

LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 163

Grade Level: 4-6

Date: _____
 Title: Is Something the Matter? (Wisdom)
 Text/Story: Daniel 1:17-20; 2:1-13; 24-30
 Main idea: The wisdom that comes from God is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated and is available to those who ask
 Key Verse: James 1:5

Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson Team Bible Quiz Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide the class into two teams and provide each team with a pencil and piece of paper • Ask each team to put together a set of 5 Bible questions to ask the other team; questions should be challenging but they must know the answers • Teams will take turns asking each other questions; keep track of points; each team can consult together before answering • At the end of the game, discuss how they did and why it's good to know the scriptures; but more important is how we understand God's word and apply it
	Lesson Daniel 1:17-20; 2:1-13; 24-30 Story Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For younger children, tell the story using flannelgraph, pictures, chalk drawings etc.; fill out the story map together • For older children, read parts of the story together; divide class into groups and have them finish reading the story and fill out the story maps • Emphasize that it was God who gave understanding and wisdom to Daniel and the three Hebrew Children; He can do the same for us if we ask
	Post-Lesson Worksheet: Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide each student with a pencil and worksheet • Ask students to work together or individually to complete the questions • When complete discuss their answers

STORY MAP

The Setting: Where and when

The People:

The Problem:

Event 1

Event 2

Event 3

The Solution:

What this story teaches us:

WISDOM



How would you handle the following situations? God's word gives us the knowledge and wisdom to make the right decision. Use the Bible reference to explain what God's word says.

1. Your classmate at school invited you to a birthday party but the video he wants to show is a horror movie. (Psalm 101:3)

2. At the supermarket where you work, some of the other workers are taking home left-over supplies and food they think the company won't miss. They're telling you to take some too. (Exodus 20:15)

3. At youth camp, you felt it was really unfair that your cabin was assigned to clean the bathroom more often than any of the other cabins. You feel like going on strike. (Colossians 3:23-24)



4. One of your classmates is a practical joker. The last prank he played on you really made you mad and you refuse to talk to him. He asks you to forgive him and really means it. (Matthew 6:14-15)

5. A girl in your class asked to borrow a dollar from you at the science center so she can buy a postcard. Her family barely came up with the money to pay for the field trip. She promised to return it, although you doubt it. (Matthew 5:42)

6. Your parents had asked you to take your sister to the dentist after school but you have a baseball game. You want to complain. (Ephesians 6:1)

On the lines below write down a situation which you need God's wisdom in:



Be Wise - Be A Winner

Wisdom defined: Having or showing keen perception or discernment following the soundest course of action based on knowledge, experience, and understanding. In addition to this, godly wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, and available to those who ask for it.

In the parable of the unjust steward (Luke 16:1-8), his “boss” commended his actions because he had done wisely. What was the outcome the steward was trying to obtain?

In contrast, what do you think would be the goal of a person with godly wisdom? Godly wisdom is obtainable. Look up the verses of Job 28:28, Psalm 111:10, and James 1:5. List four things necessary to obtain this end.

What are some characteristics of this God-given wisdom? See James 3:17.

In which of life’s experiences does a person need godly wisdom?

Wisdom: Object lesson introduction to the story of Daniel

Needed: 2 or 3 very large books, such as a Dictionary, Strong's Concordance and an Encyclopedia.

Begin by carrying in the large, heavy books and setting them down loudly.

"I know I need wisdom. I'm going to study and learn—I'm going to memorize these books! -- then I will have *wisdom*. Do you think I can do it? Given enough time, could I learn everything in these books?"

Wait for response.

"Would all that knowledge make me wise? This Concordance contains every word in the Bible. Surely knowing that would make me wise."

"This Dictionary is made up of every word in the English language. Wouldn't knowing all that make me wise?"

"An Encyclopedia is full of interesting facts and knowledge about places and animals and history and all sorts of things. Isn't that wisdom?"

Wait for response.

Daniel and his three friends had knowledge, skill and learning. But they also had wisdom from God. That was the great difference between them and the others.

Read Daniel 1:17 and 2:12, 13

The King thought Daniel and his three friends were ten times wiser than all the magicians and astrologers in his kingdom.

Read Daniel 2:28-30

Where did Daniel give the credit for his wisdom?

Discuss the King's demand.-- why no psychics or magicians could help him. (v. 2:10-12)

When Daniel needed wisdom, did he consult his big books? (Point to yours) What did he do? (Responses should include praying and trusting in God).

Read Daniel 2:19-20

The Bible tells us that if we need wisdom, we can ask God, and God will give it to us.

Conclude with James 1:5





Where's your wisdom coming from?

Draw a line to match the Godly Wisdom attributes on the left with the Worldly Wisdom opposites on the right. Be ready to share how Godly Wisdom can help you in your daily life.

pure

trouble and strife

peaceable

prejudiced / judgmental

gentle

hard-nosed / rigid

easily entreated

dirty mind / mouth

merciful

putting down

possessor of good fruits /
actions

two-faced

without partiality

hard to get along with

without hypocrisy

causing fights / arguing

