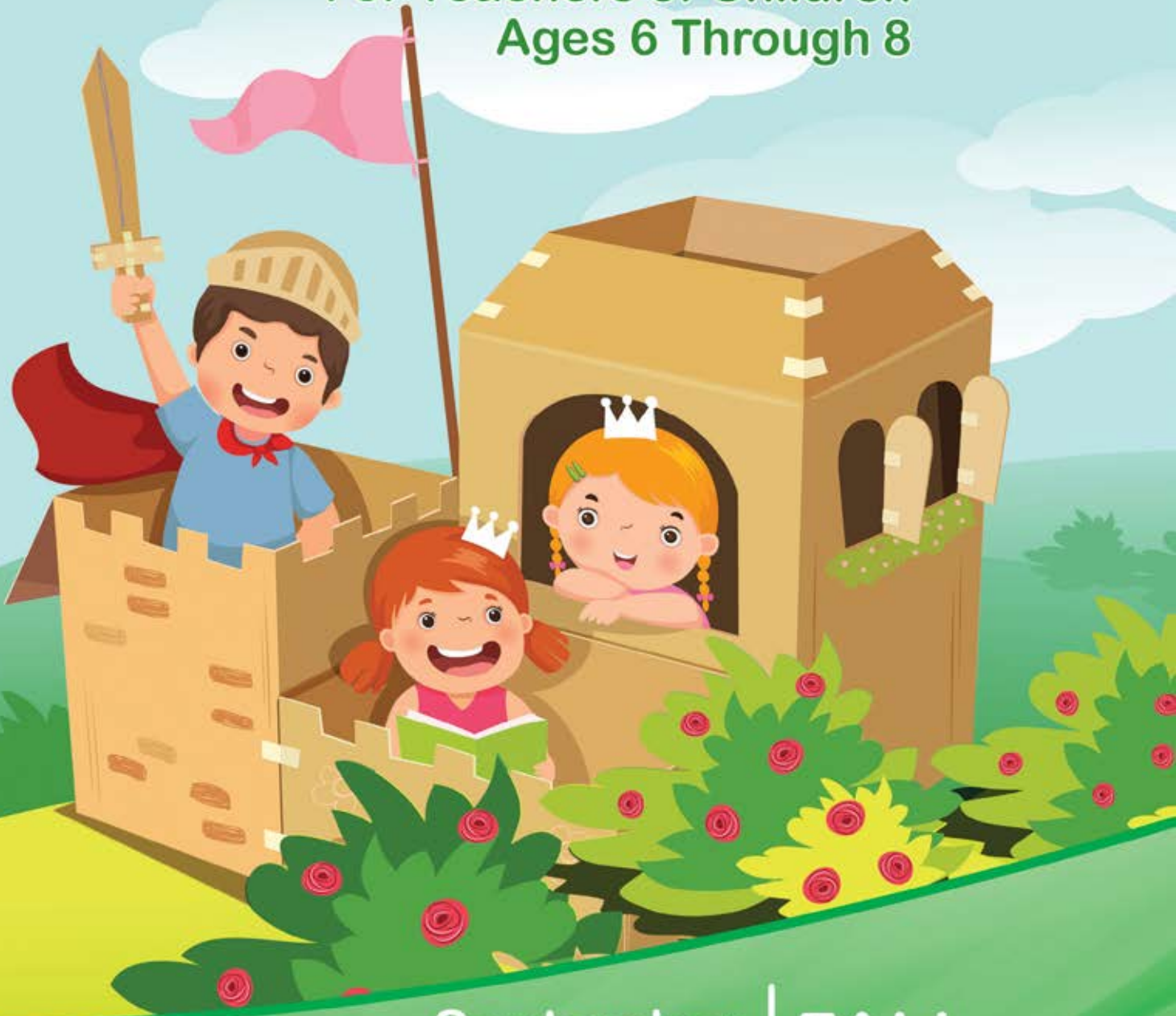


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For Teachers of Children  
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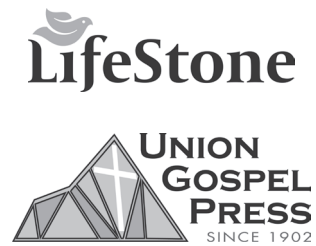
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## Dear Primary Teacher,

Welcome to *Primary 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.

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### **Primary 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.
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- **Truths to Stress** are underlined in the Bible lesson so that you can see the main points at a glance.
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- **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:** Problems come to those who push aside God's wisdom.

## FOOLISH WAYS:

Circle the answer that best finishes the sentence.

Solomon's writings are called \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. psalms    b. proverbs    c. tall tales    d. fables

Solomon called foolish people \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. silly    b. smarty-pants    c. wild    d. simple ones

Solomon tried to show the foolish their ways were \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. thoughtless    b. dangerous    c. both a and b    d. neither a nor b

The foolish don't listen and end up being \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. made fun of    b. afraid    c. destroyed    d. all of these

Being wise like Solomon happens \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. overnight    b. over time    c. never    d. none of these

## MEMORY HELPER

Foolish people would rather talk than listen. They ignore God's wisdom and bring trouble to their lives. God gives His wisdom to anyone willing to listen and learn from Him.

## CHRIST FOCUS

✝ Jesus taught God's wisdom to the people through parables. ✝

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Here's a peek at features of the *Primary Bible Learner+*:



- A **lesson recap** includes true and false questions, fill-in-the-blank puzzles, and much more to help ensure your students understood the lesson.

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

- The **activity page** is bigger than ever and full color to get your students excited to solve puzzles and review the lesson.

- **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!

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## TALK ABOUT IT

Read from Proverbs to your child this week and discuss wise and foolish actions.

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## UNIT 1:

# The Way of the Fool

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### Lesson 1: Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom Calls

### Lesson 2: Psalm 49:1-20

The Foolish Trust Their Riches to Save Them

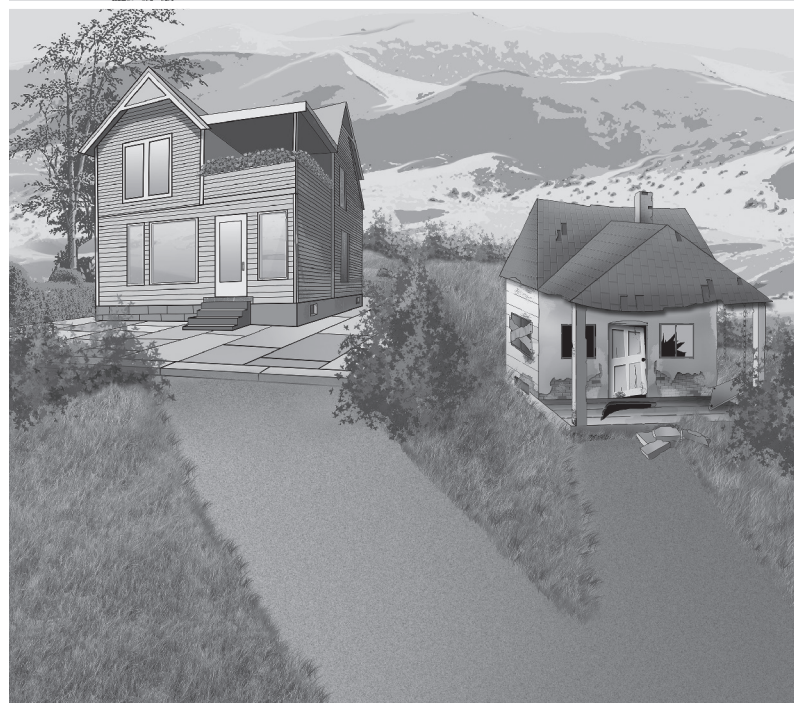
### Lesson 3: Proverbs 30:1-14

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 folly brings. If we refuse to fear the Lord, we will face ruin. It is foolish to live just for this earthly life and earthly 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 blessings, while sin and folly lead to ruin.





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



**Big Idea:** Problems come to those who push aside God's wisdom.

**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

As King David's son, Solomon had no shortage of earthly pleasures at his disposal. Although he indulged in those pleasures and had everything a man could desire, he came to realize the folly of his ways. He wrote wisdom literature, which we know as Proverbs, providing instructions on how to live a righteous life. His writings contrast choosing foolish behavior with choosing wise behavior. He left no doubt about which is the better choice. Real wisdom is the fruit of a life lived for God. People are free to choose how they live, but Solomon gave fair warning of what will happen if they make the wrong choice.



### Supplies

- Bible
- paper
- marker
- paper plates
- crayons
- safety scissors
- glue
- construction paper (white, black, orange)

## Prepare Your Heart

God grants wisdom to those who seek it, but because we live in a fallen world, foolishness runs rampant. Worse yet, foolishness often masquerades as wisdom. How are we to tell the difference? Discernment comes from maintaining a close relationship with the Lord through prayer and the study of His Word. Ask God for wisdom, and He will give it to you. Seeking wisdom is an ongoing process. Ask often. Apply the wisdom you receive and what you learn from God's Word. The more wisdom you apply, the easier it will be for you to navigate in a world that celebrates foolishness. Our Heavenly Father calls us to be wise!



### Suggested Song 🕒 5 min

"Hide God's Word in Your Heart" (Unknown)



### Glossary

**proverbs:** sayings that contain advice or wisdom

**wisdom:** understanding that comes from God



## Conversation Starter

Are you someone who would rather listen to others or talk to others? Why?

### Bible Lesson ⌚ 15–20 min

The following poem written in 1875 talks about a wise old owl and the qualities that made him wise: “There was an owl liv’d in an oak. / The more he heard, the less he spoke. / The less he spoke, the more he heard. / O, if men were all like that wise bird.”

This poem shows us that listening is a valuable skill that leads to being wise. Wisdom is more than just being smart; it is understanding that comes from God. There once was a man named Solomon. He was known for being wise. He wrote his wise words in the Bible. (📖 Hold up Bible.) We call his writings proverbs. Solomon’s proverbs tell us how important it is to seek wisdom and how nothing good comes from being foolish.

Solomon said that if we look for wisdom, we will find it. We should also listen carefully when wise people speak. People who are foolish do not bother to seek wisdom. Solomon called foolish people “simple ones.” He was upset with them for loving being simple (or foolish) and hating knowledge. Day after day, Solomon was ready to teach them how to be wise. The simple ones could learn and change, but they did not want to. They wanted to continue in their foolish ways because they were, well, foolish! Their foolishness led to increased foolishness.

Through his proverbs, Solomon tried to correct the foolish people. He wanted to show them that their ways were thoughtless and dangerous. They just wouldn’t listen. As a result, the foolish will end up being made fun of. Then when everything goes wrong, they will become afraid.

When this happens, they will cry out for help. The foolish will finally look for wisdom, but they won’t be able to find it. It will be much too late. The foolish will go through troubled times from their bad choices. Their foolish choices will destroy them.

It doesn’t have to turn out that way. There is hope for people who listen and seek wisdom if they use what they learn. Solomon says these people will have safety and peace. That sounds much better than being made fun of, afraid, and destroyed, doesn’t it?

Wise people will seek wisdom. They will listen when they hear it. Like the wise old owl in the poem, they listen more than they speak. (👏 Have students cover their mouths with their hands.) A foolish person ignores words of wisdom and hates knowledge and learning. (👏 Have students cover their ears with their hands.)

If we want to become wise, we can pray and ask God for wisdom. (🗨️ We can read God’s wise words from the Bible and learn to obey them. The book of Proverbs is a great place to find wisdom. (📖 Hold up Bible open to the book of Proverbs.) Becoming wise will not happen overnight, but if we keep at it, we will gain wisdom over time like Solomon did.

Solomon took great care to write down the wisdom he had gained over his lifetime. Some people believe Solomon did this for his son. We are blessed to have Solomon’s words to read. Let’s not be foolish and ignore them.



Lead the students in a short prayer asking God for wisdom.

## Review Questions

1. What does Solomon call the foolish? (He calls them simple ones.)
2. What will happen when the foolish go through bad things after their bad choices? (Their foolish choices will destroy them.)
3. Can we gain wisdom overnight? (No, it takes time.)

## Explaining the Memory Verse

The meaning of this week's memory verse is that wisdom is available and understandable to anyone who will seek it and listen to it. Sadly, though, there are many people who will not seek it and will close their ears to it.



### Activity: Wise or Foolish ⌚ 5-10 min

Divide the class into two teams. Have teams line up across the room from the two signs. Read the first behavior from list. The first student in each line runs to the sign he or she thinks is correct and touches it, then runs back to the line. The team of each student that touched the right sign earns a point. Continue for all behaviors in your list (make sure each student gets a turn). The team with the most points wins.

#### SUPPLIES:

- paper
- marker

**PREP:** Clear area for activity. Create signs to post on a wall that say "WISE" and "FOOLISH." Make a list of foolish and wise behaviors (e.g., "Study for a test," "Tease a classmate," etc.).

## Next Steps

This week, ask for help reading Proverbs in the Bible. Spend time thinking about what you learn from your reading. Look for ways that you can use what you have learned in your life. Finally, like the wise old owl, speak less and listen more.

## Christ Focus

Jesus taught God's wisdom to the people through parables.

## Prayer Points

- Ask God for help not to make foolish choices. •
- Ask God for help recognizing wisdom when you hear it. •



### Handcraft: Wise Old Owl ⌚ 10 min

*Help children as needed.*

#### Instructions:

1. Fold the opposite ends of a **paper plate** toward the center to make wings of an owl. Fold the top of the plate down over the wings to make the head.
2. **Cut** out white and black eyes from **construction paper**, and **glue** on the head.
3. Cut out orange beak and feet. Glue all in place.
4. **Color** feathers on the owl's body and wings.

#### SUPPLIES:

- paper plates
- crayons
- safety scissors
- glue
- construction paper (white, black, orange)