

HOME connection

OT Unit: Chasing the Wind, Lesson 4

D6 Family Theme:
THE VALUE OF WISDOM

Objectives:

Know: Wisdom helps us live for God, enjoying His blessings.

Think: I will allow God's wisdom to guide my decisions and actions.

Do: Live wisely, enjoying God's blessings and making the most of our time.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-18. With all Solomon's talk of meaninglessness and chasing wind, his recommendation to enjoy life as God's favor allows may surprise us. Yet who gives a gift that they do not want the receiver to enjoy? Yes, life ends. People forget. But life's Giver rules over this life and the next.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Make the best use of our time, knowing we are not guaranteed tomorrow. Pray that you and your family will live each day glorifying God and sharing Him with others.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

OPTION 1: The Bible is full of God's wisdom on how to make the most of the blessings He has given us in this life. Solomon reminded you that your earthly life will end, so it is important to use the things God has given you to bring others to know Him. Talk with your children about the ways they spend most of their time. This can include reading, sports, video games, YouTube, or school clubs. Since their life "under the sun" is short, they need to make sure they make the most of the time God is giving them. Discuss how they can follow God's wisdom and not waste all their time on activities that don't matter.

OPTION 2: Talk about the hide-and-go-seek phrase, *Ready or not, here I come!* How well does that phrase apply in other areas of life? Ask for examples. Consider looking up and discussing the words to Emily Dickinson's famous poem "The Chariot." It begins with the famous line: *Because I could not stop for death, He kindly stopped for me.*



PRE-SCHOOL

Today your child learned when Naaman arrived to Elisha's house, a messenger came out. He told Naaman to go dip his body in the Jordan River seven times. Naaman became angry because he did not trust Elisha's instructions. But Naaman's servant convinced him to follow Elisha's orders, and Naaman was healed! **I Can Trust God.**



K & 1 GRADE



2 & 3 GRADE



4 & 5 GRADE

Today your student learned God's wisdom is greater than strength or weapons of war. He or she heard the story of David and Goliath to help him or her visualize and remember that key point. He or she was encouraged to be on guard against Satan's plans, choose to follow God's way, and live by the wisdom that comes from God.



YOUNG TEEN



HIGH SCHOOL

Make every day count. Your teenagers studied Solomon's reflections on enjoying the blessings of each day and making wise choices with time. Help your teen to establish balance between recreation and work, fun and responsibility, alone time and social time. This will prepare him or her for adult decisions and lead to better time management. Find something that everyone in your family enjoys doing together—and do it this week!



YOUNG ADULT

Group members studied the value of wisdom and were encouraged to live wisely and make the most of their time.



ADULT

FUSION groups considered how wisdom helps us live for God, enjoying His blessings. Members were challenged to live wisely, enjoying God's blessings and making the most of their time.