



## Wisdom - content ideas for Christian collective worship

**Christian definition:** Wisdom is insight into the way life works: a proper understanding of the consequences of our thoughts, words and actions and an awareness of the true value of things. It is rooted in proper reverence for God who is the source of all life and all values. When we follow Jesus, he leads us to wisdom. It is living life God's way. It's not just knowing the right thing to do, but doing actually doing the right thing.

**Wisdom isn't about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know – the application of your knowledge.**



**Key Bible Character -** King Solomon.

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**Questions** – What helps you make wise choices? Who do you think is a wise person? Where do you find wisdom? Where do pupils encounter teachings of wisdom? Who are the sources of wisdom in your school and community? How can you ensure that each one of them is heard and valued?

**Key Bible verse:**

All wisdom comes from God - Proverbs 2:6

	<b>Bible stories and verses linked to wisdom</b>	<b>Bible chapter and verse</b>	<b>Key Christian message</b>
1	The wise and foolish builders	Matthew 7:24-27 <a href="#">click here</a>	Christians believe that those who listen to God's words and put them into action are like the wise man.
2	Parable of the rich fool	Luke 12:13-21 <a href="#">watch this</a>	The fool thinks that the aim of life is to 'be happy' and he thinks that you can gain happiness by doing what you want and be gaining more and more possessions. Being rich is not the same as being happy. He puts his faith in the wrong thing. This is what makes him foolish. Christians believe the wise person recognizes their own limitations, trusts in God and

			understands that there is more to life than may be seen on the surface. Greed makes us forget about God and blinds us to other people's needs
3	King Solomon makes a wise choice	1 Kings 3	Christians believe wisdom is the most important gift we are given by God. Solomon was called by God to do a big job at a young age. He knew that he needed help in knowing how to be a good King and take good care of the kingdom. Solomon could have asked God for money or material possessions but instead, he asked God for wisdom. God was pleased with King Solomon because his choice of gift showed that he cared more for others than for himself. Solomon wanted to be wise, to know the difference between good decisions and bad decisions, between right and wrong, so he could help others by making wise decisions.
4	Joseph Lion Storyteller Bible – Joseph the ruler p.- 26	<a href="#">video</a> Genesis 45	The story of Joseph demonstrates his complete trust in God and the wisdom he showed in preparing for a major famine and when he helped rule Egypt.
5	'Hold on to what you learn, for your education is your life. When you stop learning, you soon neglect what you already know'	Proverbs: 4.13	Christians believe God has filled the world with things to discover about himself and the way he made the world. However long people live, they only ever find out a little about the world. <i>With thanks from the Diocese of Canterbury</i>
6	'A patient person is better than a soldier, and it is better to win control over yourself than win control of whole cities.'	Proverbs 16.32	Christians believe God has not made people like robots. People are free to make their own decisions about right and wrong. People are free to ask for advice or help from God or others, but in the end it is up to them what they do. That freedom includes the freedom to do wrong, although there are consequences which have to be taken into account. I wonder what this means about the choices that we make? If we have self-control, what sort of choices might be wise choices? <i>With thanks from the Diocese of Canterbury</i>
7	'People show what they are by what they do. You will know what people are like by the fruit they bear.'	Proverbs 20.11, Matt 7. 16-20	If someone produces loving behaviour, they are probably not an evil person. Jesus said a person is like a tree. You tell what type of tree it is by its fruit - an orange tree produces oranges, apple trees produce apples. Good trees produce good fruit, rotten trees produce rotten fruit. In a similar way, you tell a person by their actions. The 'fruits' mentioned in the

			<p>Bible are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control (Galatians 5: 22-23). I wonder how you will produce the best fruit that you can each day? I wonder how you can help others to produce good fruit too? <i>With thanks from the Diocese of Canterbury</i></p>
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