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For Teachers of Children Ages 4 & 5



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Dear Beginner Teacher,

Welcome to *Beginner Bible Teacher*! As witnesses for Christ in a changing world, we have to think creatively about how we minister, while still holding firmly to the Word of Truth.

Our Plus Series contains robust Bible lessons and background information that have been clearly crafted to help you excite your students to learn God's Word.

Beginner Bible Teacher features:

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will connect the units to one another and point toward the quarter's major themes.
- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson. This helps you focus your lesson on the one thing you want your students to take away about God and His Word.
- **Prepare Your Mind** and **Prepare Your Heart** will ready you to teach with background information and a short devotional.
- **Supplies, Suggested Song,** and **Prepare the Room** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time.
- A **glossary** section keys you in to words in the lesson that may be difficult to understand for young students.
- The **Conversation Starter** is an interesting question or object lesson that helps you kick off your class and get your students invested in the lesson. It will always tie in with the first part of the Bible lesson.
- **Teacher Tips** in the lesson will give you quick tips to involve your students or deal with difficult subject matter.
- **Just Curious** prepares you to respond to questions students might ask about the lesson.
- **Prop Prompt** symbols notify you when to use a prop listed in the supply list at the beginning of the lesson. All props and supplies are in **bold** the first time they appear.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- **Activities** get your students' wiggles out while thinking about the lesson.
- **Review Questions** will test your students' comprehension of the lesson.
- **Next Steps** help your students apply the lesson to their lives.
- **Prayer Points** give teachers some prompts for ways to pray for the students.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Bonus pages** for you and your students will be included each quarter as supplements in the back of this book.

KEY:

Teacher Tips



Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions



WISDOM CALLS

Lesson Text: Proverbs 1:20-33

"Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets"
(Proverbs 1:20).

BIG IDEA: Foolish people do not listen to God's instructions for living.



- God wants to teach us His perfect wisdom because He loves us.
- God's wisdom teaches right from wrong and how to do what is right.
- God sent Jesus to teach us how to live wisely.

MEMORY HELPER



Doing something a grown-up told you was not a good idea does not turn out well. Not doing what God says is VERY foolish.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus is our best Teacher who shows us God's perfect wisdom!



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TALK ABOUT IT

Discuss some of the reasons and wisdom behind some of the rules you have for your child.

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Here's a peek at features of the *Beginner Bible Learner*®:

• A **lesson recap** summarizes the lesson in language beginners can easily understand.

• The **Memory Helper** reminds students of something interesting in the Bible lesson that will help them remember the Big Idea.

• The **coloring page** is bigger than ever to make it easier for little hands to color.

• **Talk About It** connects with Next Steps and cues parents or caregivers in on how they can help their children apply the lesson throughout the week.

• Each page is perforated, so it is easy to rip out and take home!

UNIT 1:

The Way of the Fool

Lesson 1: Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom Calls

Lesson 2: Psalm 49:1-20

The Foolish Trust Their Riches to Save Them

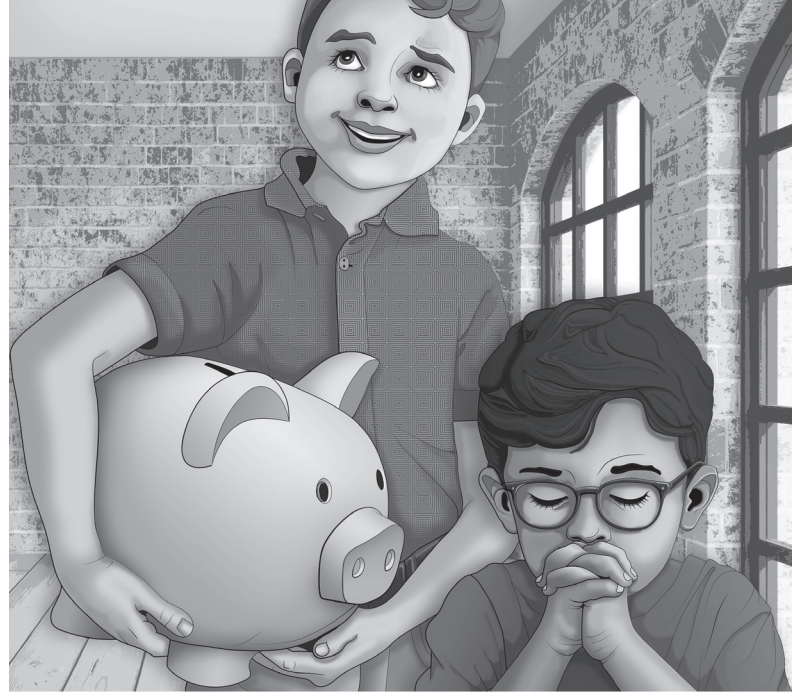
Lesson 3: Proverbs 30:1-14

Humility and Pride

Lesson 4: Proverbs 14:1-19

God's Way Is Wise

Both wisdom and folly call out to people. Before we examine the way of wisdom, we will consider the way of the fool and the disastrous consequences it brings. If we refuse to fear the Lord, we will face ruin. It is foolish to live just for this life and for riches, for we all eventually die and face the eternal consequences of our actions. It is far better to trust God's Word and to live for Him than to arrogantly go our own way. God's way naturally leads to His blessings, while sin leads to our ruin.





Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets
(Proverbs 1:20).



Big Idea: Foolish people do not listen to God's instructions for living.

PROVERBS 1:20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Prepare Your Mind

Worldly wisdom advises us on how to preserve our own interests—for example, “the early bird gets the worm” and “look out for number one.” Godly wisdom takes a different approach. The Hebrew word for “wisdom” could be translated as “applied skill or knowledge.” Proverbs tells us that God’s wisdom is woven into the universe (3:19; 8:22-31). The author linked wisdom to justice (1:3), goodness and righteousness (2:20), and mercy and truth (3:3). He said that we gain wisdom when we honor God (1:7; 9:10). Folly, by contrast, is linked to selfishness and evil (1:10-19; 9:16-17). True wisdom prioritizes the needs of others (Phil. 2:3-8).



Supplies

- female puppet (Lady Wisdom)
- paper cup
- scissors
- construction paper (various colors)
- Jesus doll
- tape
- stickers
- crayons

Prepare Your Heart

Wisdom is an attribute of God’s character (Dan. 2:20-22; Rom. 11:33-36). With an understanding of wisdom as relating to justice, goodness, and mercy, we can begin to get a better picture of the woman calling out to us from these pages—and what it means to ignore her cry. To turn our backs on God’s wisdom is to reject His character and instead side with injustice, unrighteousness, and cruelty. Foolishness goes against the wise way the universe was intended to function. Wisdom’s call is an invitation to a better way than the wisdom of this world: the way of loving God and neighbor well.



Prepare the Room

Cut the **construction paper** to make large pieces of confetti. Cut the bottom off the **paper cup** to make a mini megaphone.



Suggested Song 🕒 5 min

“God Knows about Everything” (Evans)



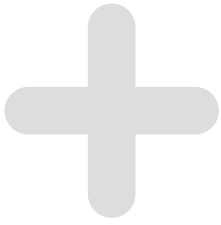
Glossary

evil: anything that goes against God’s good plan

foolish: not making smart or good choices

ignore: not pay attention to

wisdom: understanding that comes from God



Conversation Starter

Have you ever tried doing something that a grown-up told you was not a good idea?
Did it turn out well, or did something bad happen?

Bible Lesson 🕒 10-15 min

Good grown-ups give advice to help keep us safe and happy. They want to teach us well so that we know the best way to live!

God is the perfect Father! He loves us, and He wants to teach us His wisdom! Wisdom is a special kind of understanding that comes from God. It has to do with knowing what is good and evil. 🗨️ God wants to teach us His wisdom so that we'll know the best way to do good things and live well!

The Bible is full of God's wisdom. But some people ignore what the Bible says. In today's lesson, we'll see that this is a foolish idea. If we ignored all grown-ups and teachers, we would never learn anything! It is the same way with the Bible and God's wisdom.

Today's Bible passage tells us to imagine that God's wisdom could talk the way a person does! 🗨️ (👉 Present **Lady Wisdom**.)

Lady Wisdom knows that some people don't listen to her. (👏 Have students cover their ears and sing "la-la-la!") Lady Wisdom can't believe how silly that is! (👉 Give Lady Wisdom the megaphone.) She walks around and shouts, "Hey! How long will you foolish people love bad ideas? You love to make fun of good ideas! You hate learning! I want to teach you God's ways, but to do that you need to listen to me." ❓

Just like ignoring a caring grown-up, if we never listen to God's wisdom, we will never learn! (👉 Make Lady Wisdom shake her head.)

If we never learn wisdom, we'll never know good from evil or right from wrong! (👉 Make Lady Wisdom huff away in anger.)

If we never learn good from evil, we will never know how to do good! (👉 Make Lady Wisdom cry.)

Raise your hand if you want to learn God's wisdom! (👉 Make Lady Wisdom celebrate. Toss confetti.)

This is just a story—Lady Wisdom is not actually a person. (👉 Put Lady Wisdom away.) But there is one Person God sent to show us what wisdom looks like! (👉 Present **Jesus doll**.) Jesus did wise things and taught the world wise lessons. Jesus showed us goodness and truth. Jesus is our perfect Teacher! If we listen to Jesus and learn from Him, then we'll know God's wisdom. If we listen to Jesus, we'll know the best way to do good and live well!



Repeatedly remind students that wisdom is not just memorized rules. Wisdom is the reason behind God's rules—and that reason comes from love!



Emphasize that Lady Wisdom is not a real person. This is a story where trees and the wind speak. The Bible wants us to see wisdom as a teacher!



Why don't people listen to God's wisdom? God's wisdom shows us how to do what's right! Some people would rather do what is wrong.



Activity: Listen to Wisdom! 🕒 5-10 min

This activity is a combination of "Simon Says" and "Red Light, Green Light." Explain that you are practicing listening to wisdom. When you say, "Wisdom says, 'Jump forward!'" or "Wisdom says, 'Skip!'" through the megaphone, the students can begin moving. When you say, "Wisdom says, 'Stop!'" through the megaphone, students must stop. If you just say, "Stop," "Skip," "Jump," or "Run" without mentioning wisdom, the students shouldn't listen. If students accidentally move or stop out of turn, they must go back to the beginning.

Story Time ⌚ 5 min

Desiree never listened in church. Desiree never listened at home. Sadly, Desiree hated being told what to do by grown-ups and by God.

Desiree thought, *Big girls are smart enough to take care of themselves.*

One day, after an autumn rain, Desiree decided to climb the tree in her backyard. It was covered in orange leaves, and she wanted to look closely at the pretty colors.

But as she started climbing her hands slipped on the wet tree bark! She fell to the ground and hurt her arm.

When Desiree began to cry, Grandma ran outside to help her. Grandma took Desiree to the doctor as fast as she could.

After the doctor took care of Desiree's arm, Grandma knelt in front of Desiree. Grandma was crying.

"Desiree, honey, why don't you ever listen?" she asked. "I've told you so many times not to climb that tree after it rains! Don't you see that I tell you things like that because I want to take care of you?"

Desiree had never seen Grandma cry before. Now Desiree understood how much Grandma loved her.

"I'm so sorry, Grandma!" she sobbed. "I promise I'll listen from now on!"

Grandma gave Desiree a great big hug.

After that, Desiree realized something important. She realized that God must love her just as much or even more than Grandma does.

Desiree realized that God wants to teach us because He loves us. From then on, Desiree decided to listen to God's wise teaching and to learn to follow His ways.



Handcraft: Wisdom's Call ⌚ 10 min

Help children as needed.

Instructions:

1. Decorate paper with **stickers** and **crayon** doodles.
 2. Roll paper to form a cone, with the decorated side facing out.
 3. **Tape** the cone together.
 4. **Cut** off the point of the cone to make a megaphone.
- Remind students that God calls out to each of us to teach us His wisdom. This quarter is our chance to listen!

SUPPLIES:

- construction paper (various colors)
- stickers
- crayons
- tape
- scissors

Review Questions

1. Why does God want to teach us His perfect wisdom? (because He loves us)
2. What does God's wisdom teach us? (right from wrong and how to do what is right)
3. Who did God send to teach us how to live wisely? (Jesus)

Next Steps

This week, try to find the wisdom in the rules! Tell grown-ups that you want to learn wisdom from them. Then ask them questions! Always remember to be respectful and listen carefully.

Christ Focus

Jesus is our best Teacher, who shows us God's perfect wisdom!

Prayer Points

- Thank God that He wants to teach us His wisdom. •
- Ask God to help us listen and learn. •