



The
WISDOM
of God

SESSION 5



Prep

Plan on spending 10 minutes without your kids to familiarize yourself with this session.

Begin with prayer, asking God for His wisdom and guidance. Read through the session to:

- Be sure to understand the Big Idea and the Key Verse
- Preview the video
- Select the best questions in the **TALK** section and activities in the **DO** section for your family

Understanding the Wisdom of God

Background information from the Bible about God's character.

"What is wisdom? It is the skill to achieve the most perfect ends by the most perfect means."
Tozer, A. W., *The Attributes of God* (Vol. 2, p. 130).

1. The wisdom of God is infinite, perfect, and complete. There is nothing God doesn't know. It is impossible for God to be surprised.

His wisdom is profound, his power is vast. (Job 9:4 NIV)

Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who has perfect knowledge? (Job 37:16 NIV)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? (Romans 11:33-34 NIV)

2. God is the ultimate source of wisdom. He didn't need to "learn" from anyone or anything.

Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding? (Isaiah 40:14 NIV)

3. God has revealed His wisdom in Jesus, His Son. We are made right with God – have a relationship with Him – through faith in Jesus.

It is because of [God] that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30)

4. God calls us to live a good life according to His wisdom. Wisdom begins with reverence for God. We must genuinely respect God if we are going to learn from Him.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. [...] But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. (James 3:13; 17 NIV)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy one is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10 NIV)



Big Idea:

GOD'S PERFECT KNOWLEDGE
ALWAYS LEADS TO THE BEST
DECISIONS.

Wisdom is the application of
knowledge to real life.



Key Verse:

ROMANS 11:33 (NLT)

Oh, how great are God's riches and
wisdom and knowledge!

Watch

Set up the video for your family:

"We're going to watch a video that tells a story to teach us something about God. Let's pay attention and see if we can discover what the story says about God."



FROZEN MOMENT



Choose a few questions to best help your family talk about the video.

- What did you like most about the video?
- What was the point of the video? What did it teach about God?
- What good came as a result of the car accident? What happened to the man walking on the sidewalk due to the accident? What would he go on to achieve with his life?
- Do you think the driver ever saw the good that happened? How do you think the driver felt about the accident?
- What does it mean that God is wise? How is God's wisdom different from our wisdom?
- Read the Big Idea and Key Verse.
- In your opinion, was the car accident a good thing or a bad thing? Why?
- Can God really know everything since bad things happen? Why doesn't He stop them from happening?
- We are called to grow in wisdom and make increasingly better decisions. What can a person do to gain God's wisdom?



Ideas to help your family understand God's character for the rest of the week.

Print the **"TAKEAWAY"** sheet (included in this guide) and put up a few around your house (refrigerator, bathroom mirror, etc.). Encourage your kids to read the verse every morning and every night. One option is to memorize the verse as a family.

Morning Questions (at breakfast or on the ride to school)
(pick one for each morning):

- What could it look like for you to lean more on God's wisdom than your own?
- If something you don't like happens today, how should you respond in light of God's wisdom?

Questions for the evening in the car on the way home from school or dinner time
(pick one for each evening):

- There are at least three good ways we can respond to God's perfect wisdom: (a) thank and worship our awesome God, (b) ask Him to make us wise, and (c) trust Him when something bad happens. Which one of these is easiest for you? Why?
- What is a situation you are currently facing where you need more of God's wisdom?

Stories are powerful! Think through a few stories of God's wisdom and share a couple this week. Be vulnerable, as this will encourage your kids. Here are a few prompts to get you thinking: Describe a time where you listened to God's wisdom ... and a time when you ignored Him. Share about a recent "out of control" situation in your life where it was difficult to trust in God's wisdom.

As a family, work on a difficult puzzle without looking at the picture. When the time is right, in your own words say, "God's wisdom is perfect. He always sees the big picture and He makes sure all the pieces fit together. We struggle because we don't have perfect knowledge. God is calling us to learn from Him to gain more wisdom, and He is calling us to lean on Him by trusting in His wisdom."

As a family, set up a time to interview (either face to face or virtually) a very wise person – this could be a grandma, your pastor, a teacher, or a friend. Have each family member prepare at least two questions to ask the wise person. Let the interview and fun begin. As a family, share some of the wisdom nuggets that you learned.

If your kids have a mobile phone, text them a few times this week. Here are a few suggestions:

- God's perfect knowledge always leads to perfect decisions.
- Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! (Romans 11:33 NLT)
- I love you and trust you to make good decisions today. And for the days you don't, I still love you and I'm cheering you on.
- Give thanks to God for His perfect wisdom.
- Ask God to teach you something new today.



Takeaway

Print this out, put it in a place where your family can read it once or twice a day.



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