



The Way of the Wise

Scope & Sequence

The Way of the Wise is a midweek study for children on wisdom and foolishness. The curriculum contrasts the foolish person and the wise person by discussing the characteristics of each. It also teaches that the way of the foolish ends in destruction, but the way of the wise leads to life. A banner with removable pieces is used to illustrate these differences to children throughout the study. The curriculum challenges students to look beyond outward behavior and to look at the heart. *The Way of the Wise* uses the book of Proverbs to encourage children to pursue wisdom and to shun folly.

Lesson 1: Jesus, the Sure Foundation

Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7)

Jesus is the only sure foundation

Lesson 2: The Path that Leads to Life

A Father's Wise Instruction (Proverbs 4)

Jesus is the door to the Way of the Wise

Lesson 3: Wisdom and Foolishness

Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 4-5)

Wisdom is loving what is good and acting on that love

Lesson 4: A Call to Wisdom

Various Passages from Proverbs

If you are a child of God, you have a call to wisdom on your life

Lesson 5: A Call away from Foolishness

Various Passages from Proverbs

A call to wisdom is a call away from foolishness

Lesson 6: Fools: The Mocker

Various Passages

A mocking fool makes fun of God and the things of God

Lesson 7: Fools: The Rebel

Eli's Worthless Sons (1 Samuel 2)

The rebellious fool is stubborn and continues in evil

Lesson 8: Fools: The Godless

The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16)

Fools say in their hearts that there is no God

Lesson 9: Fools: The Simple

David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 24)

A simple fool believes anything

Lesson 10: Foolishness Leads to Destruction

The Lord Rejects Saul (1 Samuel 13-15)

Foolishness leads to destruction

The Call of Wisdom (Proverbs 1)

Lesson 11: Driving Out Folly

Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses (Numbers 12)

God's tool for driving out folly in the heart of a child is discipline

Lesson 12: Seek Wisdom

Blessed is the One Who Finds Wisdom (Proverbs 3-4)

Wisdom is a treasure

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- Lesson 13: The Beginning of Wisdom** Various Passages
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
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- Lesson 14: The Fear of the Lord: Awe of God's Worth and Position** Jesus Calls the Disciples (Luke 5)
The fear of the Lord means to be in awe of God's worth and position
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- Lesson 15: The Fear of the Lord: Admiration of God's Attributes** The Plagues and Crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 7-14)
Admiring God leads us to trust Him
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- Lesson 16: The Fear of the Lord: Amazement of God's Love** Conversion of Saul (Acts 9)
The fear of the Lord includes being amazed at His love
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- Lesson 17: Imitate Your Father** Various Passages
We must look to God and imitate Him
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- Lesson 18: Characteristics of the Wise: Seeks Knowledge** Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3)
The wise person seeks knowledge and understanding
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- Lesson 19: Characteristics of the Wise: Delights in God's Commands** Portions of Psalm 119
The wise man delights in the Lord's commands
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- Lesson 20: Characteristics of the Wise: Shuns Evil** Joseph and Potiphar's Wife (Genesis 39)
A wise person turns from evil immediately
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- Lesson 21: Characteristics of the Wise: Listens to Advice** Rehoboam's Folly (1 Kings 12)
The wise person listens to advice and accepts instruction David and Abigail (1 Samuel 25)
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- Lesson 22: Characteristics of the Wise: Heeds Correction** Nathan Rebukes David (2 Samuel 12)
God disciplines us to teach us to hate sin
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- Lesson 23: Characteristics of the Wise: Self-Controlled** Shimei Curses David (2 Samuel 16)
The wise man has self-control
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- Lesson 24: Characteristics of the Wise: Looks Ahead** Jephthah Delivers Israel (Judges 11)
The wise person looks ahead
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- Lesson 25: Characteristics of the Wise: Trusts in God** Tell the Next Generation (Psalm 78)
The wise person trusts in God rather than in himself
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- Lesson 26: The End of the Path** God is My Strength and Portion Forever (Psalm 73)
The wise man perceives his destination
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- Lesson 27: The Conclusion of the Matter** Warning Against Idolatry (1 Corinthians 10)
The most important thing in life is loving and obeying God
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- Lesson 28: Jesus is the Bridge** Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18-19)
Jesus is the bridge from the Way of the Fool to the Way of the Wise
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