



CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible  
The Book of Mormon



*'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17*

## LESSON TITLE

### Wisdom

## UNIT 3 – Jesus Christ: Ministry and Salvation

## GRADES 4-6

### HOLY BIBLE

Luke 2:40, “And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.”

### THE BOOK OF MORMON

Alma 37:35, “O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God.”

## OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the wisdom of Jesus in His youth, Isaiah 11:2-4, Luke 2:40-47, John 3:34.
- Describe/List how he/she can become more wise, Alma 37:35-37.

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Who is the source of wisdom? From where did Jesus learn wisdom?
- From whom can you learn wisdom?
- How can we gain wisdom from prayer? What are some ways we can prepare ourselves to listen?

## MATERIALS

Holy Bible and Book of Mormon

**5 Senses Diagram:** Print or Display, page 5

**Craft:** [Yarn Owl](#). For one owl: 1- stick, 1- pipe cleaner, felt, glue, yarn, scissors, 2- large white buttons, 2 - small black buttons, 3” x 4” cardboard.

**Song:** [Whisper a Prayer](#).

## TEACHER NOTES

60-minute lesson

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in **Objectives**.

Q = Teacher asks question

**Note:** The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church

### Definitions:

**Listen** *v.* To give one’s attention to. To take notice of and act on what someone says.

**Wisdom** *n.* The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment. The ability to make good judgments based on what you have learned from your experience, or the knowledge and understanding that gives you this ability.

## PROCEDURE

### Motivation/Introduction (5-8 minutes)

1. Engage students in a game that involves listening. (E.g. Red Light Green Light or Simon Says.)
2. After playing the game for a few minutes, stop and discuss the senses used to play the game (Display diagram of the five senses, Page 5, to aid students' decision making.).
3. Engage students in a discussion on skills involved in listening and relate it to wisdom (See Teacher's Supplement for example).

**Goals:** Describe the wisdom of Jesus in His youth.  
Describe/List how to become wise.

### Lesson Development (45-50 minutes)

(Consult Teacher's Supplement for steps 1-3. Scripture texts, page 6.)

1. Explain God/ Holy Spirit as the source of wisdom.
2. Share an example of Jesus's wisdom in His youth (Luke 2:41-49).
3. Engage students in a discussion on ways to become wiser.
4. Song: Students listen and sing along to video (Link page 1).
5. Craft: Pass out supplies and give instructions (Link, page1). Tell students that they will need to listen, watch, and apply their understanding.
6. Memory Verse (Assign to memorize)
  - "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Key words: Jesus Christ, ministry, salvation, early life, wisdom

# Teacher's Supplement

## Motivation/Introduction

**Q:** What do you think it means to listen?

**Explain:** *Listening involves hearing and trying to understand. It involves putting what you hear and understand into action.*

*For example, you were given the rules of how to play [insert name of game]. You had to listen to the rules, then you had to understand them, which helped you to play the game.*

*We use listening and understanding every day when making decisions. When we apply knowledge and understanding to make good choices, it is called wisdom.*

**Q:** *Who wants to be wise? (Have students raise their hands.)*  
*We all should want to be wise!*

## Lesson Development

### 1. God/Holy Spirit as source of wisdom.

**Q:** Can you guess who is the source of wisdom? How do we know that God is wise? What has He done to show that He is wise?

(If needed, prompt students to think of examples from the Creation...

- the order in which the world was created was critical to supporting life,
- the importance of sunlight to sustain life,
- how ecosystems function,
- the orbit of the planets, etc.)

### 2. Examples of Jesus's wisdom in His youth.

A. **Q:** From where did Jesus learn wisdom? (From His Heavenly Father. He has the mind of God/ Holy Ghost)  
Ask for volunteers to read the following verses describing Jesus's wisdom. Identify the relationship between the Holy Spirit and wisdom (Bold text).

- **Luke 2:40**, "And the child grew, and **waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom:** and the grace of God was upon him.
- **John 3:34**, ""For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for **God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.**"
- **Isaiah 11:2,3**, "And the **spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:"

- B. Share/Summarize the account of Jesus's interaction as a youth with the doctors in the temple Luke 2:41-49.

**Example:**

*Jesus understood from a very young age what His Heavenly Father desired of Him. Jesus was to instruct people about the kingdom of heaven. Jesus demonstrated wisdom by listening to His Father in heaven and doing His will. When Jesus was 12 years old, he sat in the temple with the doctors (learned men) listening and asking questions of them. People were astonished (amazed) at His understanding of God's word for such a young man.*

**3. Ways to become wiser.**

- A. Ask for two volunteers to read the following texts separately.  
B. Through guided discussion, students identify and explain ways to become wise (Underlined text). Write students' responses on the board.

- **James 1:5:**

5. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

- **Alma 37:35-37:**

35. "O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God."

36. "Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever."

37. "Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day."

**Q:** From whom can we learn wisdom?

**Q:** How can we gain wisdom from prayer? (When we ask God, He will tell us what we need to know and what we should do.)

**Q:** What are some ways we can prepare ourselves to listen?

# Five senses



touch



smell



taste



hearing



sight

**Luke 2:40-49:**

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?”

**John 3:34:**

“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.”

**Isaiah 11:1-4:**

“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.”

**James 1:5:**

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

**Alma 37:35-37:**

“O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God. Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever. Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day.”