Sunday School Home Activities - Week of August 7, 2022



Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5th grade and their families in Bible stories, engaging activities, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection. Pick one to two activities to do with your family each week.

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Welcome to Wonder

Wonder Table - Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include. Use this space while gathering as a family to engage in the lesson or online worship together.



Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story – Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:1; 17:17. Read from the Bible or the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook or attached handout.

WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

Amplify Media is a resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you to access 1000's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have logged into Amplify Media search Celebrate Wonder to watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video and view

the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos! Amplify Media has also added a section called, Cokesbury Kids, to make it easier for you to find all the great resources available for children!

This week's video is Celebrate Wonder Summer 2022 Session 10 Wise Writings.

SAY: This month we will hear stories about people who wrote passages in the Bible. This week we will read some of the writings King Solomon wrote in the Book of Proverbs. A proverb is a short saying that helps us make good choices.

WONDER: What is the best advice you've been given?

PRAY: Dear God, help us hear your love through the writings in our Bibles. Amen.

Your Proverbs

Supplies: Page 10D, pencils, crayons or markers

SAY: King Solomon was a wise king. He wrote down some of the advice he shared in the Book of Proverbs found in our Bible.

ASK: What advice would you share?

- Hand out copies of Reproducible 10D.
- Invite everyone to draw or write the best advice they have for their families or the church on the worksheet.

Is It Wise?

Supplies: Page 10E

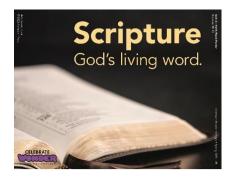
SAY: Solomon asked God for wisdom to help him make good choices. We can make good and wise choices too. Let's decide if these things are wise and good. If they aren't wise, what should we do instead?

- Invite each person to take turns reading the statements out loud.
- After each statement is read, ask the participants if the statement is wise. If it isn't a wise choice, what would they do instead?
- Encourage the participants to talk about why something is or isn't wise.

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for wisdom. Help us make good and wise choices. Amen.

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SHARE the Faith Word: SCRIPTURE

Our faith word is Scripture. Scripture is God's living word. WONDER together:

- O What makes these sayings wise?
- O What other wise things have you learned from the Bible?
- O What makes a person wise?
- O Who is the wisest person you know?

Examine the Bible Verse

SAY: Our Unit 3 Bible verse is John 1:1. Find it in your Bibles.

ASK: Is John in the Old or New Testament? (New)

Where is the Book of John located in the New Testament? (fourth book)

In what chapter of John is our verse located? (1)

What is the verse number? (1)

SAY: Our Bible has lots of wise things to teach us!

WONDER: What does this verse teach you?

• Read the verse together.

Additional Activities Attached for this Week:

• Wise Writings Coloring Page, Your Proverbs, Is it Wise?

Spiritual Practice – Exploring Scripture Through Writing.

Supplies: paper, pens or pencils

SAY: A spiritual practice is something we do to help us be present with God. A spiritual practice can be anything because you can be with God any time, anywhere, and any way! This month we are going to connect with God through writing.

- Guide everyone through a spiritual practice:
- O SAY: Writing down our thoughts and feelings can connect us to God. Let's take a deep breath. Close your eyes. Take a deep breath. What do you feel? Take a deep breath. What do you think? Take a deep breath. Open your eyes.
- O Give each person a piece of paper and encourage them to write (or draw) what they feel and think today.
- O WONDER: Where is God when we feel and think these things?

SAY: God is always with us and isn't scared of any of our thoughts or feelings.

ASK: Would any of you like to share what you are thinking and feeling?

PRAY: Repeat after me: "God, we are so glad you are always with us. Amen."

Bless everyone. Touch each person as you say this blessing: "May you feel God's love all around you every day."

FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - BIBLE PASSAGE: Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:1; 17:17

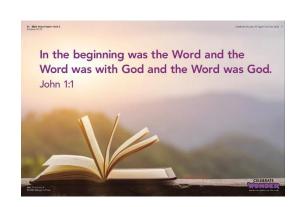
Wonder: After reading the story from the Bible or from the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook, wonder together.

Ask: What is the worst advice you ever received?

Do: Explore Scripture this week. What is your favorite Bible story?

Pray: Dear God, thank you for the stories in our Bible. Help us have curiosity about where you are in each story. Amen.

Celebration Chart: Place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together! A Celebration Chart for Summer is included in the June 5 Sunday School Home Activities.



Wise Writings – Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:1; 17:17

King Solomon was a wise man. God granted Solomon wisdom when Solomon asked God for the ability to tell right from wrong. Many people came to Solomon and asked him for advice.

Many of King Solomon's wise sayings are found in the Book of Proverbs. A proverb is a short saying with a big meaning. Listen to some of the wise things Solomon said.

Pay attention to how the ants work hard. Because of their hard work they always have enough food to eat. Work hard like the ants. Parents are happy when their children make wise choices. Children who make foolish choices have sad parents.

Friends love and care for each other all the time.

Family members help each other when there is trouble.



Family Spiritual Practice Passage: Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:1; 17:17

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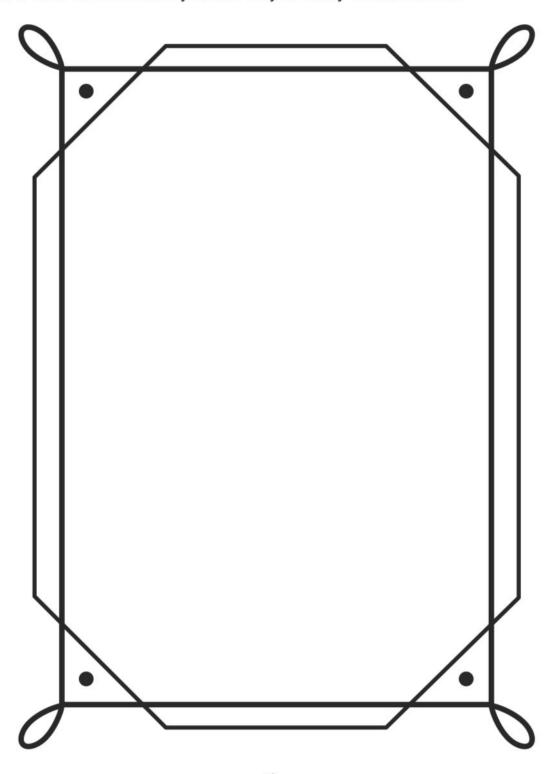
Is It Wise? – Intergenerational Activity

Read the statements below. Is the statement wise? If not, what is the wise thing to do instead?

Throwing sand in the air	Reading books
Recycling	Eating cake
Painting on the floor	Dancing with joy
Watching YouTube for four hours	Playing games
Leaving someone out	Cutting down a tree

Your Proverbs – Life Application Activity

Draw or write the best advice you have for your family or church below.



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Wise Writings – Coloring Page

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