

I Want to Know You...The Attributes of God

#09--God is Wise

HOOK: Have you ever seen a house floating in the air? Maybe in make-believe, but houses in real-life have to be built on something. (**Hold up a large, flat rock and a small bowl of sand**). Here are two materials--a rock and some sand. Which one is stronger and keeps its shape? Do you think it would be wiser to build a house on something strong and solid like rock or something soft and moveable like sand? (**Kids take things literally and are likely to picture a house built upon an actual rock so emphasize the word "solid".**)

BOOK: Jesus talks about this in the book of Matthew. He says, "**Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock.**" Storms may come, but the house won't collapse because it is built on solid ground. He then says, "**Anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't follow it is foolish, like a person who builds his house on the sand.**" The winds and rains come and the house on the sand falls down because sand isn't strong enough to hold the house in place. Our lives are like the house. We can know a lot about God, but if we aren't doing what He says, we are living foolishly. We are wise when we listen to God's instructions and follow them because He is WISE.

LOOK: Our parents give us lots of instructions, such as: "don't talk with strangers" and "don't eat the whole plate of cookies before dinner". Your parents love you and know the best ways for you to stay safe and healthy. You are wise if you do what they say. It's like that with God. He loves you and His wisdom is greater than anyone else's. We are wise when we listen to Jesus' words and do what He says!

TOOK: Let's think about some of the things God says. For example, our WISE God tells us to be kind and forgive each other. He knows that this is an important rule for us to follow. Anytime we do what God says, we are being wise, because He is wise! Do you need to forgive a friend or your brother or sister for doing something that hurt you? What are ways this week you can show kindness to those around you?

Sometimes it's hard to know what to do. God promises to help us and give us wisdom whenever we ask. So, this week, when you want to be wise and do the right thing, ask God to give you wisdom.

Bible Verse: "**Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.**" Matthew 7:24

Prayer: "Dear God, we praise You because You are so wise. Thank You for giving us wisdom, too. Help us to follow Your words like the wise man that built his house on a rock. Amen."

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parent/child
activity

Proverbs is a book full of wisdom. Look at some verses in Proverbs that give instruction about the right way to live. Pick a favorite that your child can relate to, write it down on an index card and post it in your house. Talk with your child about God's wisdom and the value of being wise and following God's instructions.



daily prayer

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