

THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: What is God asking of us in this moment?

Lesson connected to Sunday, September 29, 2019

Today's Scripture: Proverbs 2:1-15

Key Verse: "If you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures – then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:4-5

Contexts of the Scripture:

- Look up Proverbs in the Table of Contents of your bible. Where is it found?
- Check out this link to Wikipedia to learn more about Proverbs:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Proverbs
- Proverbs is part of what is called "wisdom literature" in the bible, along with Psalms, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon. What wise words can you find in today's text?
- Custom and tradition hold that King Solomon wrote Proverbs but this is highly unlikely. Rather, it is most likely a compilation of the works of many writers working over a span of time. Do you think it matters whether or not King Solomon wrote Proverbs? Why or why not?

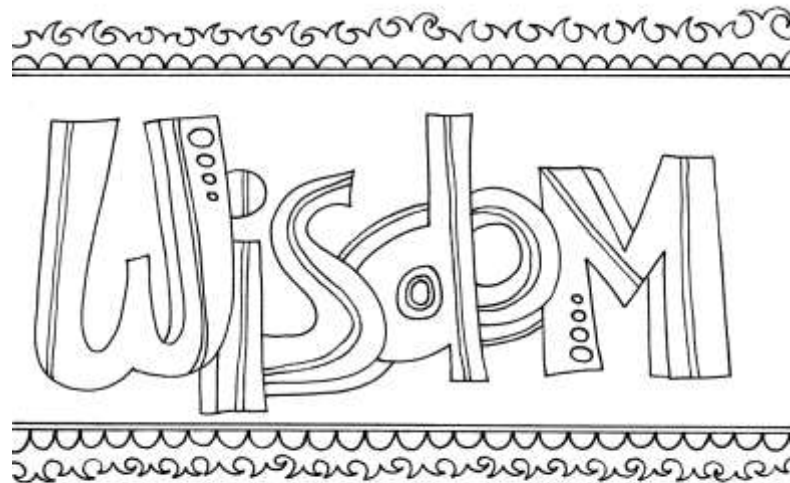
Questions to go deeper:

- Read through the text carefully and make a list of what the writer says one must do in order to "understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God."
- What does the text say happens to you if your quest for understanding and knowledge of God is successful? What is the benefit of this to the one who seeks?
- Verses 12-15 specifically talk about this knowledge and understanding of God as being critical in being able to recognize and respond to evil when it is encountered. How might this be an important skill to have? Have you experienced a time when you didn't realize someone was being devious with you and you didn't know it at the time? How did you feel when you found out? How might things have been different if you had recognized their true intent earlier? What guidance for such a situation do you find in this Proverbs text?

Activity possibilities:

- **Family activities:**
 - Add "Proverbs" to your bible timeline. See the Wikipedia article to see where it might go.
 - At a family gathering, like a meal, have a conversation about a time when each of you wished you had better understood what was really going on in a specific situation – like when one of you were hurt by someone or confused by someone who was acting in a way you didn't understand. Look at the text together and decide which verse best describes what would have been helpful to you in the situation you are talking about.

- Consider going to the movies together to watch the new Addams Family animated feature. Here's a link to the trailer:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFCrR3Uw6Mk>
- From watching the trailer, who might be the ones actually following “the way of evil?” Is treating someone badly just because they look and act differently from you a good thing? Why or why not?
- **Younger children activities:**
Enjoy this coloring page: You can photocopy this page, then enlarge it, cut it out and color it! Or use this page for inspiration to create your own wisdom design with fingerpaints! Remember to have an adult help you!



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- **Older children and youth activities:**
 - Here's a link to an X-Men character named Wisdom:
[https://marvel.fandom.com/wiki/Peter_Wisdom_\(Earth-616\)](https://marvel.fandom.com/wiki/Peter_Wisdom_(Earth-616))
 - Do you think this character can be looked at using the descriptions of wisdom in the text from Proverbs? Why or why not? How is the character wise? How is he devious? Which is his true nature? Explain your answer.

Going Deeper:

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always happy to answer your questions and help you find more information on anything in the Bible that interests you! Catch up with her through the church or come to the Savoy Bookstore and Café any Thursday afternoon between 2-4pm.