

# Wisdom Week 5

## Read

We know where wisdom begins and we know where to find it, but now we need to know what it is. The dictionary describes it as “the knowledge of what is right and just and the ability to act on that knowledge”. That’s a pretty great definition, knowing what’s right and doing it. In Proverbs 8, we get a picture of Wisdom talking to us. In the book of Proverbs, Wisdom is personified as a woman (although this can appear very mysterious, it is simply because the word wisdom is a feminine word in the Hebrew, making a woman a more natural translation for this personification.) In this passage, Wisdom tells us what she wants us to do and she tells us what we will get if we listen to her. Would you like to have *all* that Wisdom offers? I know that I would. **Read Proverbs 8:11-22** to hear what Wisdom has to say to you.

**Parents,** *If you want to know more about this interesting portrayal of wisdom check out <http://www.gotquestions.org/wisdom-she-Proverbs.html>. It is also interesting to look at why Wisdom is capitalized here, it is capitalized when referring to the personified figure and lower case when referring to the quality. I have capitalized it this week at the same times and places that the Bible capitalizes it.*

## Explore

Who created wisdom? (vs 22) When did He create Wisdom? (vs22) (Pre-K—12th)

*The LORD created Wisdom, before anything else*

If the LORD created Wisdom and He created Wisdom before anything else, How much do you think He values it? What is wisdom more valuable than? (vs 11) (Pre-K –12th)

*Rubies, nothing you can desire will compare to it*

Proverbs says that nothing that you value will compare to wisdom. What are some things you desire? Can you imagine desiring wisdom as much as those things? (PreK-12th)

What does Wisdom know how to discover? (vs 12) (K-12th)

*Good judgment, knowledge and discernment*

What will those who fear the Lord hate? What does Wisdom hate? (vs 13) (K-12th)

*Evil, pride, arrogance, corruption and perverse speech*

What belongs to Wisdom? (vs 14) (3rd –12th)

*Common sense, success, insight, and strength*

Who does Wisdom love? (vs 17) (3rd –12th)

*All who love wisdom*

What does Wisdom have? (vs 18) (3rd-12th)

*Riches, honor and enduring wealth and justice*

To get wisdom, we have to start loving what Wisdom loves and hating what Wisdom hates. Look back at the two lists, can you say that you hate what wisdom hates? Did you laugh at the dirty joke or cheer at the friend who treated another student unkindly or did you treat another student unkindly or did you get some satisfaction in putting somebody into their place or did you listen to, spread or start some gossip? We have to hate these things and turn from them because this is not what wisdom loves and it will eventually destroy us. Take some time to consider the ways that it is hard for you to love wisdom, ask God to help you LOVE what Wisdom loves and HATE what Wisdom hates.

## Apply

**Treasure Hunt** -wisdom is a treasure that begins with the Fear of the Lord. We all need some treasure to hold on to, to prop us up on ugly days and bless us on good days. The only treasure worth having is scripture, so we are going to start gathering some treasure to hold on to.

You will need:

- Enough copies of the “Treasure Verses” from the staff page and the blank “Treasure Verses” page for each family member
- An envelope or another small container to hold the verses

Directions:

- Cut out the verses.
- Place the verse in your envelope
- Each day this week read one of the verses and meditate on this great treasure
- You may want to put some treasure on the mirror or in your car or in your locker.

Over the next month you will add to your treasure, so keep it handy. Each week there will be a Treasure Hunt Challenge. Your Treasure Hunt Challenge for this week is to give some treasure to another family member, you may find it when you are reading your Bible or when using one of the verses from the staff.

**For young children**—they can draw a picture and you can write a phrase from the verse for them.

Add “Love what wisdom Loves and Hate what wisdom Hates” to your “Handbook for Life” page.

Add our **Key Verse** to your verse pack:

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Proverbs 8:34-36

## Pray

Ask God to help you love what wisdom loves. If you are like me, this passage may have brought some conviction. You may need to confess your sin and ask Jesus to rescue you from your sin. Every time we are faced with sin it is an opportunity for us to remind ourselves of God’s perfect love that sent His perfect son to the cross for us. Thank Him for that!!!

If you have started a prayer journal as a family pull that out and look at your specific requests, take time to record the ways that God has answered those requests. If you haven’t started, you can start to record your family’s requests on the prayer journal pages. Take some time to pray for each other.

# Treasure Chest Verses

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. - I Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

This verse points to the faithfulness of God, that he provides the way in which we stay on the right path that leads to life!

~ Pastor Paul

The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.- Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

These verses are a treasure to me because they remind me that God will never stop being faithful. He will never stop loving me. And He will never stop showing me mercy. In fact, because of His love and faithfulness, I can depend on being greeted by His new mercies each and every morning! I love that!

~ Diane

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow-not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below-indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

I love the fact that nothing can separate me from Jesus' love! Satan can't do it, my mistakes can't even do it! Jesus' love is more powerful than anything!

~Pastor Jason

Never be lacking in zeal but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11

This is my life verse! My passion is for Christ's passion to flow through me until the day I die! Fervent service changes the world!

~Pastor Scott

Each time he said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me." 2 Corinthians 12:9

I love this verse - God has used it to change my life in huge ways! I used to see my weaknesses as handicaps that would always hold me back from pursuing the dreams God has placed on my heart - but now I know that our weaknesses are an opportunity for Christ's strength to be shown and His power and glory to be displayed!

~ Jen

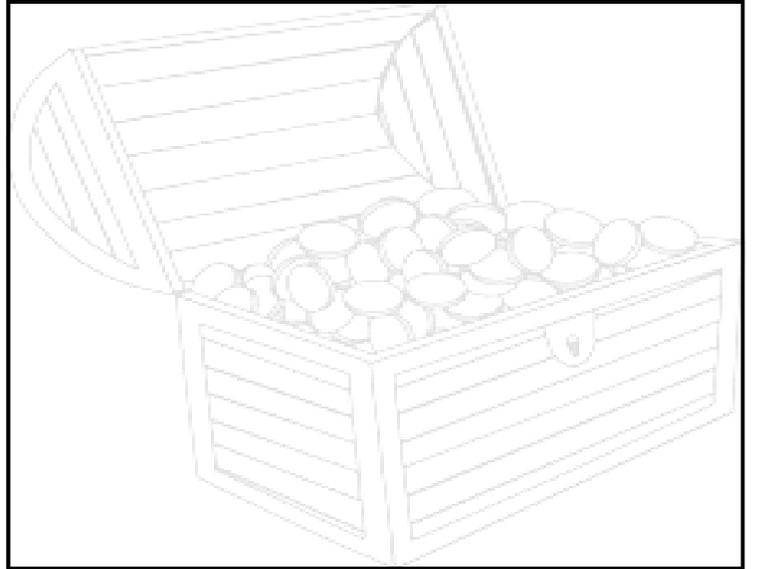
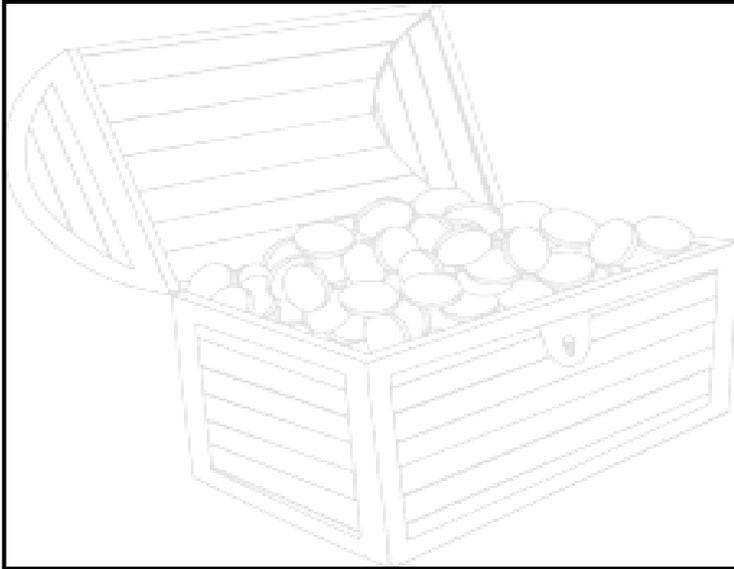
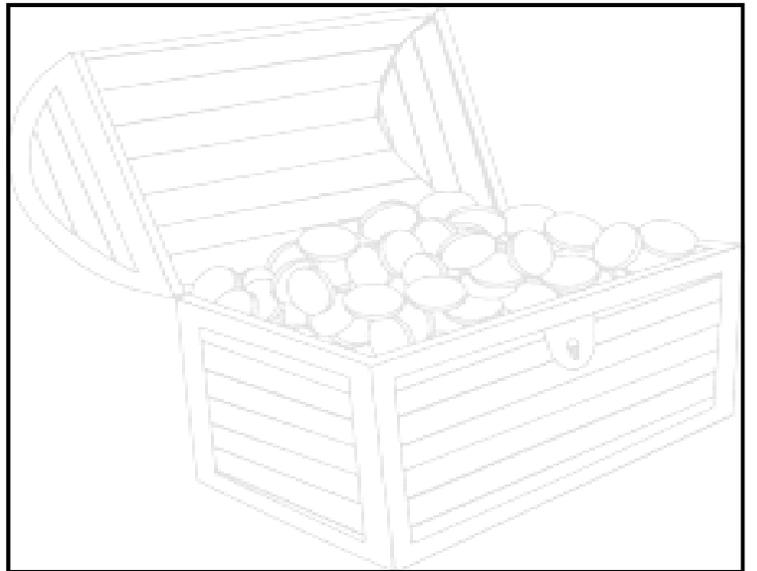
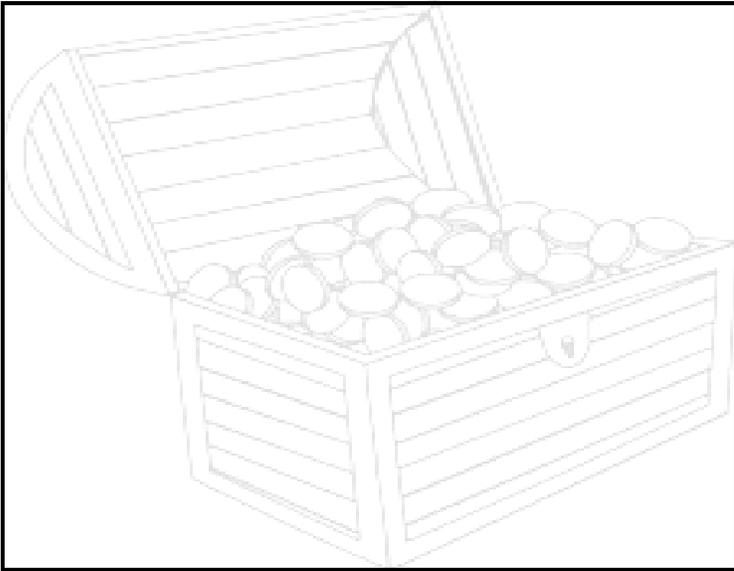
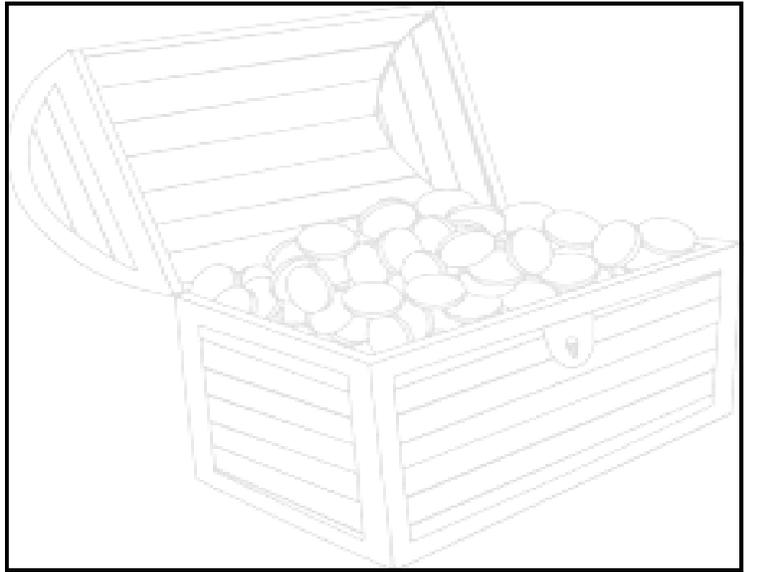
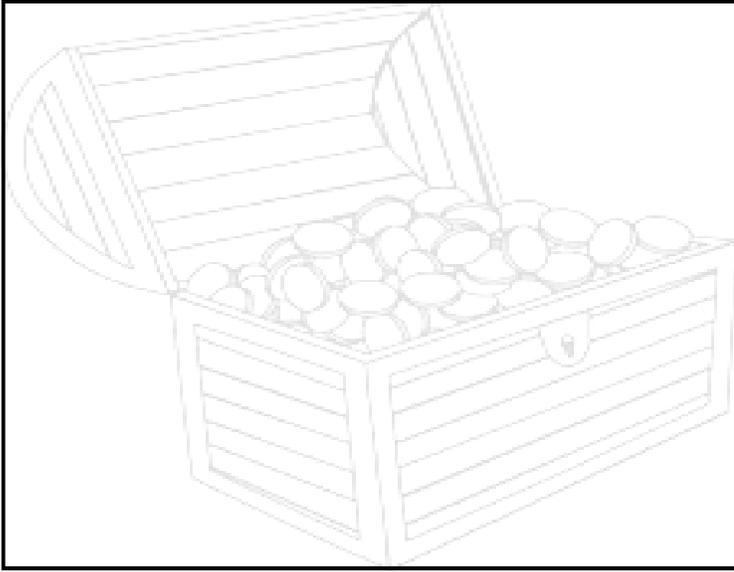
O Lord you have searched me and known me! You know me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Psalm 139:1-3 (ESV)

I am known, He knows me! He knows my thoughts, he knows where I go, he even knows if I'm sitting or standing. He knows the smallest and least important details of my life and the largest most significant details. He knows you in the same way, I hope you find comfort and hope in knowing that Almighty God knows you!

~ Cristine



# Treasure Chest Verses





# A Wise Kid

## Week 6

### Read & Explore

Wisdom is a treasure. I love treasure! My treasure is most likely your trash, I love finding a beautiful old book or old canning jars. I can guarantee that although you may not like my treasure you will definitely like the treasure that comes with wisdom. This kind of treasure changes you, it changes you into something amazing. Lets look at what a person looks like that has found this treasure. Turn the page over to The Wise Kid page. You will notice that there are verses with lines to different parts of the body. You are going to read each of the verses listed and write down a word that could be used to describe how a wise kid uses that body part. Do you like to find treasure? Let's go treasure hunting!

**Parents of young children**, feel free to just color the picture and talk about a couple of the verses. You may want to read through them before hand so that you can choose the most appropriate verse for your kids.

### Apply

#### Treasure Hunt Challenge -

First, write down one verse from this week that challenged you. Your challenge this week is to write out and share some treasure with a friend.

#### Movie Night - National Treasure

Talking Points-

- They work tirelessly to find the treasure; just like we should work to find wisdom.
- The clues to the treasure are hidden in plain view, this too is a lot like finding the treasure we find in Proverbs.

Add "Be a Wise Kid" to your "Handbook for Life" page.

Work on memorizing our **Key Verse**:

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### Pray

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# A Wise Kid....

Proverbs 13:14

Proverbs 9:10

Proverbs 17:24

Proverbs 4:25

Proverbs 12:15

Proverbs 18:15

Proverbs 29:8,11

Proverbs 10:31-32

Proverbs 23:19

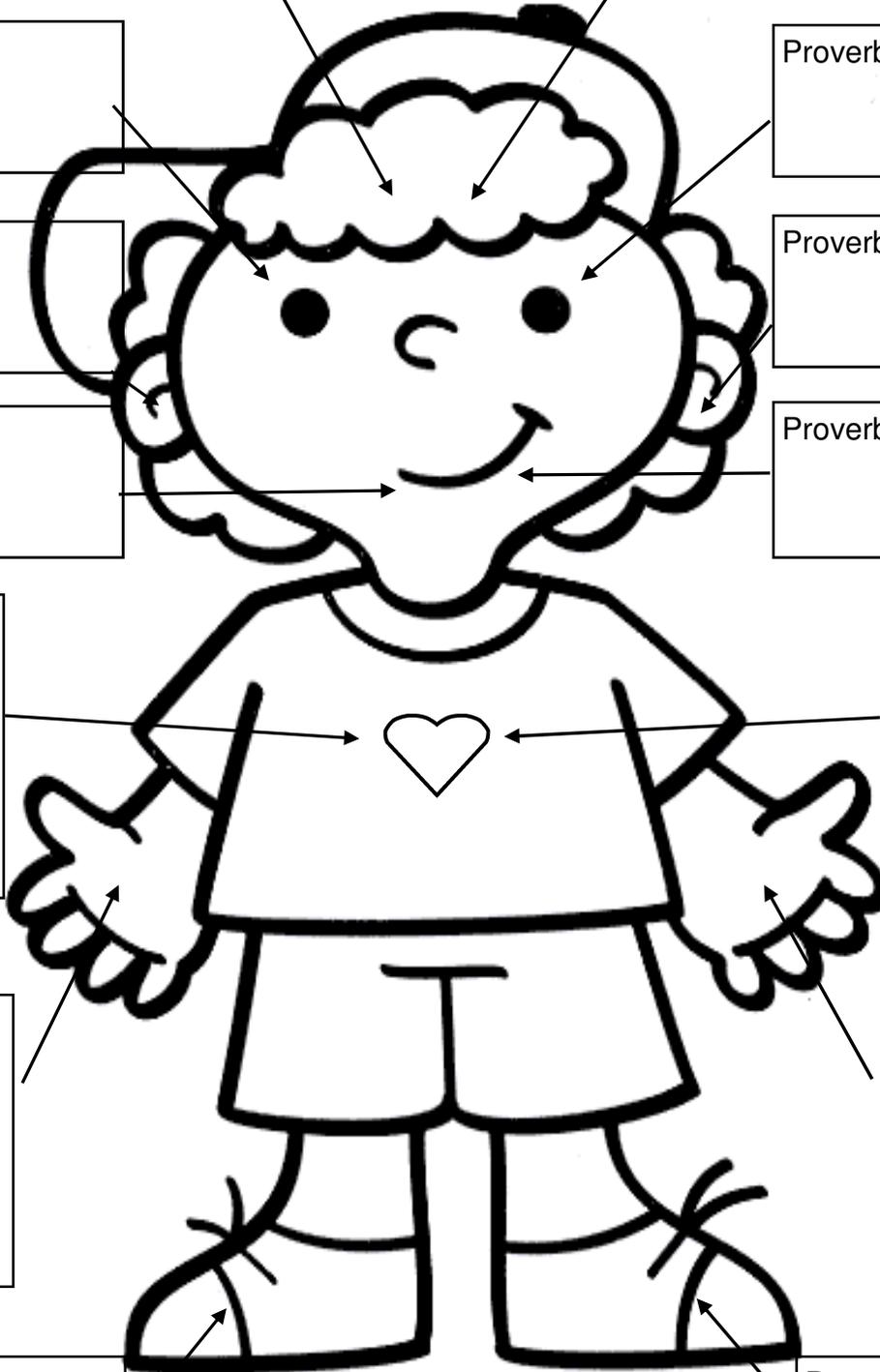
Proverbs 23:15

Proverbs 10:4

Proverbs 12:14

Proverbs 15:19

Proverbs 13:20



# A Fool

## Week 7

### Read & Explore



The Wise man finds treasure and the treasure changes him into a treasure, but the Fool misses the treasure. He doesn't experience the blessing of the treasure and so life ends up being hard and full of consequences. I don't want you to miss the treasure and I know that God doesn't want you to miss the treasure. This week we are going to spend some time looking at verses that describe what a person that chooses to ignore the treasure looks like. Turn this page over. You will notice that there are verses with lines to different parts of the body. You are going to read each of the verses listed and write down a word that could be used to describe how a fool uses that part of the body. (Parents of Young Children check out the note on The Wise Kid page)

### Apply

#### Treasure Hunt Challenge -

Write down one verse from this week that challenged you. Place it in an area where you tend to be foolish. For example, if you tend to watch things you shouldn't, write down a verse about the eyes and place it on the TV or computer.

**Play choices.** - Stand in the middle of the room and tell the kids you will give them two choices. They will go and stand on the side of the room to indicate their choices.

(If you like \_\_\_\_\_, go the left side, pointing to the left. If you like \_\_\_\_\_, go the right side, pointing to the right.)

- pepperoni or cheese pizza
- chocolate or vanilla ice cream
- playing video games or board
- Riding your bike or cleaning your room
- riding your bike or cleaning your room
- vacation at beach or the mountains
- singing or drawing
- math or history

Discuss: Some choices in life don't really matter – like if you eat chocolate or vanilla ice cream. Many choices do matter. We all need God's wisdom to make good choices.

Add "Don't be a fool" to your "Handbook for Life" page.

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# A Fool...

Proverbs 10:24

Proverbs 15:26

Proverbs 21:4

Proverbs 17:24

Proverbs 21:13

Proverbs 15:5

Proverbs 10:32

Proverbs 6:12

Proverbs 10:20

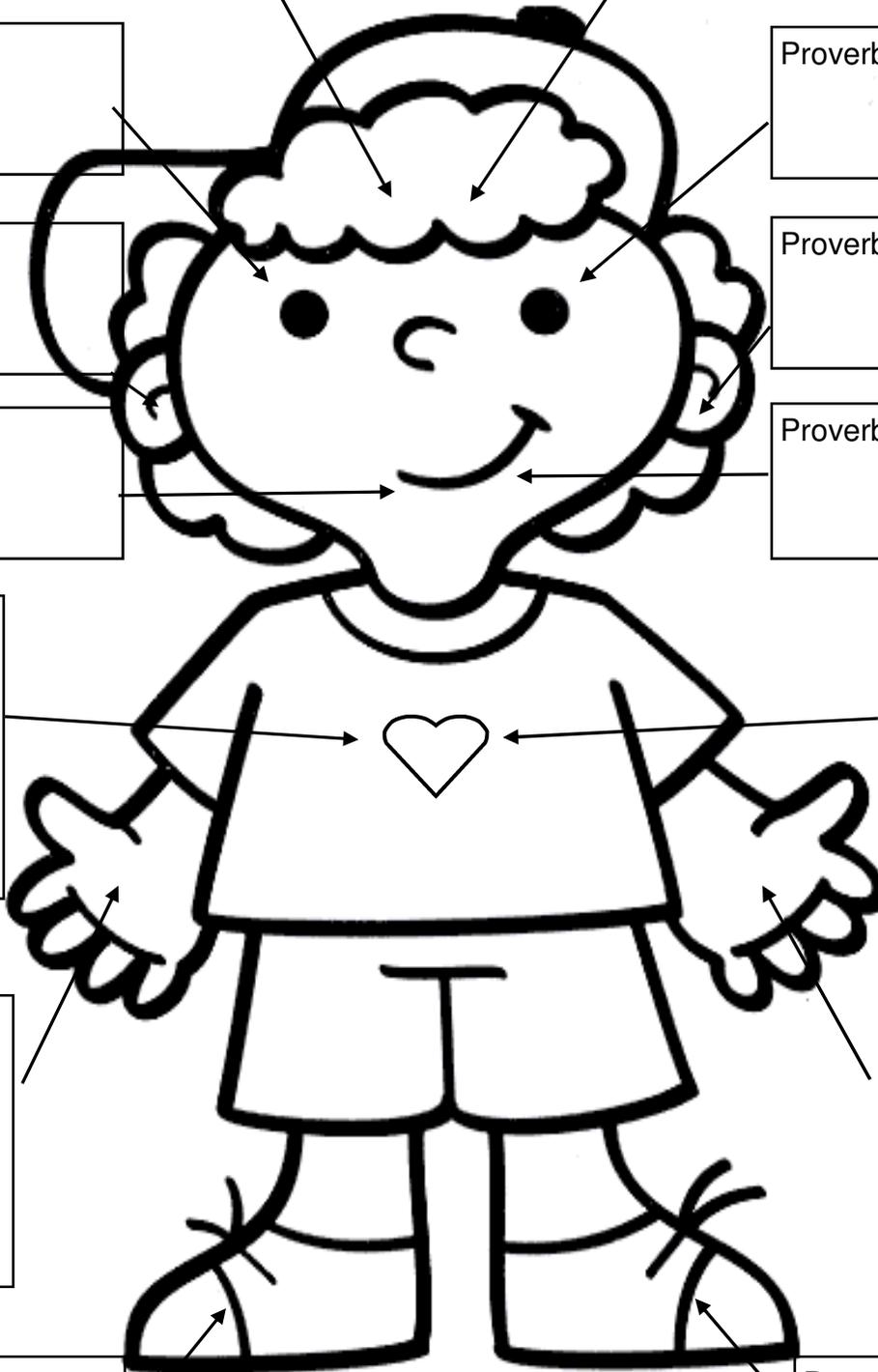
Proverbs 6:14

Proverbs 13:16

Proverbs 6:10

Proverbs 10:9 (*crooked = fool*)

Proverbs 6:18



# Obedience

## Week 8

### Read

It is hard to obey. When I was a kid I would get so angry with my mom because I didn't want anybody to tell me what to do. I really wasn't interested in conforming to somebody else standard. My mom would discipline me or she would calmly say, we'll talk about this when your dad gets home. That was torture, I hated waiting for my dad to walk through the door, I hated knowing he would be disappointed and I really hated the discipline. I could have avoided all of this by just obeying. Obedience is not just doing what your parents ask you to do, its doing it with the right attitude, at the right time (which is right away). Lets review that because that can be very hard to remember—

Obedience is doing the right thing, with the right attitude at the right time (which is right away). Let's see what Proverbs has to say about obedience.

**Read Proverbs 1:8-19 and Ephesians 6:1-3** to hear what God says about obedience.

\*\*\*Parents with young children, you may just want to read Prov 1:8-9 and Eph 6:1-3.

### Explore

Kids, what are you supposed to listen to? (vs8) (pre-K-12th)

*When your father corrects you and your mother offers instruction*

Proverbs tells us that following our father's correction and our mother's instruction will be like something, what is that? (vs 9) (pre-K- 12th)

*Its will crown you with grace and be like a chain of honor around your neck*

What are we supposed to do when sinners entice us? (vs10) (K-12th)

*Turn your back on them*

In verse 10 and in verse 15 Solomon says, "My child", he is imparting wisdom to his son that he wants him to obey. What are some things your parents instructed you in this week? (pre-K -12th)

**Read Ephesians 6:1-3** Checkout verse 3, what is the promise attached to obedience? (K-12th).

*Things will go well for you and you will have a long life*

Contrast this with Proverbs 1:18-19, what is the fate of those that choose to not follow their parents advice and follow sinners? (vs 18-19) (K-12th)

*They set an ambush for themselves*

Kids, what are some ways you need to start obeying your parents? (preK—12th)

Parents, are you being a good example of obedience for your kids by being obedient to God? Remember obedience is doing the right thing with the right attitude at the right time. This is a great time to be real with your kids. (All Parents! 😊)

## Apply

### Treasure Hunt Challenge -

This weeks Treasure Hunt Challenge is a treasure hunt. Parents, cut out the attached verses and hide them around the house with a treasure for each verse (maybe money or candy, whatever you can think of...Be creative! ) After your kids have found the verses, read them and talk about obedience.

### Story Starters -

Make up a continuing story about obedience/disobedience with a coin. Read one of the story starters below (or your own) and give the coin to the first one who will flip it to find out if the main character obeys or disobeys (heads for obey and tails for disobey). After she has added a few sentences to the story, pass the coin to another one who will flip it and add a few sentences. Continue until story is complete. Stories can be serious or silly or both!

Story starters:

- Malcolm made a gigantic mess in the kitchen. His mom had left him in charge of Saturday morning breakfast while she ran an errand. "Tidy up and I'll take you to the batting range when I get back," she said. Just as Malcolm put away the milk, he was distracted by...
- Regina's teacher ran to the principal's office. "Stay in your seats and finish your assignment," she announced. Just as she walked out, Regina saw a snake slither out of the teacher's desk.
- "Don't ride your bike past the stop sign on the corner," Arnie's dad told him. While Arnie was riding his bicycle with his best friend they saw a giant elephant run down the street, past the stop sign.

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# Obedience Verses

My child, pay attention to what I say.  
Listen carefully to my words.  
Don't lose sight of them.  
Let them penetrate deep into your heart,  
for they bring life to those who find them,  
and healing to their whole body.

**Proverbs 4:20-22 (NLT)**

Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go.  
Guard them, for they are the key to life.

**Proverbs 4:13 (NLT)**

Follow my advice, my son;  
always treasure my commands.  
Obey my commands and live!  
Guard my instructions as you guard your own  
eyes.

**Proverbs 7:1-2 (NLT)**

For the LORD corrects those he loves,  
just as a father corrects a child in whom he  
delights.

**Proverbs 3:12 (NLT)**

To learn, you must love discipline;  
it is stupid to hate correction.

**Proverbs 12:1 (NLT)**

The instruction of the wise is like a life giving  
fountain; those who accept it avoid the snares  
of death.

**Proverbs 13:14 (NLT)**

