want the baby to die, even if it wasn’t really mine.”

Mother looked thoughtfully at her beautiful daughter. “Well, you’re a good person and you wouldn’t have taken someone else’s baby to begin with,” she answered. “Heavenly Father blessed Solomon with wisdom. And I personally think the spirit told Solomon that a woman who would steal another woman’s baby was very selfish,” Mother reasoned.

“I get it!” Celeste exclaimed. “If she couldn’t have the live baby, she didn’t want the other woman to have it either? Boy, Solomon was very wise!”

“The scriptures tell us he was the wisest man ever,” Mother replied. “You know, we won’t ever have the great wisdom Solomon had, but Heavenly Father has told us that we should seek wisdom.”

“Because it is greater than riches. Right?” Celeste interjected.

“That’s right! So what wisdom have you gained from the story of Solomon and the two women?”

Celeste thought for a moment. “Well, first to not be selfish and second, when you have a problem to solve, always listen to Heavenly Father!”

“And don’t steal babies!” exclaimed Spencer.

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Preparation
1. Print out the artwork.
3. Overlap silver bars on sides of crown and tape together to form a circle. Set rubies aside until activity time.

Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)
1. Read: Proverbs 3:13-15. Ask: What is better than silver and gold and more precious than rubies? (Wisdom.) Explain: The real jewels in life are the things that are eternal. (Tape the “Wisdom” ruby to the crown.)

2. Read: 1 Kings 3:3-4. Ask: Why did Solomon offer a thousand sacrifices after he was crowned king? (Tape the “Loved the Lord” ruby to the crown.)

3. Read: Proverbs 3:13. Ask: A man who finds wisdom is? (Tape the “Happiness” ruby to the crown.)

4. Read: Mosiah 4:9. Ask: Who has all wisdom and power? (Tape the “God” ruby to the crown.)

5. Read: Proverbs 14:18. Ask: What are the riches that the prudent (a person who is wise and uses good judgment) will be crowned with? (Tape the “Knowledge” ruby to the crown.)

6. Read: Doctrine and Covenants 6:7. Ask: He that has what is rich? (Tape the “Eternal Life” ruby to the crown.)

7. Read: D&C 66:12. Discuss the importance of not seeking riches, but instead seeking wisdom to choose the right and trust in God in order to be crowned with eternal life.

8. Have each child wear the crown while they tell of an experience when they used wisdom to choose the right and trust in God or during the following week reward one child a day with the crown for using wisdom to choose the right and trust in God.
Approximate Time: 20 minutes

**Prep Time:** 10 minutes
**Bake Time:** 2-3 minutes

Chocolate Waffle Wisdom Cookies

1/2 c. butter
3/4 c. sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/4 c. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
6 tbsp. cocoa
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 c. powdered sugar
1/2 c. baking soda
Mesh sieve

Cream butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla together. Mix in flour, baking powder, cocoa and salt. Beat until well mixed. Heat waffle iron for about 5 minutes. Coat waffle iron with cooking spray each time you bake a new batch of cookies to prevent sticking. Drop a heaping teaspoon of dough onto each section of waffle iron. Do not spread out the dough. Close waffle iron and bake for 2-3 minutes.

**Treat Time:** Have parents take children one at a time into the kitchen to get their treat. Ask each one to use wisdom in deciding which white powder to have sprinkled on their waffle cookie. Encourage some children to gain knowledge by tasting the substances to determine which to use. Prompt others to choose the powdered sugar by having father whisper in their ear which one they should choose.

(While you eat your cookies discuss how wisdom can come from gaining knowledge and from trusting the promptings of the Spirit.)

**Closing Prayer** and blessing on the food.