

# First Family Foundations

Building a foundation of Faith for Families.

## Unit 3 — The Bible

### Lesson 4 — Wisdom is the application of God's truth to our lives.

**Introduction** — The Bible gives us the big picture. But sometimes it's not obvious how to apply its grand truths to a particular situation. That calls for wisdom, which only God can supply.

King Solomon once asked for wisdom, and he was given loads of it. (He wrote some of it down in the book of Proverbs.) Centuries later, James, the brother of Jesus, said, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him" (James 1:5).

We need to teach our kids wisdom first by getting God's truth into their heads and hearts, and then by praying that they'll be given the wisdom to use it. We also need to pray for ourselves, so we'll be able to demonstrate wise decisions that our kids can learn from.

#### Here's the Activity:

##### What you need:

You'll need an empty box and a set of clues. Write a few simple clues, such as "Look in the mailbox," where your children will find a clue that says, "Look under Dad's pillow" and so on. Use only three or four clues to lead to the box.

##### What you do:

When you're ready, gather your family and excitedly explain that you've hidden a treasure for them to find. Give them the first clue, and watch them race around to find the box. Be sure to have children take turns reading the clues or going to the place where the next clue is hidden. This will keep younger or slower children from feeling like they never got a turn.

When your children have discovered the empty treasure, sit down together and ask them to share how they're feeling about what they found (or didn't find). Let your children know you're disappointed too and share in their frustration of "No fair!" "I want to give my money anyway."

##### What you share:

Explain: It seems to me you've been following a false map. Those clues were a bunch of lies. I have some different clues. Why don't you try them instead?

##### What you need:

You'll need a second set of clues and a box of candy.

##### What you do:

Prepare for this second treasure hunt before you even have the first one. Do not use any of the same hiding places and make this hunt more challenging. For example, the clue "This gets opened at noon each day" might eventually lead your children to their lunch boxes where you've placed the next clue. If you absolutely must, give hints on hard clues, but try to let the kids figure them out as much as possible. When your children find the treasure, let everyone enjoy a few treats.

##### What you share:

Read Proverbs 2:1-5. Focus on how children can follow the truth in their lives such as obeying parents, telling the truth in all circumstances and sharing toys even when it's hard. Living by God's Word will lead them to eternal treasure.