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More Wisdom, Please

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for use as STEP 1

Lesson 10
Focus:
Wisdom is more valuable than riches or power.

Lesson 10
Bible Basis:
1 Kings 3:5–28

Lesson 10
Memory Verse:
Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
—Proverbs 3:5

Students will watch a video about lottery winnings and learn the value of wisdom and how to receive God's wisdom.

Materials:
☐ Internet access

Once your students have all arrived, invite them to participate in a discussion.

Over the years, the dollar amounts of lottery jackpots have increased greatly. A recent Powerball lottery jackpot was valued at $332 million. That's a lot of money!

Invite your students to watch the following video [2:59; stop at 1:55]:
Powerball going international in effort to build larger jackpots
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9XC9hnuWbU

With the Powerball lottery recently expanding to the United Kingdom, the chances of multiple people winning a jackpot increases. Winning the lottery would be great financially. Winners could pay for homes, cars, daily needs, and education—and still have a lot leftover to save and invest. However, even millions of dollars can't bring true happiness or solve all problems.

➢ **What are some examples of things money can't buy?** (Accept all reasonable answers, which may include the following: real friendships, peace, contentment, salvation, health, etc.)

➢ **Imagine you could ask God for anything—and He would give it to you! What would you ask Him for?** (Answers will vary, but they may include money, better academic performance, good friends, health for a loved one, etc.)

There are so many good things that we could ask for, but the most valuable is wisdom.

- **What is the definition of wisdom?** (Allow students to formulate their own answers before giving them the actual definition: Having good sense or good judgment; wise actions; having insight or understanding into situations.)

- **In which areas do you wish you had more wisdom?** (Answers may include: how to play a sport; how to get good grades; how to earn money, etc.)

We all want more wisdom! Wisdom causes us to make good decisions and take wise actions. Wisdom can also give us confidence because we know what we're doing is the right course of action and will lead to a good outcome.

- **When are some times you've used wisdom or watched someone else using wisdom to help in a business or relationship situation?** (Be prepared to share your own experience. Answers might include: Wisdom is used at school all the time; when my two best friends were fighting I helped them solve the problem so we could all be friends again; I helped my dad at his auto shop figure out what was wrong with a customer's car, etc.)

The more wisdom we have, the better decisions we can make in life. If we rely on God's wisdom, those decisions can help us lead a life that glorifies Him. Today, we're going to learn about a famous king who asked God for wisdom to rule his kingdom. Did God give him the wisdom he desired? Did it help him become a better king? Let's find out.

Additional source:
https://www.powerball.com/

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:
- ☐ Index cards
- ☐ Pens/pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class.

Earlier we learned King Solomon was granted great wisdom because of the unselfish request he made to God. God answered his request and blessed King Solomon with abundantly more because he sought to help the people of Israel instead of himself.

➢ **What are ways we can seek wisdom from God?** (Answers may include: Through prayer like King Solomon; by reading the Bible; learning from pastors, teachers and our parents; etc.)

One way we can seek wisdom from God is by reading, learning from, and praying over God's Word, the Bible. It is the wisest book ever written, filled with truths that cause us to make intelligent choices when we learn what God desires us to do. Solomon wrote most of the Book of Proverbs which is a book known for giving wise advice on how to handle all kinds of situations in life.

One way to pocket truths and wisdom that God gives us is by writing those truths and Bible verses onto index cards. We can store the cards together in one place and have quick access to them throughout the day. The most powerful thing we can do is combine Scripture and prayer together.

Not sure how? Take a look at today's memory verse. (Have a volunteer read the verse out loud.) **Here's how we might pray this verse: "Lord, I'm really having a hard time understanding why I have to move again and start a new school. I'm upset and sad and don't know how to deal with it. But, I know Your Word says that I should trust in You with all my heart, so that's what I want to do. God, will You help me to trust in You instead of relying on my own understanding? In Jesus' Name, Amen."**

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Have students choose a verse that spoke to them in today's lesson and write it on an index card. They can use today's memory verse, any from the passages read during the lesson, or their own personal favorites. Have several volunteers share the verses they chose. If students hear any verses they like that their classmates share, encourage them to add those to their verse cards.

Having good judgment to make the right decisions is important. The only true source for that wisdom is through God. He gives us so much of His wisdom in the Bible. These are His Words! His ideas! This week, internalize God's wisdom. Search for it by reading your Bibles and asking God to give it to you. As you find other verses that share wisdom, add them to your verse cards. Look over those truths again and again and let them be imprinted on your hearts. Then pray them!

God gives us wisdom to think and act and pray in His Spirit so that our every action and our every word glorifies and brings attention to God. THAT is wise.

Pray to close.

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