

Walking With Jesus  
"Walk In Wisdom"  
1 Corinthians 10:23-24

OPENING PRAYER: "Lord, we want to be wise according to your standards. Give us the desire and strength to walk in wisdom so others may be drawn to you. Amen."

Because Christ lived a perfect life of obedience, we too can walk in wisdom, truth, love, and faith. "Walk in Wisdom," (the first of four lessons in this series) will teach children the difference between earthly wisdom and spiritual wisdom. In addition, they will learn practical ways to incorporate wisdom into their lives through prayer, humility, obedience, and a reverent fear of God.

OBJECTIVE: To learn the definition for spiritual wisdom and be able choose wise decisions that reflect our relationships to Jesus Christ.

MAIN IDEA: There is a wise (good) decision and unwise (bad) decision for every situation. Walking in wisdom requires humility and constant reliance on God.

Lesson:

1. Tell the class that this is the first lesson of the "Walk in..." series. Say, "Over the next five weeks we will learn how to walk in wisdom, truth, love, and faith of Jesus' saving grace."
2. Ask, "What does it mean to be wise (having good judgment and knowing when a decision or activity isn't beneficial)? The game we just played showed us that having wisdom requires making right decisions." Read *1 Corinthians 10:23-24*. Emphasize to the class that true wisdom involves considering how our actions affect others. Say, "A truly wise person will not intentionally harm or take advantage of someone – that's the world's definition of wisdom." Read *1 Corinthians 3:18-20*. Ask the children to identify what God thinks about worldly, selfish wisdom (it's foolish).
3. Comment, "Let's see what God says we should do to gain and walk in wisdom." Write the word "Wisdom" on the board and list qualities as they are discussed with each scripture. Read *James 1:5* and *Proverbs 11:2*. Ask for a volunteer to state the actions from each verse that will give wisdom (asking for it and being humble) and write the correct responses on the board. Emphasize that humility is the opposite of selfishness. Say, "Asking God for wisdom isn't necessarily hard, but living a humble life that reflects the wisdom we asked for requires complete reliance on God to help us with our words and actions." Read *Psalms 111:10* and *Proverbs 2:6*. Have the class identify the additional qualities that help us walk in wisdom (fearing the Lord, obeying his word, and knowing his word) and write the qualities on the board.
4. When the list is complete, ask the students to vote for the quality they feel is the most challenging. Encourage them and say, "No one can perfectly walk in

wisdom, but because Jesus perfectly walked in wisdom, we can trust that obeying God will increase our wisdom."

Memory Verse Activity: (10 minutes)

Remind the class that a way to be wise is to know God's word. Say, "We are going to practice saying *James 1:5* so we can memorize the verse and remember to ask God for wisdom." Have each child choose a partner and read the verse out loud together. Then the children will repeat the phrases of the verse after one another, slowly adding more words to each phrase until the entire verse is complete. Encourage the class to continue working on memorizing the verse and consider bringing small prizes for the children who can say it from memory next week.

RECAP: We can't be selfish or self-seeking if want to walk in wisdom. We must consider the results of our decisions and the impact they have on our own lives, the lives of others, and our belief in Jesus Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER: "God, help us chose wisdom over sin. We want to show others that we are different because we know you. Amen."