



SESSION 3

BIBLE VERSE

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James 1:5

MINISTRY

Jewell Family
Serving at the Rift Valley Academy
with Africa Inland Mission

HERO CODE

God's Heroes Have Wisdom

HERO VERSE

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14B

OPENING ACTIVITIES

IS IT WISE?

Materials needed: Wisdom Flash Cards

Preparation: Familiarize yourself with the content of the flash cards.

Activity: Every day in life we face all kinds of decisions. Wisdom is the ability to know the right thing to do and then having the sense to do it. Some people don't know the right thing to do and they just go along with anything. Other people know the right thing to do but they don't have the sense to actually follow through with it.

I'm going to show you some flash cards and I want you to tell me if you think this is wise advice or this is foolish advice.

(Hold up the first card and have a child read it aloud.)

Do you think this advice is wise or foolish? (Allow the kids to answer.)

(Continue through all of the flashcards giving the kids opportunity to answer.)

The Bible says in James 1:5 that if we don't have wisdom we can ask God for and he'll give it to us. He will give us good advice and help us to know what the right thing to do is.



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LESSON

BEGIN SLIDESHOW BY SHOWING VIDEO

CONTINUE SLIDESHOW

Wisdom is important and we must do our part to achieve it. Asking God for it is important but we must also do our part. We need to work on our education, yes, school. There are missionaries scattered throughout the world and many of them want to make sure that their children receive a good education so that their children can not only go to college, but do well.

In 1906, Missionary Charles Hurlburt faced this common problem of either sending his children away to education in England, or abandoning his missionary calling. So, he devised a surprising solution: he'd kept both. He asked new missionary Josephine Hope to teach his children right here in Kenya. They soon drew up plans for dormitory and classroom space, and in 1909, US President Teddy Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the main building, Kiambogo.

This was the beginning of the Rift Valley Academy. At present, RVA serves about 500 students from the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe, and Australia, and the school continues its march toward spiritual vibrancy and academic excellence. Most of these students are the children of career missionaries serving in Africa.

David and Ashley Jewell serve as a teacher, a nurse and house parents with the Africa Inland Mission at RVA. Ashley went to our church and even went to VBS here at Central as a child. Although she did not go to RVA, both of her parents did! They met there and were later married and have served as missionaries in Rwanda, Africa and in Haiti., where Ashley graduated from school.

Today, they serve in Kenya at the school, hosting 12 eight-grade boys as dorm parents in addition to the other jobs that they do at the school. They have two small children who are growing up in Africa far from their families here in the United States. David and Ashley believe that God has called them to help educate and give wisdom to the next generation of African Missionaries, the kids in their dorm and at the school. God has uniquely placed many of these kids in places where they have learned languages and customs and cultures of peoples that other people do not have. God can use their education and wisdom to



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share the Good News of Jesus and His love for us with people with whom we couldn't even talk.

Pray for the Jewells, for their family and the kids that live with them.

MOVE ON TO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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QUESTIONS & LIFE APPLICATION

1. I don't like school. Why is it important to learn?

Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.
Titus 3:14

2. School is too hard for me, I need help.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.
Psalm 111:10

3. How can I find wisdom for me?

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4. The Big Question: If someone takes the time to explain something that I don't understand to me, should I take the time to explain something to someone else?

HANDOUTS

If you still have time in your rotation, kids can work through the activity pages.

**RUN WITH
SCISSORS**

IS IT WISE?

**CHEW
YOUR FOOD**

IS IT WISE?

**DON'T TIE
YOUR SHOES**

IS IT WISE?

**DISOBEY
YOUR
PARENTS**

IS IT WISE?

TELL LIES

IS IT WISE?

**BE KIND
TO OTHERS**

IS IT WISE?

**ONLY EAT
CANDY**

IS IT WISE?

**READ YOUR
BIBLE EVERY
DAY**

IS IT WISE?

**NEVER
STEAL**

IS IT WISE?

Bible Puzzle

Fruit of the Spirit List in Code

The fruit of the Spirit is listed in Galatians 5:22-23. The Holy Spirit produces these qualities in the life of each Christian. You can decode the list here.



O L E V



Q L B



K V Z X V



K Z G R V M X V



P R M W M V H H



T L L W M V H H



U Z R G S U F O M V H H



T V M G O V M V H H



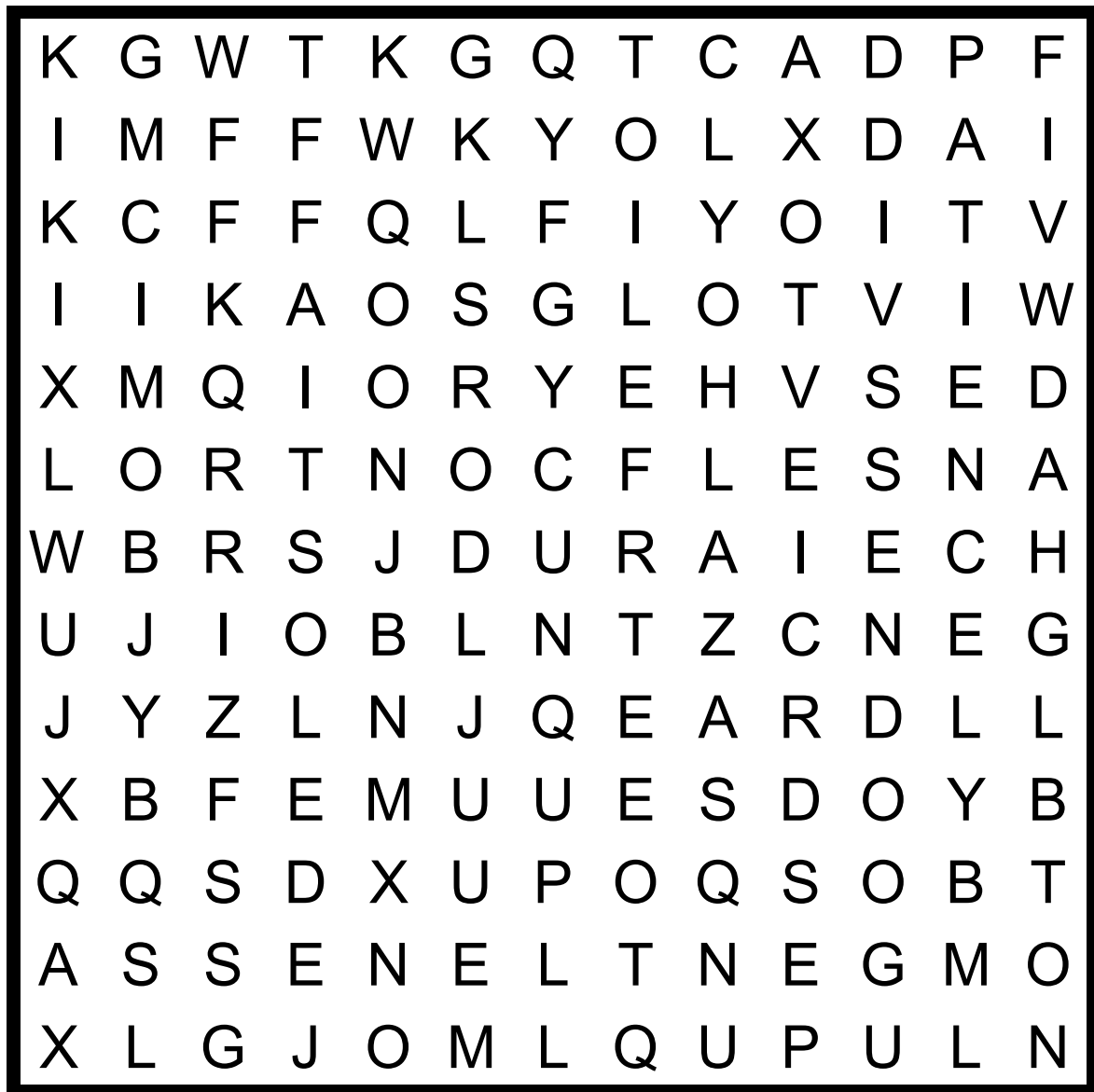
H V O U X L M G I L O

In this code, A stands for Z, Z stands for A, etc.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N

Do you let the Holy Spirit produce fruit in your life?

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



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Galatians 5:22-23

FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
GOODNESS
JOY
KINDNESS
LOVE



PATIENCE
PEACE
SELF-CONTROL