

CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



WISDOM

Talk about wisdom together

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of **wisdom** in collective worship and in our classrooms.

Here are some questions to explore that theme you could discuss at home:

- Is being wise the same as being clever?
- Why might praying to God make Christians wiser?
- Can we learn wisdom from other people?
- What can God tell us about making wise choices?
- Can we become more wise through making mistakes?

Wisdom hall of fame

Confucius was an ancient Chinese teacher. He lived more than 2500 years ago but such was his wisdom and understanding that his teaching is still remembered by people around the world even today.

One of his sayings is...
"Everything in creation has a beauty of its own but not everyone is able to see it."



Research it together

What animal[s] can you find that are known for their wisdom and for being wise?

Read about wisdom

The wise and foolish builders

Jesus told a story about two men.

The first man was wise and decided to build his house on a rock. This house was hard to build. He had to stand on the rock and dig foundations deep down into that hard rock to make his house strong. He worked for many, many days before his new house was finished. It was a long time before he and his family could move in. The other man built his house on the sand. This house was easy to build.

The sand was soft, easy to stand on, and easy to dig into. He built his house very quickly and soon his family was living happily in their new house. But then, one day it started to rain. It didn't rain gently. It didn't rain for just a few minutes. It poured. The wind blew and blew. All round new streams began to flow, making their own tracks across the rock and sands.

The rainwater washed around the house on the rock and ran down the roads. But the house stood firm, it didn't move, and everyone inside was safe. The family in the house on the sand looked out at the raging storm. Their house was creaking, it was moving. The water gushed all around.

And then crash! As the sands shifted the house tumbled to the ground. Jesus said, "The man who built his house on rock is like someone who listens to my wise teaching and builds their life upon it.

When storms and troubles come, they will stand firm."

Fascinating Facts

Why are some teeth called wisdom teeth?

Your first teeth are called milk teeth. Can your Mum tell you when you cut your first milk tooth? Milk teeth normally fall out while you are in primary school and are replaced by adult teeth, which have to last for the rest of your life! Can you remember when your first milk tooth came out? Wisdom teeth grow much later than adult teeth in most people and are bigger, flatter teeth. Can one of the adults in the family remember when they grew their first wisdom tooth? Over the centuries and in different parts of the world 'wisdom teeth' have been known by many names: In Ancient Greece they were sophronisteres, thoughtful teeth. Later in Roman times they were given the name dentes sapientiae, teeth of wisdom. The name wisdom teeth was adopted in Britain in Victorian times. In Arabic speaking countries, the teeth are called Ders-al-a'gel, or teeth of the mind. In Spain they are referred to as muela de juicio, or teeth of judgment, because they grow as young people leave school and become wiser and have more responsibility.



Create it together

Your 'create it together' mission (just like Crystal Creator!) is to **design a house, just like the one built by the wise man in our Bible story.**

You need to think about making wise decisions:

- Where would your house be to make it safe?
- What would your house be made out of?
- How would your house be better than other houses?

You can draw it, paint it or even build it out of materials like Lego! Bring it into school so we can see your wonderful creations!

Bible verses



James 1:5 - 'If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.'

Proverbs 1:7 - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 2:6 - "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

1 Corinthians 3:18 - "Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become 'fools' so that you may become wise."

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WORDSEARCH

Can you find the words from the Bible story?

Wise Storm Strong Rock Sand House Rain Firm
Soft Foundations Foolish Build Crash Creaking

Pray together

Dear Lord above, so kind and wise,

Bless us with wisdom, open our eyes. For knowledge and understanding, we pray,
Guide us each and every day.

Give us wisdom, pure and bright, To make choices that feel right. Help us learn and help us grow, In your love, we'll always

In books and lessons, let us find, The treasures of a thoughtful mind. Grant us patience, help us see, The beauty in each

Teach us to listen, understand, To lend a helping, caring hand. To be kind and gentle, true and fair, With wisdom, Lord, we'll always share.



With grateful hearts, we humbly pray, Thank you, Lord, for guiding our way. In wisdom's light, we'll forever stay, Amen, dear Lord, Amen, we say.