



Lesson Twelve

Jesus Says, “Obey God’s Word”

Heart Preparation & Bible Background

This week, the children will learn what it means to become wise in God’s family. They will hear Jesus’ parable about the Wise and Foolish Builders and learn that Jesus wants his followers to hear *and* obey his words.

As you talk about the Scripture passages, tell your children that wisdom comes from God. Wisdom means knowing what’s right from wrong and doing what’s right. Being wise means not only listening to what God says, but also believing and then acting on what we hear from his Word. The letter of James puts it in clear terms: “Do not merely listen to the word. . . . Do what it says.” (1:22)

Scripture faithfully records what Jesus said about growing in God’s family. This quarter, your children have heard what Jesus taught about trusting God for forgiveness of sins, loving God best, loving and serving others, forgiving others, and depending on the Holy Spirit to help us trust and obey God.

Knowing what God says is extremely important. We must ask the Spirit to dig down deep in our hearts and lives and lay the Word of God there. And we must depend on the Spirit to help us live our lives in obedience to the Word of God.

Tell your children to be wise by believing and doing what Jesus commands. Encourage them to put their knowledge into practice. Look for opportunities to nourish the growth you see.

Make sure you are spending time in prayer, Bible study and worship, thanking God for the treasures of his wisdom and asking him to make you wise.



Bible Truth

God’s people must act on God’s Word.

Scripture

Matthew 7:24–27

Luke 6:47–49



Lesson Focus

Wise children listen to God’s Word and do what it says.

Goals for the Children

- Listen to the reading of God’s Word.
- Memorize Matthew 7:24.
- Choose to obey what Jesus says every day.



Memory Minute

Therefore every one who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
Matthew 7:24