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Jesus, Our Example

Luke 2:52, “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” God wants us to grow in wisdom by putting our faith and trust in His plan.

Wisdom About God:

- Keeps His promises.

- Has rules we must obey.
- Sees what we do even if our parents don't.
- Disciplines us because He loves us.

Wisdom About the Bible:

- We can always trust what God says.
- God's Word is always right.
- Obey the Bible and you'll never be sorry.

Wisdom About Jesus:

- Died on the cross.
- Was buried.
- Rose from the dead.

Power Point

God is with you
and will give
you the courage to
witness.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:19, 20:
“Therefore go...And
surely I am with you
always, to the very
end of the
age.” (NIV)

3 Bible Stories the Teach Wisdom

Choose the one that fits your students best.

1. King Solomon Asks for Wisdom —1 Kings 3

Bible Truth: God gives me wisdom when I ask for it! When we come up against a situation we aren't sure how to navigate, He is ready and willing to give us the gift of wisdom to help us.

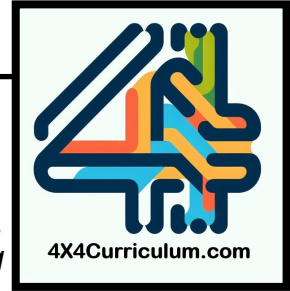
2. The Wise and Foolish Builder — Matthew 7:24-27

Bible Truth: God's wisdom is my firm foundation. Wisdom is listening to what Jesus says and then doing it. When we follow Jesus and His ways, we walk in wisdom and point others to His truth.

1. What Wisdom Looks Like — James 3:17

Bible Truth: The wisdom of God is full of good things! When we follow Jesus, He leads us toward wisdom. First and foremost that wisdom is found in the Bible.





Small Group: Apply the Lesson

Ask: How old are you? Are you growing like Jesus?

Q: What does it mean to grow in stature? (*Grow taller and older*)

Say: No matter how old we are, we should always be striving to grow in wisdom and in favor with God and man. We can't really change how tall we are, but we can change how healthy we eat and how much exercise we get.

Q: What does it mean to grow in wisdom? (*Not just head knowledge, but able to use knowledge and discernment in order to make solid decisions*)

Q: What can you do to grow in favor with the

people around you? (*Allow for answers. Lead children to think about their behavior such as: good manners, a happy attitude, and being respectful.*)

Q: What can you do to grow in favor with God? (*Allow for answers. Lead children to think about reading the Bible, memorizing scripture, and exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit.*)

Say: Jesus was a special child, but all kids are special. God has given each person a specific, special task to do and we don't have to wait to be grown up to do it! As a child, you can do amazing things for God if you allow Him to work through you.

Summary of Jesus in the Temple Story

When Jesus was a young boy, he went on a big adventure in the city of Jerusalem. He was only 12 years old! Every year, Jesus and his family would go to Jerusalem for a special party called the Passover Festival. It was like the biggest birthday bash, but for everyone!

This time, after the festival, Jesus got left back in Jerusalem when his Mom and Dad headed for home. Oops! His parents went a whole day's journey before realizing, "Where's Jesus?" They hurried back to Jerusalem, searching high and low, in every nook and cranny.

After three whole days, they found him in the temple, which was like a giant church building back then. And guess what? Jesus was sitting with the teachers, listening and even asking them some really smart questions. Everyone there was totally amazed by how much Jesus knew!

When his parents saw him, they were surprised and asked, "Why did you stay behind?" Jesus said, "I had to be in my Father's house!" But that

was a bit confusing for them. Anyway, Jesus went back home with his parents and the Bible says He grew in four ways:

1. Wisdom (mentally)
2. Stature (physically)
3. Favor with God (fellowship with the Father)
4. Favor with all the people (socially)



