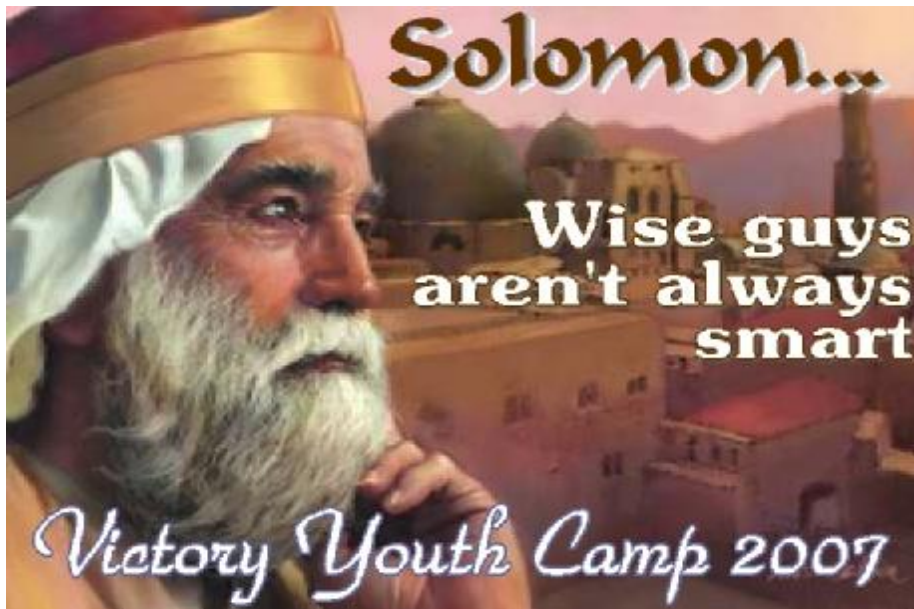


# Youth Camp 2007

*Bandon Faith Mission Camp*  
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## Worker Assignments

### Camp Leader

Pastor Craig Ledbetter

### Leading the Singing

Dan Pero

### Scripture Memorization Leader

John Mahony

### Special Music Leaders

Dan Pero

John Mahony

### Team Leaders

Team 1 – John Mahony & Lydia O’Sullivan

Team 2 – Mark Hill & Ruth O’Sullivan

Team 3 – Barry Keating & Gina Mahony

Team 4 – Dan Pero & Sunette van Zyl

### Activity and Sports Coordinators

John Mahony

Barry Keating

Mark Hill

### Record Keepers – Create Record Books

Sunette van Zyl – Main Recorder

Gina Mahony – Laptop operator

Delight Prescott - helper

### Food Preparation

Sharon Pero is in Charge

Nita Ledbetter

Sunette van Zyl

Beth Canavan

### Child Protection Officer

Sharon Pero

### Craft Workers

Basically every woman that can help will be needed to help with the crafts

### Children’s Teachers – Lydia O’Sullivan is in charge of coordinating all teachers

Ruth O’Sullivan

Gina Mahony

Lydia O’Sullivan

Stephanie Husker

### Teen Teachers

Dan Pero

Mark Hill

John Mahony

### Preachers

Craig Ledbetter

Dan Pero

Mark Hill

Layton Kelly – one night only

### Available Workers

Craig Ledbetter

Dan Pero

John A Mahony

Mark Hill

Kevin O’Keeffe – Part time

Barry Keating

Ruth O’Sullivan

Lydia O’Sullivan

Gina Mahony

Nita Ledbetter

Beth Canavan

Jenifer Hill

Sharon Pero

Sunette van Zyl

Stephanie Husker (21)

Delight Prescott

## Summary of Teaching and Preaching Assignments

### **Craig Ledbetter – Camp Director**

Monday Evening Message – **The Incredible Mr. Solomon**  
Tuesday Afternoon Preaching – **Turning Out Right in a Wrong World**  
Wednesday Afternoon Preaching – **The Strength of a Wise Man**  
Thursday Afternoon Preaching – **Deceived by Wrong Devotions**  
Friday Evening Message – **The Price of Perfect Wisdom**  
Saturday Morning Message – **Graduation Day**

### **Dan Pero – Music Director**

Tuesday Evening Message – **The Miracle of a Godly Life**  
Wednesday Morning Lesson – **The Greatness of Solomon's Wisdom**  
Thursday Evening Message – **The Power of the Cross!**

### **John Mahony – Sports and Activity Director**

Tuesday Morning Teen Lesson – **Growing Up Today is Never Easy**  
Friday Morning Teen's Lesson – **The Wisdom of Jesus**

### **Mark Hill**

Thursday Morning Teen's Lesson – **Solomon's Stupidity**  
Friday Afternoon Preaching – **What Jesus Can Teach this World**

### **Layton Kelly**

Wednesday Afternoon Young Men's Session  
Wednesday Evening Message – **The Foolishness of the "Wise"**

### **Ruth O'Sullivan**

Tuesday Morning Children's Lesson – **Solomon's Home Life**

### **Lydia O'Sullivan – Teacher Coordinator**

Wednesday Morning Children's Lesson – **The Greatness of Solomon's Wisdom**  
Wednesday afternoon Young ladies' Session

### **Gina Mahony**

Thursday Morning Children's Lesson – **Solomon's Stupidity**

### **Stephanie Husker – Official Record Keeper**

Friday Morning Children's Lesson – **The Wisdom of Jesus**

## Child Protection Policy Implementation

There are four basic documents that deal with Child Protection issues while they are in our care (these documents are all online on the church website):

- The Bible Baptist Church Child Protection Policy - online
- Youth Worker Policy Document - online
- Application to be a Youth Worker - online
- Self Declaration Form - online

### What is a Child Protection Policy?

Our church has implemented a policy that protects the children that are in our care from abuse by either other children, or by adults. This policy applies to Church Meetings, Activities and any event that is Church-sponsored.

### Why is it important?

We live in an age when people are extremely concerned about how their children are protected, so we have a firm commitment to being constantly aware of what actions can be constitute abuse, and have taken steps to make sure those things do not take place, especially at a Youth Camp. An abuse event could shut down the camp, and bring about a devastating law-suit against our church.

### Designated CPP officer

The Camp will have a designated Child Protection Officer who may delegate other Officers to help supervise events and make sure the children are adequately protected.

### Basic implementation – there will be no tolerance

Every Camp worker must sign the Application form, and the Self-Declaration form, and have it sent to the Camp Director. During the Camp, all the workers will meet regularly and talk about abuse issues, and be made very aware of the abuse conditions that must be avoided at all times.

If there is a suspected abuse situation, there will be an immediate meeting with the designated Child Protection Officer, the Camp Director, and others at the discretion of the Camp Director. The meeting will be for the purpose of determining the facts of the suspected event. If the facts are beyond reasonable doubt, the offending Worker will be reported to the Garda.

**The Child Protection Officer for this Camp is Sharon Pero**

## Sports Activities

Activities Director is John Mahony

Every day there are two times that the kids need to be kept busy and active – the morning sports time, and then the afternoon sports time. The evening sports time will be up to the Campers to decide what to do, but the sports director needs to have ideas on hand if the kids need some direction.

DAY	SHORT ACTIVITIES	LONG ACTIVITIES
Monday	Circle Tag Tug-o-War	Big Ball Soccer

Tuesday		Tug-o-war Body Jump Relay Tackle Kickball Dodgeball (Normal, David & Goliath, Doctor) Bulldog
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Wednesday		Hike to the River Back to Back Balloon Toss Obstacle Course Water Fight
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Thursday		Cats in the Corner Beach
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Friday		War Flags
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Ultimate Soccer



## Games and Activities

Hiking	Crack-the-6-pack	Round Robin Tennis
Building the Bonfire	Dodge-ball	Rounders
Bible Quiz - 2 Teams	Foot Races	Search and Rescue
Baseball	Football Frisbee	Soccer
Basketball	Frisbee Golf	Tennis
Badminton	Hide and Go Seek	Treasure Hunt
Beach	Kickball	Tug-of-War
Big Ball Soccer	Memorising Scripture	Volley ball
Blanket Name Game	and Quiz	Water Balloon Toss
Bonfires	Pool Tournament	Water relays
Capture The Flags	Ping-Pong Tournament	
Charades act out	Poop Deck	
something Biblical	Prayer time	

**TREASURE HUNT INSTRUCTIONS** \_\_**What to find:** Whatever team finds the most of the following items in the shortest amount of time wins! You can go all through the camp, and into the buildings except for the dorm rooms.

1. A round, smooth stone shaped like a small ball
2. Something green
3. Something yellow
4. A container \_\_something that holds something else
5. A portion of a newspaper or magazine
6. Something white
7. A book
8. Something blue
9. Something square
10. Something soft

### CAPTURE THE FLAG

Place 30 small pieces of paper around the camp, each in the shape of a flag. Have everyone stand at a starting point, and then turn them loose looking for as many of the flags as they can find. They must collect the flags within a set time of just 5 minutes. The person who collects the most flags wins.

### BIBLE QUIZES

Sword Drill

Question and Answers

What Book Comes Next?

Bible Trivia Game – two teams struggle through a quiz matching wits to see who can get to the promised Land first.

## Search and Rescue Game Rules

This game is played best in the dark, with only torches

Pick Four Teams. The teams need to work together.

Each team picks a wounded person, and decides how badly they are wounded

The different kinds of wounded and what can help those wounds are:

Broken bones	Stretcher Tube
Heart Attack	Cardiograph Tube
Coma – unconscious	EEG Tube
Pregnancy	Stretcher Tube
Gunshot wounds	Bandages tube
Knife wounds	Bandages tube
Stopped Breathing	Respirator Tube
Dehydration	IV Drip



Write out the illness on a piece of paper that the wounded person carries. The words need to be clearly written and held visible by the patient. They cannot speak or make a noise.

Any team can choose any illness. It doesn't matter if they all choose the same illness. It will just take longer to play the game.

While all the teams stay inside the Hospital (the dining hall), each nominated wounded person heads out and finds a hard to find spot in the Campgrounds, and then sits down or lies down. They cannot get up and go with anyone until they are brought an exact "tool tube" that will help their illness.

The wounded persons will be given 5 minutes to find their spots.

During this time, the Camp Director will go out and hide the treatment tubes (marked kitchen towel tubes) out in the field also.

Then, at the sound of the whistle, the four teams head out and try to find the most wounded and bring them to the Hospital (the dining hall)

The hard part is, each team also has to find a hidden tool to help the wounded person. The tools that are available are as follows (six tubes): A Stretcher Tube, a Cardiograph Tube, an EEG Tube, a Bandage Tube, a Respirator Tube, and an IV Drip Tube. There are more illnesses than helps. All of those tubes start out in the field, and have to be found. But after several rescues, some of the tubes will end up back at the Hospital.

Every team will need to split up into two groups – they will first work together to find a wounded person, and then some will split off and go and find the tool to specifically help that person. Once they find the tool that matches

that person's need, they can then bring them and the tool tube to the Hospital.

If they cannot find the tool tube for that person, they will have to abandon them, and go looking for someone else to help!

Once they bring someone to the Hospital, they can look around in the Hospital for the tool tube for another wounded person that could use that tool, and can take it out to them to bring them in.

The object is to first find a wounded person quickly, and then go around and find tubes, until you find the one that your wounded person needs, and then quickly bring both to the Hospital.

Since there are fewer Tubes than wounded, a team may need to leave someone and go find someone and help them in order to be able to help someone the first wounded person!

That person who has been rescued along with their tube now stays in the Hospital, and the team that found them gets 500 points.

The tubes brought in with their patients now are available for another team who has brought someone else in and can be taken away, but only if they have found and had to abandon another patient. The team leaders will need to be participating so that no cheating is going on. If anyone is found cheating, they will lose 1,000 points as a team! If a team has obtained a treatment tube, and then find that the patient has been moved to the hospital by another team, they will have to return the treatment tube back to the Hospital, and then go back out into the field to find another wounded.

The key is to remember WHERE tubes are that a team will find along the way as they look for wounded people.

No one can take a tube that they have found unless they have found a patient first. And if the tube does not match the patient's needs, the tube has to be left where it has been found, and the team's time has been wasted.

No one is allowed to move a tube that does not match the need of their patient.

If after 10 minutes your team member that is wounded has not been found, your team gets 500 points more.

Any team that does NOT find any wounded and helps them to the Hospital in the 10 minute time, loses 500 points!

This game can be played two or three rounds and all the scores added, with for the highest scoring team winning.

## War Flags Game

### I. Two Teams

- A. Red Team and Blue Team
  - 1. Red Team consists of Teams 1,3,5
  - 2. Blue Team consists of Teams 2,4,6
- B. Choose a General to command each of the teams

<p><b>Each Team Has</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 General</li> <li>10 Flags</li> <li>5 Goalies</li> <li>Defenders</li> <li>Spies</li> </ul>
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### II. Twenty Flags to Capture

- A. Ten flags for each team the colour of the team
- B. The flags may not be hidden, and may not be placed above adult eye-level and must be on a stick.

### III. Team Structure

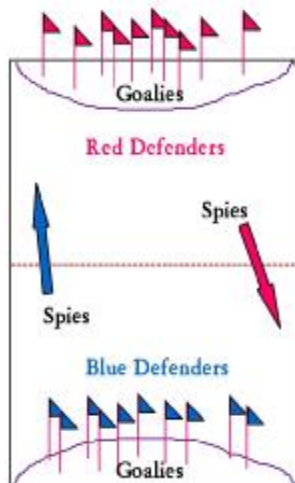
- A. Each team is divided into three groups: Goalies, Defenders, Spies
  - 1. **Goalies** stay near their team's ten flags and protect them by tagging anybody who attempts to steal their team's flags. They are not allowed to move around much except to engage an attacker and tag them. Each Team may only have up to 5 Goalies designated to protect your flags
  - 2. **Defenders** stay in the middle of the playing area and attempt to stop any approaching spies from getting by them and at their flags. Defenders may NOT go back as far as the Goalies and may NOT go into the opposing team's defense area – they are only defenders.
  - 3. **Spies** are forward moving players that attempt to get beyond any Defenders and try to lure away Goalies from their flags in order to Capture the flags.
- B. **The General** gives orders and directs his team – he cannot tag anyone and cannot be tagged. He must wear his team's colour.

### IV. Identification

- A. To identify the opposing Team's General, Goalies and Defenders, each Team member (except the spies) will be issued an arm-band in their Team's Colour.
- B. Spies have no identification

### V. The Field

- A. The field of play is divided in half between the two teams
- B. The Goalies stay near their flags, and the Defenders stay ahead of their flags, but on



their side of the halfway point between the two teams. A General may move only within his team's side of their field.

**VI. Once a flag is captured**

- A. Once a flag has been captured, 2 Goalies/Defenders must rapidly tag a Spy to recapture their flag. Goalies may not leave their area but can only tag spies IN their area. Defenders may not enter into the flag area of the opposing team. NOTE: Defenders who are trying to recapture a flag and cross over into the opposing team's area can be tagged and sent back to their base.
- B. The objective is to get as many opposing team's flags captured and brought back to your base in the 45 minutes as possible! Once at your base, there is no way to retrieve a captured flag
- C. Each team must be aware that if you try and recapture a flag the other team will also be trying to capture another flag! So move wisely! Again, once at your base, there is no way to retrieve a captured flag

**VII. Tagging a Spy.**

When a spy has been tagged by either a Defender or a Goalie, that spy has to go all the way back to their base and come all the way back in to the field of play again.

**VIII. Final Rules**

- A. No running by anyone under 13 – only walking allowed – kids may walk FAST, but not run.
- B. Observers (Camp Counselors) will be watching to make sure pre-teens are not running and can call out a person and put that person back to base if they are running or not obeying the rules.
- C. No one is allowed to HOLD their opponent – just touching them is enough to tag them.
- D. If a Spy will not accept that they have been tagged, an Observer may have to make a judgment call and may send the Spy back to their base if they are not playing fair, or may let the spy go on.
- E. We plan on Two Games of 45 Minutes Each – the teams will swap sides after the first game
- F. Before anything is played, everybody will walk through the playing area and become familiar with the terrain, and then choose their General, Spies, Defenders and Goalies.

## SKITS

Ideas for creating a funny Skit

You can act out ...

Bible Character, Who Am I ?

What in the Bible Am I Doing?

You can act out a funny experience with a dentist, or a doctor

The idea of a skit is to have a surprise ending that is funny

Previous year's skits include:

## Things for Director to Do

Book Bus from Martin Crowley for trip to the Beach  
Purchase Gems, Glue, Permanent Markers  
Pick up kids that need to be brought to house here  
Have kids arriving by bus and train to take bus to our house  
Finish preaching messages  
Pack  
Print out Devotional Booklets, staple them  
Remember meats  
Do shopping in Bandon  
Nita to finish shopping here in Ballincollig  
Pack up Bus, Cars, etc  
Book other cars to help bring kids to Camp  
Get Diesel for Bus and Mom's Car  
Get rechargeable AAA batteries

## Things for Director to Bring

- Laptops - printer and cable – Paper – blank acetates - inks
- Video Camera – tripod – video film
- Canon Camera and Charger
- Palm as alarm clock (*make sure charged up*)
- Olympus Recorder and microphone
- Rechargeable Battery Charger Unit and 4 AAA batteries
- Mobile Phone and Battery Charger
- Overhead Projector and Lesson and Song Acetates ?
- Digital Projector
- Acetate pens**
- Church Piano and Stand
- Extension Cord
- Any food remaining to be brought
- A devotion worksheet for each person (x65)
- Record Books and Pens for Gina
- Director's Handbook - Lesson Outlines
- Counsellor's Handbooks
  
- Electric Razor – charged up
- Bible – notepad
- Pencils
- Baseball Cap
- Clothes
- Clothes to get wet in
- Coat
- Hiking Boots, Shoes – sandals – flip-flops
- Nurofen Plus
- Pillow, sheets, blankets or Sleeping Bag (4 sets)
- Bath towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo
- Torches - new batteries
- Gloves, Bat, & Balls
- Frisbees
- Towel
- Tea Towels
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo



**Meals****MONDAY**

Dinner Spaghetti, Green Beans  
Dessert Apple Tarts and Ice Cream

**TUESDAY**

Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice, Porridge  
Lunch Sandwiches, Crisps, Beans  
Treat Ice Pops  
Dinner Burgers, Chips  
Dessert Apple Tarts and Ice Cream

**WEDNESDAY**

Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Juice, Toast, Porridge  
Lunch Hot Dogs, Sandwiches, Crisps, Beans  
Treat Ice Pops  
Dinner Curry Chicken, and Rice  
Dessert Peach Cobbler

**THURSDAY**

Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice, Porridge  
Lunch Sandwiches, Crisps  
Treat Cheese/Peanut Butter and Crackers  
Dinner Lasagna, salad and Garlic Bread  
Dessert Ice Cream

**FRIDAY**

Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Toast, Porridge  
Lunch Hot Dogs, Crisps, Beans  
Treat Ice Pops  
Dinner B-B-Q Chicken, Salad and Corn  
Dessert Ice Cream Floats

**SATURDAY**

Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice, Porridge

## Purchasing Information

<b>Aldi's/Lidl's</b>		<b>Things to Order from Butcher</b>	
32 litres Orange Juice	€32	Chicken breasts (feed 71)	€__
Washing Up Liquid (White/Sensitive)	€2	Chicken Pieces (feed 71)	€__
4 rolls of Kitchen Towels	€6	Cocktail Sausages (x150)	€__
12 packages of various Choc Biscuits	€15	11lbs Mince Meat	€__
10 Butters	€16	16lbs Mince Meat for burgers	
25 Tomatoes (if they are good)	€8	16lbs Mince for Lasagne	
10 heads of Lettuce	€10	<b>Perishable – purchase in Bandon</b>	
6 Cucumbers	€6	14 2-ltr Milks	€28
10 bags of apples	€12	10 litres of Ice Cream bricks	€20
Plasters/Bandaids	€3	6 lbs Ham Lunch Slices	€25
Firelighters, matches	€5	6 lbs Turkey Lunch Slices	€25
350 Crisps – 15 bags of 24 packs	€20	8 large wedges of Cheese	€20
Green Scrubbers		20 Brown Breads	€__
Bag of onions		10 White Breads	€__
Aluminium Foil	€3	Frozen Frying Chips (10 bags)	
Cling Film	€3	Frozen Green Beans whole (13 bags)	
<b>Musgraves</b>		Hot Dogs (x280)	
Large Hot Chocolate	€4	Garlic Bread	
Pens (box of 80 pens)	€4	<b>Non-perishable - Super-Valu/Tesco</b>	
Large Blackcurrent Jam	€3	Spaghetti Noodles (4 large)	€6
Large Peanut Butter	€8	12 boxes of Lasagne noodles	
Large box of Marshmallows	€15	20 Apple/Cheery Tarts	€20
Large Instant Coffee	€5	2x Mustard	€4
Tea Bags (600 bags)		2 Neuman's Oil & Vinegar dressing	€5
10 packages of Kit-Kat packs	€12	1x Box of Corn Flakes Cereal	€4
5x Large cans of Baked Beans		5x box of Large other Cereals	€20
5x Large Cans of Sweet Corn		3 Large Packages of Porridge	€4
16 2-liters of Cola and 7-Up Drinks	€12	2x Bags of Sugar	€5
Curry Sauce Mix for Chicken	€9	Salt and Pepper	€3
Large box of Instant Mashed Potatoes		Refuse Bags	€5
10kilo large bags of shredded cheddar		Special Prizes	€10
140-150 aero board cups		Ice Cream Wafers (140)	
Large Spaghetti Sauces (36 ltrs)	€40	Dark Brown Sugar (x2)	
Large 5ltr Mayonnaise	€3	Burger Buns (12 bags of 6)	
2x Large cans of Tuna		Bar-B-Q Sauce (7)	
Large cooking oil (Check with Mervin)		Parmesan pouring Cheese can	
Freeze Pops (2 boxes of large pops)		4 Gravy mixes for Chicken	
Large Ketchup dispenser		<b>Cork City English Market</b>	
Role of Red and roll of blue J-cloths		16 dozen large Eggs	€52
Paper Plates (350 – 400)			
1000 Serviettes	€5		
Paper Cups (500)			

<p><b>Breakfasts</b>                  Cereals  <b>Porridge</b>  <b>Breads</b>  <b>Juice - Aldi</b>                  Eggs                  Sausages                  Butter                  Jam                  Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>  <b>Breads</b>                  Mayonnaise – 1 big tub                  Lunch Meats (<b>incl Tuna</b>)                  Peanut Butter – 1 big tub                  Jam – 1 big tub  <b>Hot Dogs</b>  <b>Lettuce</b>  <b>Tomatoes</b>  <b>Cheese</b>  <b>Crisps –200 packages (Tesco)</b></p> <p><b>Dinner</b>                  Mince                  Spaghetti Noodles                  Spaghetti Sauces                  Chicken Pieces                  Chicken Curry Sauce  <b>Green Beans (whole)</b>  <b>Frying Chips</b>                  Ketchup  <b>Lettuce</b>  <b>Tomatoes</b>  <b>Cucumbers</b>                  Burger Meat  <b>Burger Buns</b>                  BBQ Sauce  <b>Onions</b></p> <p><b>Desserts</b>  <b>Apple, Cherry Tarts</b>  <b>Ice Cream</b>                  Ice Pops                  Ice Cream Sandwich Wafers                  Marshmallows                  Smores (Cookies and Marshmallows)</p>	<p><b>Misc</b>                  Paper Towels                  Sugar – 3 big packages                  Cokes                  Hot Chocolate  <b>Tea</b>                  Coffee                  Cooking Oil  <b>Rubbish Bags</b>                  Freeze Pops  <b>Salt</b>  <b>Pepper</b></p> <p><b>Rewards</b>  <b>Celebrations</b></p> <p><b>Craft Supplies</b>                  Wood Blocks, slitted                  Wood crowns, cut already                  Gold paint                  Paint brushes                  Newspapers                  Sanding Paper                  Soldering Irons (x5)                  Gem stones/Jewels                  Memory verses laminated                  Permanent Markers                  Cleaning Spirits</p> <p><b>Sports Equipment to Have/Purchase</b>                  Make sure Big Ball works                  Tennis Balls                  Soccer Balls                  Frisbees                  Heavy rope for Tug-o-War                  Clothes line                  Water Balloons                  Buckets                  Cones? Does Mervin have any?                  Red and Blue Jay Cloths                  Table Tennis – pick up tennis table                  Ping Pong balls and paddles</p>
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### Craft Design

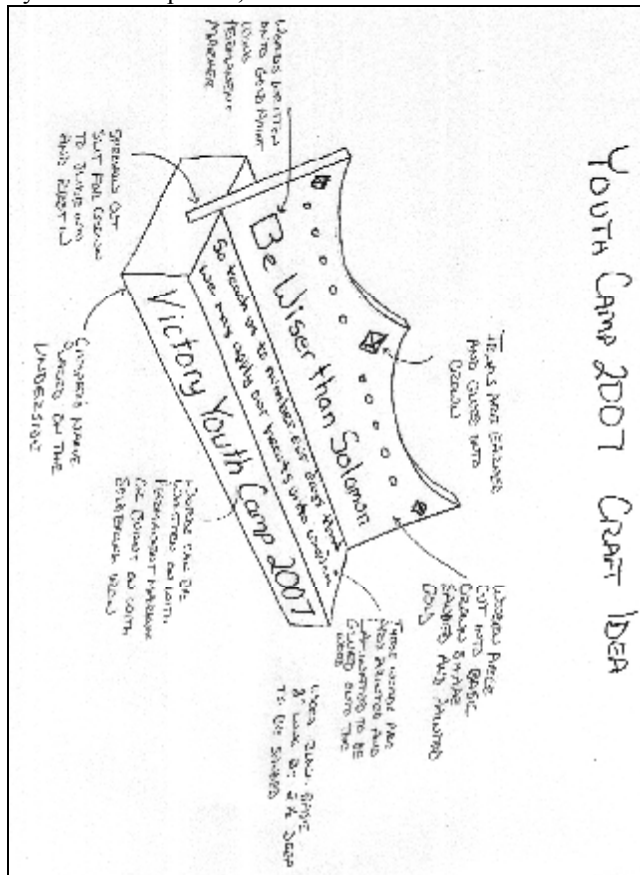
*Be Wiser than Solomon Crown with memory Verse*

**What WE have to do first**

- Cut 30 8" long x 1" high x 2" deep blocks (20 feet) out of wood
- Cut 30 3" high x 1/4" thick x 8" wide sections of wood
- Have a wood cutter cut angled slit down middle of larger blocks
- Cut smaller sections into crown tops
- Making the memory verse, and laminating it

**What the Campers do**

- Sanding the larger blocks and the crown parts
- Painting the crown wood gold
- Putting gems on them based on memory verses and wise actions
- Gluing memory verse (laminated) onto it
- Writing Victory Youth Camp on it, and "Be Wiser Than Solomon"



## Rules You Have to Obey While At Camp

1. The Camp Director and leaders will be obeyed at all times.
2. No one is allowed to go outside of the Camp grounds without permission from the Camp Director – period!
3. Use of mobile phones will be strictly monitored. If you are using a mobile phone inappropriately, then you risk losing it, and you will lose points big time for both yourself, and your team.
4. Keep your Camper Handbook, put your name on it – don't lose it!
5. Keep your hands off other people's stuff
6. Every meal, a team will be selected to wash the dishes and clean the dining hall – do your tasks without complaining – the better the attitude, the more the points!
7. No profanity will be allowed
8. No rock music will be played at all at camp.
9. No boy and girl things going on
10. No knives – if you have one, give it to your pastor, or to the Camp Director until Camp is over and he will return it.
11. No smoking
12. No going behind the buildings, or going out through the windows

### **Things every Counsellor must look for, and be pro-active about:**

1. Boys and girls coupling together, and sneaking off away from sight
2. The kids mis-using their mobile phones: taking inappropriate pictures, listening to rock music; phoning each other after curfew
3. The kids will try and sneak out at night, and go into other rooms to "cream them" or worse – so every Counsellor must keep their doors open to be able to listen for the kids sneaking out. If the kids do try and sneak out, every kid loses 1000 points!
4. Some of the kids will not be saved when they come, so look for ways to talk to each young person about their soul throughout the week – THAT IS YOUR MAIN FOCUS! LEAD ONE OF THE KIDS TO CHRIST THIS WEEK!
5. Anger and fights between the kids must be watched for, and instantly stopped.
6. Sit among the kids at preaching and teaching times. Don't let them all just sit amongst themselves, and you counsellors sit in the back by yourselves!
7. Befriend the other counsellors – get to know each other – you are all miracles of the grace of God, and need each other!
8. Participate in singing specials, helping the kids develop skits, etc.
9. Be the best example to the kids of what it means to be a Christian!
10. Learn the memory verses yourself along with the kids

## Point System

### Getting Points

- Every Scripture verse you memorize, you get 100 points!
- If you memorize all the 5 key verses you get 100 extra points!
- If you memorize ALL the verses, you will get 1000 extra points!
- The first full team present and seated for Chapel gets 100 points!
- The best Team Cheer, or Skit for the day gets 1,000 points for that team!
- For every special song a person sings in a group, or as a solo, that person gets their team 1000 points!
- Every time your team wins a sports activity, your whole team gets 1000 points! Some sports activities will not be point-based.
- Clean Bunks will result in 100 points being given to the person
- A completed Bible Word Dictionary will result in 1000 points for that person.
- The Team with the most points from the previous day will get their dinner served to them at Dinner Time by the other teams!

### Losing Points – unless stated, breaking any of these rules has a limit of three warnings

- Every time someone on your team has a bad attitude, breaks a rule, or gets into a fight, they will lose 1000 points. If the person continues with their bad attitude more than twice times, then the entire team will lose 1,000 points as well
- Every bed must be made and every room cleaned before breakfast – or else each person who leaves a messy bunk will lose 100 points.
- Arguing with a camp leader/counsellor will cost you 500 points. Three bad encounters will result in the entire team losing 10,000 points.
- All mobile phones must be off during Chapel times. Phones are for emergency uses only. Anybody caught phoning other campers unless asked by a Leader to do so, will lose 1,000 points, and get a warning.
- No one ever goes out of the camp unless they are given permission by Pastor Ledbetter. If you leave camp grounds without permission, you will be sent home.
- No boy is ever allowed in a girl's chalet, and no girl is ever allowed in a boy's chalet. If you disobey this rule, you may be sent home.
- No one is allowed to mess with the windows in the Chalets, or with the thermostats. Do not touch the fire alarms!
- Everyone must obey their team leader and the camp counsellors at all times.
- Anyone caught doing intentional damage to the camp will have to pay for it, and may be sent home
- Anyone going out of their chalet after curfew, or before 6am **will be sent home.**
- Anyone with more than three warnings will be sent home.
- Anyone caught messing with the fire alarms will be sent home!!!!

## Songs

## Songs for Youth Camp Power Point

- The Solomon Song
- Philp 2:14,15
- 1Cor. 10:13
- Philippians 3:13,14
- God Take Egypt Out of Me
- The Joseph Song
- If You're Gonna Make a Difference
- All I Need
- Are you ready
- As the Deer
- Give Me Oil in My Lamp
- God's So Good
- God's Wonderful Book Divine
- Goodbye world goodbye
- Happiness Is
- He's Still Working on Me
- I Ain't a Quittin' Now
- I can serve the Lord right now!
- I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
- I Just heard from heaven
- I Love Him better Every Day
- I Want More of Jesus
- I'll Fly Away
- I've Been Redeemed
- I've Got the Joy Joy Joy Joy Down  
in my heart
- Jesus is coming soon
- Jesus loves even me!
- My Sins are Gone
- Nothing But the Blood
- One of These Days
- Richer than a King
- Standing on the Solid Rock
- The B.I.B.L.E.
- The Flag Flies High
- The Value of One
- This World is Not My Home
- Trust and Obey
- Unworthy
- Upside Down Song
- Victory in Jesus
- What a saviour
- What Can Wash Away My Sins
- A Few Good Men
- A Heart of Compassion
- All I Need
- Are you ready
- As the Deer
- Balaam
- Bound for that city
- Calvary's Blood
- Calvary's Touch
- Complete in thee
- Either Him or me
- Faithful
- Faithful Men
- Give Me Oil in My Lamp
- God is still on the Throne
- God Saves Ol' Sinners
- God Take Egypt Out of Me
- God Wants To Hear You Sing
- God's So Good
- God's Wonderful Book Divine
- Gold and Silver and precious stones
- Goodbye world goodbye
- Happiness Is
- He calmed the storm
- He is mine.
- He made a change
- He's Still Working on Me
- Heart of the Problem
- Heaven knows it must.
- Here am I
- He's my Comfort
- His strength is perfect
- Honour and Praise
- I Ain't a Quittin' Now
- I Am
- I can serve the Lord right now!

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- I Feel like Travelling
- I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
- I Just heard from heaven
- I Love Him better Every Day
- I Love the Old Bible – God’s Wonderful Book Divine
- I Want More of Jesus
- I will arise
- I’ll Fly Away
- I’m in the Lord’s Army
- I’ve Been Redeemed
- I’ve Got the Joy Joy Joy Down in my heart
- In Christ Alone (Capo 3)
- In His Time
- In my father's eyes
- It is well with my soul
- Jesus is coming soon
- Jesus loves even me!
- Jesus Saves
- Just One More Soul
- Justified
- Leave your heavy burden
- Love took it away
- My Sins are Gone
- My son has come home
- Not too far from here
- Nothing But the Blood
- One of These Days
- Peter walked on the water
- Peter's Song
- Richer than a King

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- Ride out your storm
- Ship Ahoy
- Standing on the Solid Rock
- Stepping on the Clouds
- Submit Yourselves Therefore to God (Jam 4:7)
- The B.I.B.L.E.
- The Blood is still there
- The Flag Flies High
- The Joseph Song
- The Judgement
- The Lighthouse
- The Value of One
- This Blessed Old Book
- This World is Not My Home
- Tiny little hands
- Trust and Obey
- Unworthy
- Upside Down Song
- Victory in Jesus
- Well of Bethlehem
- We're not home yet
- What a saviour
- What Can Wash Away My Sins
- What did he ever see in me
- Wherever He leads
- Wish you were here
- Working on me
- You can start all over again
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## Teaching Personal Devotions

*How to Teach your kids to Start their Day with God!*

### Part 1 - Teaching on Wisdom (5-10 minutes only)

Each day you will need to teach briefly about the following four topics: What is Wisdom? How to Get Wisdom; Retaining Wisdom; and Applying Wisdom. What you need to say is as follows:

#### Tuesday Morning Devotions - **What is Wisdom?**

Today we are looking at what exactly wisdom is. The kids need to know that wisdom in it's simplest form is thinking the way God does! The "wisdom" of this world in is fact nothing wise whatsoever, and is never health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. The Bible says, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning"* (James 1:17). It also says that God is the only wise God! Therefore, the only wisdom that's good for anything is the wisdom of God, because He is wisdom!

You must really emphasize this with the kids, it will radically redefine what they thought they knew! Of course the Bible does that to every human being, and please God we will see LOTS of this through out the week!!

So back to the idea of "worldly wisdom". We need to totally blow this concept out of the water! The kids need to be shown exactly how ANY type of so-called worldly "wisdom" always falls short of the glory of God. Either it is a blantant lie of the devil, or a cheap imitation/watered-down version of truth, God's truth. Kids love illustrations and we need to be practical with them always. For example, I want them to know that growing old happens, but growing up is a personal choice. How about using a ball? When I throw it, it will end up somewhere. If I aim right, then there is a goal waiting, something good! Also no-one wants someone on their team who isn't playing properly, pulling their weight and striving to score points! So we must aim right, and be diligent like any sportsperson. God will honour any person who lives God's way, He loves us so much! (Pro. 8:17) The world also claims to give good things but the end thereof are the ways of death. Sin NEVER delivers ...

Next thing is wisdom's importance to the kids. There's no point in knowing about wisdom if we don't care to apply it. Remember, the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. All people are full of good intentions, and knowledge puffeth up. So showing wisdom's rewards, and the pitfalls of ignorance is how we can lead them to fervently look to applying wisdom.

Wisdom isn't just for the wise, and making wise choices isn't just up to our parents or our Pastor! James 1:5 says, *"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."* Therefore, the kids can freely access God's wisdom through prayer and walking with Him! We will look at that more detail tomorrow.

#### Wednesday Morning Devotions – **How to get Wisdom**

As we touched on yesterday, if anyone lacks wisdom (and we all do!), all we need to do is ask of God Almighty through prayer! We have the privilege, as children of God, of coming directly before His throne for those things that we need. The kids need to see what an amazing privilege this is!! But God also says in His word, *“If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God”* (Proverbs 2:4,5). We have to pray believing, and come to him with our whole heart. The closer we are to God the less chance there is that we will ever ask anything amiss.

But not only does God use prayer to impart wisdom and guidance to us, he also uses a number of other means. Firstly, we can learn through our parents. Ephesians 6:1-3 commands us to obey our parents (It is also the 5th of the 10 Commandments). Be sure to let the kids know this isn't just another rule that our parents just make up! It is for our good, the same way the sign at the zoo says, Do not put your hands into the Lion Cage! God loves us, and only wants the best in life for us.

That means obedience to God's word is another way God makes us wise. God resists the proud, and proud people do not subject themselves to what God says. Simply obeying puts us into a position to learn good things. Contrast that to disobeying God teaches us lots of things that are bad to our health, spiritual life and those around us. For instance, if I want to learn to use my new phone, a good way to learn would be to read the manual or learn from someone teaching me who knows how to use it. If I try to learn myself though, I might not learn everything, I might do things the wrong way, and this way, relying on myself, I learn to keep doing it my way, and I never reach what I could so easily with some humble help.

God can teach us through our experiences in life, sometimes a difficult situation can give us some of the greatest wisdom we will ever learn. This explains exactly why older people are normally wiser. They've been through more than you!

Once again, as I said yesterday, wisdom cannot be forced onto any person. It is a choice we make to desire to learn from God, obey Him, hunger and thirst for it. The kids need to choose wisdom, choose the Lord, choose the good and refuse the evil.

#### Thursday Morning Devotions – **Retaining Wisdom**

*“She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.”* (Proverbs 3:18)

As we can see wisdom is a tree of life, but we must retain it! Why do we need to retain it? We can clearly see in any verse that shows the blessings you can receive from obeying God won't be received if we don't obey! (Proverbs 4:6) Really hammer this home with the kids. If they can grasp the need to retain wisdom, then they will listen intently to how to retain it. Retaining wisdom gives us many benefits which can be found all over the Bible, especially in the book of Proverbs. Happiness, a long life, favour, discretion and other temporal things, but also eternal rewards!! These are great rewards, but the best incentive is being right with God, and in the middle of His will for our lives.

We can retain wisdom by constantly walking with God in constant prayer and fellowship with Him. It's like a bucket of water with a little hole in it that empties out after a while. Or what about a red ember of coal that won't stay red for long if it is removed from the fire. We must keep at it, memorizing God's word, praying, reading, having fellowship

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with other Godly Christians and being a testimony of God's grace to all people, saved and unsaved.

Friday Morning Devotions – Applying Wisdom

Let's get straight to it! We all know the verse, *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.* (James 1:22) Knowing is never enough. Understanding isn't either! It's great to get wisdom and understanding, we've come so far to get here, and overcome so many obstacles!! But there's no point assembling our gun, loading it with ammunition and aiming it at the target. Shoot comrade SHOOT!! I have already said this week that we can be full of good intentions, but good intentions are just that if we don't act upon them. The kids must walk their talk! If they know they should clean their room, then they should do it. If they know that that last chocolate bar belonged to their sister, then why did they eat it?? Jesus not only told us what is wise, how to be wise and how to stay wise but he also showed us exactly how to do it through His life here on earth. It was in this way Jesus outshone Solomon hands down! In the end a man with wisdom is a man who is wise in deed as well as in truth ...

**Part 2 - Working Thought Wising-Up Devotional (20 mins)**

After you have taught each day's concept, you will then show them how to work through their own devotional journal. It will help you help your students develop a love for walking with God and leaning on Him daily: the Bible, and the Wising Up Devotional sheets that have been included in the Student Handbook.



The older kids who can read and write should have no problem being guided through the steps they need to take every morning as described on each devotional page.

Younger children, who cannot read, or write will need you to sit them down around you, and you will read through a chapter in proverbs, and ask the children to stop you when you have spoken something keenly interesting to them. Let them tell you why that verse was interesting to them. Ask them what certain, key words mean, and help them define those words. See if they can reword the verse and say it back to you. Ask them the questions that are on the devotional page, and try and draw out of each child their answers. Then ask them for people that they know of who need prayer and why, and then pray with them for those people. Then ask them about any personal requests they might have, and pray together with them for those requests.

Finally, ask them what are they very thankful for this morning! And then have them join with you in thanking God for those things!

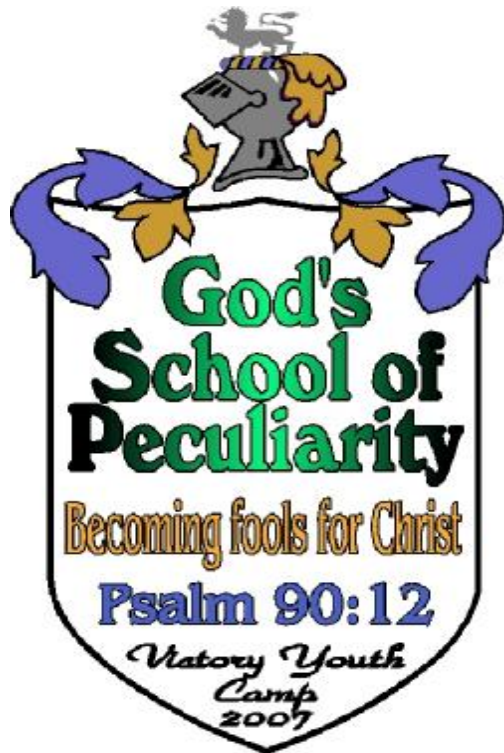
For the older children, take them through each step of the devotional, and actually go through it with them together as a group. The remaining three days, you should just explain what they need to do, and then let them do it on their own. You should just spend the time making sure they are actually doing the devotion, and helping them when they don't understand something.

Every child needs to participate – no one should be doing anything else when devotions are going on.

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If the children want a month's supply of the Devotionals all in one bound booklet, they can purchase them from Pastor Ledbetter who will have some on hand for them to buy and take home with them.

# Welcome to...



## A most peculiar school!

You are now entering a place that will make you a “fool for Christ.” The world, your friends, and even your family may be surprised at the changes that the Lord Jesus will begin in your heart and life this week! Many will think the things we learn and do this week as Christians are foolish – but that is ok, because Jesus has always seemed just a bit different than this world.

So, as you learn about a man named Solomon, learn not just from his wisdom, but also from his mistakes, and you will truly become wiser than Solomon, and even smarter than all your friends put together, all because you decide to do things the way Jesus did, and say things that Jesus would say, and thereby earn the highest title of, “A Fool for Christ!”

But it all begins with a desire to be wise, and not just go along with the world, but rather, follow Jesus, who is all wise, and all worthy of our lives.

**So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom (Ps 90:12)**

## Schedule of Events

Time	Duration	Main Function	Support Function
<b>MONDAY – Focus verse: Job 32:9 – The Dumbest of the Wisest</b>			
4:00pm		Arrive	
4:00pm	1:15min	Sports Time (Divide up into teams)	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
6:00pm	45min	Dinner – <u>Burgers and Chips</u>	
6:45pm	1:15hr	Break	<i>Clean-Up</i>
8:00pm	1.30hr	<b>Preaching - Introducing Solomon</b>	<b>Craig Ledbetter</b>
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	<b>Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)</b>	
10:00pm	1hr	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
11:00pm	45min	<b>Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies</b>	Marshmallows
11:45pm	45min	Evening Quiet Time	<i>Kids in bed</i>
12:30am		Lights Out - Sleep	

**TUESDAY – Focus verse: 2Timothy 3:15 – Finding Wisdom**  
**How Could Such a Great King Come from Such a Messed Up Family?**

7:30am	1hr	Wake up & Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast - <u>Cereal</u>	
9:30am	45min	Group Devotion – <b>What is Wisdom?</b>	
10:15am	45min	<b>Kids Session – Solomon's Home Life</b>	<b>Ruth O'Sullivan</b>
10.15am	45min	<b>Teen Session – Growing Up Today</b>	<b>John Mahony</b>
11:00am	1hr	Sports Time	
12:00pm	30min	Team Time	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:30pm	45min	Lunch – <u>Sandwiches</u>	
1:30pm	45min	<b>Second Session – Turning Out Right</b>	<b>Craig Ledbetter</b>
2:15pm	30min	Bible Memory Quiz	
2.45pm	3hrs	Sports and Craft Time	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:45pm	30min	Team Time - Memorize verses	
6:15pm	45min	Dinner – <u>Spaghetti</u>	
8:00pm	1.30hr	<b>Preaching – Miracle of a Godly Life</b>	<b>Dan Pero</b>
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	<b>Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)</b>	
10.00pm	45min	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
10:45pm	45min	<b>Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies</b>	Marshmallows
11:30pm	30min	Evening Quiet Time	
12:00am		Lights Out - Sleep	



**WEDNESDAY (Proverbs 24:5) Strong Wisdom****Being a NUT, Screwed on the Right Bolt!**

7:30am	1hr	Wake up & Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast – <u>Scrambled Eggs, Sausages</u>	
9:30am	45min	Group Devotion – <b>How to Get Wisdom</b>	
10:15am	45min	<b>Kids Session – Solomon's Wisdom</b>	<b>Lydia O'Sullivan</b>
10:15am	45min	<b>Teen Session – Solomon's Wisdom</b>	<b>Dan Pero</b>
11:00am	1hr	Sports Time	
12pm	30min	Team Time	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:30pm	45min	Lunch – <u>Hot Dogs and Sandwiches</u>	
1:30pm	45min	<b>Session - The Strength of Wisdom</b>	<b>Craig Ledbetter</b>
2:45pm	3hrs	Sports and Craft Time	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:45pm	30min	Team Time - Memorize verses	
6:15pm	45min	Dinner – <u>Curry Chicken and Chips</u>	
8:00pm	1.30hr	<b>Preaching The Foolishness of the "Wise"</b>	<b>Layton Kelly</b>
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	<b>Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)</b>	
10:00pm	45min	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
10:45pm	45min	<b>Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies</b>	Marshmallows
11:30pm	30min	Evening Quiet Time	<i>Kids in bed</i>
12:00am		Lights Out - Sleep	

**THURSDAY (Ecl 2:11) Wrong Wisdom - Where Solomon Went Wrong!**

7:30am	1hr	Wake up & Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast – <u>Cereal</u>	
9:30am	45min	Group Devotion – <b>Retaining Wisdom</b>	
10:15am	45min	<b>Kids Session – Solomon's Stupidity</b>	<b>Gina Mahony</b>
10:15am	45min	<b>Teens The Ruin of Wrong Relationships</b>	<b>Mark Hill</b>
11:00am	1hr	Sports and Craft Time	
12pm	30min	Team Time	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:30pm	45min	Lunch – <u>Sandwiches</u>	
1:30pm	45min	<b>Second Session – Wrong Loves</b>	<b>Craig Ledbetter</b>
2:15pm	1hr	<b>Special Girl Meeting</b>	
3:15pm	2:30hrs	Sports Time	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:45pm	30min	Bible Time - Memorize verses	
6:15pm	45min	Dinner – <u>Lasagne and Salad</u>	
8:00pm	1.30hr	<b>Preaching – The Power of the Cross</b>	<b>Dan Pero</b>
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	<b>Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)</b>	
10:00pm	45min	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
10:45pm	45min	<b>Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies</b>	Marshmallows
11:30pm	30min	Evening Quiet Time	<i>Kids in bed</i>
12:00am		Lights Out - Sleep	

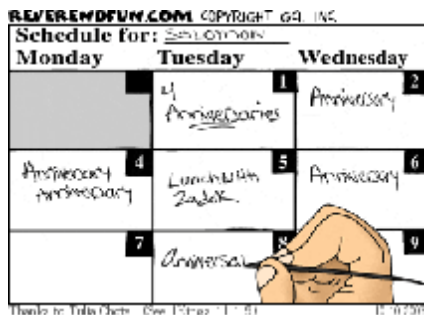


**FRIDAY (Matthew 12:42) The Best Wisdom - How to Be Wiser Than Solomon!**

7:30am	1hr	Wake up & Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast – <u>Scrambled Eggs, Sausages</u>	
9:30am	45min	Group Devotion – <b>Applying Wisdom</b>	
10:15am	45min	<b>Kids Session – The Wisdom of Jesus</b>	<b>Stephanie Husker</b>
10:15am	45min	<b>Teen Session – The Wisdom of Jesus</b>	<b>John Mahony</b>
11:00am	1hr	Sports and Craft Time	
12pm	30min	Team Time	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:30pm	45min	Lunch – <u>Hot Dogs</u>	
1:30pm	45min	<b>Session – What Jesus can teach this World</b>	<b>Mark Hill</b>
2:15pm	30min	Bible Memory Quiz	
2:45pm	3hrs	Sports Time	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:45pm	30min	Bible Time - Memorize verses	
6:15pm	45min	Dinner – <u>B-B-Q Chicken and Salad</u>	
8:00pm	1.30hr	<b>Preaching– The Price of Perfect Wisdom</b>	<b>Craig Ledbetter</b>
9:30pm	30min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:30pm	30min	<b>Counsellors' Meeting (<i>Everyone else in Dorms</i>)</b>	
10:00pm	45min	Sports Time	<i>Start-up bonfire</i>
10:45pm	45min	<b>Bonfire - Singing and Testimonies</b>	Marshmallows
11:30pm	30min	Evening Quiet Time	<i>Kids in bed</i>
12:00am		Lights Out - Sleep	

**SATURDAY – Matthew 7:24 – Staying Wise, Building on the Rock!**

7:30am		Wake-Up	
8:30am	45min	Breakfast - <u>Cereal</u>	
9:15am	1.15hr	Clean-up	
10:30am		<b>Final Meeting – Graduation!</b>	<b>Craig Ledbetter</b>
11.30am		Leave to go home – Bus will be here	



Solomon's Temple

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom (Prov 4:7)

## Meeting Sequence of Events

*What Should Take Place During Camp Preaching Meetings*

All the musicians must be in place before the start of the meetings, and ready to begin to play. Make

A list of songs that will be sung as a whole, and as specials will be already made out.

1. Theme Song
2. Combined Singing – several songs
3. Team Cheers
4. Special Music
5. Memory Verses – John Mahony
6. Skits
7. Announcements – if any
8. Testimonies – if any
9. Review of current Team Points
10. Preaching Time!
11. Explain What's Happening Next
12. Dismiss

The camp needs to be kept clean. Each camper's Bibles and handbooks, and pens will need to be kept with them for the meeting, but taken back to their rooms when finished.

There will be room inspection during Morning Teaching time. Points will be given for clean beds and rooms, and points will be lost with unkept rooms and beds.

## The Solomon Song

Young Solomon, he had a time, he thought his life was tough  
Even though he was the son of a king, it never was enough  
His daddy tried to do his best, to help him become a man  
But the wisdom that he needed comes, only from God's hand!



### Chorus

*God's wisdom... it's different... it made the world we see  
To most it's only foolishness, but to-the-saved, it is the key!  
This world is filled with guys "so-wise", but they're dumber than a rock!  
So to this world I'll be a fool, and with Jesus I will walk.*

### Second Verse

At the tender age, of eighteen years, Solomon knelt to pray  
He blessed the Lord, of heaven and earth, and asked some-thing that day  
For help to be a good king, a servant on the throne.  
So God greatly blessed him that day, the wisest ever known!



### Third Verse

But Solomon, he couldn't hold back, he couldn't keep from sin  
He had to have, so many wives, he had to have every-thing  
But with each choice he fell away, fell further from the Lord  
Till what was left was vanity -- the wisdom of this world!

### Fourth Verse

At the end of his life, old Solomon, he finally came around  
He finally learned, that God's wisdom, is more than just profound  
It's walking with God, obeying Him, asking Him what to do  
And in the end, deciding that, God's way is tried and true!

### Tag

*So to this world I'll be a fool, and with (ascending slowly) Je-sus I will walk.*

 A Fool for Christ  
A Fool for Christ

**The Scripture Verses to Memorize**

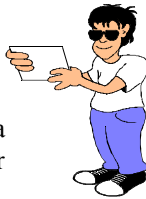
Memorize all of them and you get 1,000 extra points!

Monday INTRODUCING	<p><b>Psalm 90:12</b> So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.</p>	<p><b>1Peter 2:9</b> But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:</p>
	<p><b>Job 32:9</b> Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.</p>	
Tuesday RIGHT START	<p><b>2Timothy 3:15</b> And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p><b>Proverbs 3:7</b> Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.</p>
	<p><b>Proverbs 1:7</b> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.</p>	
Wednesday STRENGTH OF WISDOM	<p><b>Proverbs 24:5</b> A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.</p>	<p><b>Job 28:28</b> And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding</p>
	<p><b>Psalms 119:98</b> Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.</p>	
	<p><b>James 1:5</b> 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.</p>	
Thursday SOLOMON'S FAILURE	<p><b>Ecclesiastes 2:11</b> Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.</p>	<p><b>Ecclesiastes 11:9</b> Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.</p>
	<p><b>1Corinthians 3:18</b> Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.</p>	
	<p><b>1Corinthians 3:19</b> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.</p>	

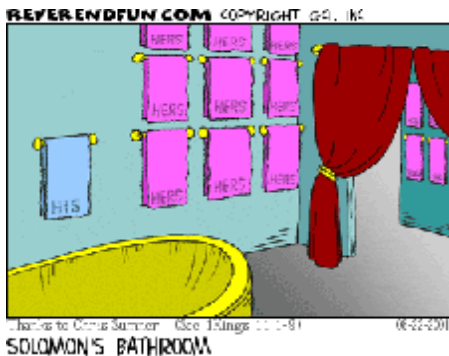
Friday WISER THAN SOLOMON	<b>Proverbs 13:20</b> He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.	<b>Matthew 12:42</b> The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.
	<b>Philippians 2:5</b> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:.	<b>Ecclesiastes 7:5</b> It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.
Saturday GRADS	<b>Matthew 7:24</b> Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock	<b>Ecclesiastes 12:13</b> Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

**How to memorize God's Word...**

Memorize each verse using the following pattern:



- Read the verse *out-loud* no less than **5** times, every time you get a chance – while waiting in line for dinner, or while combing or brushing your hair, or while getting ready for bed.
- Make sure you set out to memorize the word of God, word-perfect (don't leave out any words)
- Have someone check you before you attempt to quote it to a Record Keeper
- After you have memorized a verse, make sure that you go back and review each previous verse you already memorized because someone may test you on your memory and if not satisfactory, you may lose points!
- You will be surprised how much you can remember if you will just TRY.



### Bible Word Dictionary – Wise Words

*Do these on your own time and be ready to discuss these definitions during Devotion Time*

**OUR GOALS**

**Hearts** (Psalm 90:12) \_\_\_\_\_

**Judgment** (Job 32:9) \_\_\_\_\_

**Chosen Generation** (1Peter 2:9) \_\_\_\_\_

**Holy nation** (1Peter 2:9) \_\_\_\_\_

**Peculiar people** (1Peter 2:9) \_\_\_\_\_

**RIGHT START**

**Salvation** (2Timothy 3:15) \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith** (2Timothy 3:15) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fear of the Lord** (Prov 1:7) \_\_\_\_\_

**A Just man** (Eccl 7:20) \_\_\_\_\_

**STRENGTH OF WISDOM**

**A wise man** (Prov 24:5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Strong** (Prov 24:5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Understanding** (Job 28:28) \_\_\_\_\_

**Depart from evil** (Job 28:28) \_\_\_\_\_

**Commandments** (Ps 119:98) \_\_\_\_\_

**Converting** (Ps 19:7) \_\_\_\_\_

**The simple** (Ps 19:7) \_\_\_\_\_

**Liberally** (James 1:5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Upbraideth not** (James 1:5) \_\_\_\_\_

**FAILURE**

**Vanity** (Eccl 2:11) \_\_\_\_\_

**Vexation** (Eccl 2:11) \_\_\_\_\_

**Profit** (Eccl 2:11) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fool** (1Cor 3:18) \_\_\_\_\_

**Craftiness** (1Cor 3:19) \_\_\_\_\_

**WISER**

**Companion** (Prov 13:20) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mind** (Philp 2:5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Rebuke** (Eccl 7:5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Duty** (Eccl 12:13) \_\_\_\_\_

# Wising Up Devotional

## A Personal Way to Love God



**Preparation**

1. Start in one book in the Bible – i.e., the Book of Proverbs – commit to reading it through 1 chapter a day until it is finished.
2. Start in chapter one, and with the first verse.
3. Read that chapter until you find a verse that really jumps out at you.
4. If after reading the chapter, no one verse was interesting, then start again, and take closer notice – something will speak to your heart because you are reading God's words that were written to you!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pondering:** What scripture has your attention? Write out the location of the verse, and then write-out the entire verse below: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Underline two key words or phrases in the above verse that may help you understand what it is saying, and look up what they mean if you don't know

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Rewrite the verse now in your own words...

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List at least one thing that the verse is saying you need to do:

\_\_\_\_\_

What will make it hard for you to obey that verse? \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer:** Ask God to help you to obey the command you just learned above.

Also Ask God to remove anything that may be stopping you from obeying that command.

List 5 people that need God's help (like family members, people in church, unsaved friends), and **pray** for them by name, asking God to supply their need.

List your own needs now and ask God to help you

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

- 1.
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- 5.

**Praise:** What three things are you thankful for today? Tell God, *Thanks* for each!

## Timeline of the Life of Solomon



### 995 BC (*years Before the birth of Christ*)

David sins with Bathsheba, and then has her husband Uriah the Hittite murdered. David repents and writes Psalm 51.

### 986 BC

Solomon is born, the son of king David and Bathsheba – God had forgiven David. Solomon was greatly loved by God (2Sam 12:24).

### 978 BC

Serious family problems occur in king David's home, resulting in his son Absalom murdering his other son Amnon in revenge, and then attempting to take over the kingdom. Absalom dies in battle, and David regains the kingdom again.

### 970 BC

King David dies at the age of 70. He reigned over Israel for 40 years. His son Solomon reigns in his place. (1 Kin 2:10-12)

Solomon starts off humble, and right with God. He prays for God to help him rule well over Israel, and God blesses him with so much wisdom, as well as riches, honour and protection from his enemies.

Solomon proves his wisdom by proving who was the actual mother of a baby.

Solomon sets out to build the Temple that his father, king David had wanted to build.

### 966 - 959 BC

The First Temple is Built. The house of the Lord is finished. It took King Solomon 7 years to finish it. Then he started building his own palace. (1 Kin 6:2, 37-38)

Sometime in his early reign King Solomon married an Egyptian Princess, daughter of Pharaoh, and he built her a private house. (1 Kin 7:8)

During this time, Solomon writes the Song of Solomon

### 946 BC

King Solomon finished building his own palace. It took only 7 years to complete the house of God, but he took 13 years to finish his palace. (1 Kin 6:38; 7:1)

During this time, Solomon writes the Book of Proverbs.

Solomon is so well known all over the world that people like the Queen of Sheba came from a 1,000 miles away to meet him and hear his answers to her questions.

After Solomon starts to see just how wise his wisdom was, he starts to explore every kind of wisdom, and starts dabbling in every thing he can experience – he marries 700 women, and has 300 girlfriends (concubines); he builds massive houses and fortresses; he owns land from Egypt to Babylon. But he only got bored, and started worshipping the pagan and heathen gods of the nations around Israel. He turned away from the God of heaven, and forgot who blessed him.

Towards the end of his life, Solomon finally sees that most of his life was wasted – everything he attempted had turned into vanity. He was a sad, bitter man, and he decides to write the book of Ecclesiastes to warn his son away from such stupidity.

### 930 BC

King Solomon died. He reigned over Israel for 40 years. His son Rehoboam reigned in his place. (1 Kin 11:42). After this, the kingdom splits, and things go downhill for the next 1,000 years.

**1 AD (*Year of our Lord*) A greater than Solomon was born... Jesus!** (Matthew 12:42)



## Three Kinds of Wisdom

### Man's Wisdom – Things You Hear All the Time Today... (1Cor 1:20)

- Get all you can and can (keep) all you get!
- You only live once, so live it up!
- Do what thou wilt – whatever feels good, just do it!
- You have got to look out for yourself – for old number one!
- Only do what you want to do.
- No one should be able to tell me what to do.
- It is easier to ask forgiveness than permission.
- Your smart if you can do something without getting caught
- Religion and prayer, and church is only for the weak – be independent!
- School's for fools!
- Man has evolved beyond needing the Bible
- A few drinks never hurt anyone.
- Drugs are okay as long as they don't take too many at a time.
- The rebel's life is the good life – it's the most fun!
- Don't worry about the future
- Never tell the whole truth! Never!
- Tell people what they want to hear and you will go far!

### Solomon's Wisdom – Things that Solomon Figured Out... but was Wrong!

- I can backslide and get away from God without getting hurt
- I can handle other people's sins around me, no matter how wicked they are
- I know what to do in most situations, so I don't always need to pray
- Some sins are just too big to get forgiveness for.
- None of what I am doing is REALLY wrong

### God's Wisdom – It's Different than all the Rest (Rom 11:33)!

- Trust God more than yourself – He's been around longer (Prov 3:5)!
- Your heart will trick you, and get you in loads of trouble, so don't trust it (Jer 17:9)!
- Put God first, in absolutely everything you do (Col 3:23)
- Give things away, and you will always end up richer in the end (Luke 6:38)
- Honour your parents always – respect them, love them, and learn from them, no matter how old you are, and you will live longest and bestest (Eph 6:1,2)!
- Pray about everything – don't think you can do anything without God's help (John 15:3)
- Stay humble, soft, yielded towards God and all authorities in your life, and God will always help you (James 4:6)
- Anybody can start all over again, but only if they have been broken and humbled (Ps 51)
- Wait until marriage to be touching a girl or a guy (1Cor 7:1-3).
- Never tell a lie (Eph 4:25). Always be men and women of character and honesty.

**Introductory Thoughts**  
**Wise Guys Aren't So Smart**  
**The Strength of a Wise Heart**

*All of our problems come from within our heart. Getting our hearts to be wise will make us strong and powerful in our lives.*

**I. Main Verses**

<b>Psa 90:12</b> So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.	1Cor 3:18 <b>Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.</b>
Job 32:9 <b>Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.</b>	<b>Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom! (Prov 4:7)</b>

**II. Background Thoughts**

Studying the life of Solomon - Wise Guys Aren't Always Smart

The need is for kids to understand the difference between the wisdom of the world and the wisdom from above. AND that wisdom is not enough, but a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is what will make your life worth living. Money, possessions, women, pleasure, entertainment, education, and even the wisest wisdom are all dead end without a relationship with our Creator on a daily, personal, submitted basis. This will be an awesome week of dealing with the love of this world, and generating a love for God!

Summed up, the idea is to get the kids to want to think differently - to think INSIDE the Book, the Bible!

Learning about his home life (it was far from perfect being a mess from David and Bathsheba), His training under David's teaching, His wisdom from God, his calling to be king, his failures in character and separation, etc. He seems to have been somewhere between "12" to "18" years old when he began to reign! THIS is the right guy to learn from I think! This guy had the money, and the women, and the education, and yet was the unhappiest man because he forgot God, and it hurt him in the end! he searched and did everything a person could want, and yet found no joy! Only comes in a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus!

We need six themed lessons concerning the life lessons of Solomon, like:

1. Solomon's Home-life - a dysfunctional family to say the least. How does a guy turn out right with so much wrong around him and against him?
2. Solomon's Wisdom - what was it, how did he get it, people who were attracted to God because of it, etc
3. Solomon's Search for Life - he tried absolutely everything, and found out that there is no life in things!
4. Solomon's Relationships - let's look at marriage, commitment, playing the field so to say, his children, God's view of marriage and sex, etc
5. Solomon's Downfall - The things Solomon started to do that removed God's hand from him and his future united kingdom.

Each theme will need to be sub-divided into 4 subjects that support that theme:

1. A devotion for the kids in the morning to discuss
2. A morning lesson taught at two age levels (youth, and teen)
3. An afternoon preaching session
4. An evening preaching session

We will also need selected scriptures that can be used during the day to support the theme for the kids to memorize

**Wise Words**

"If A equals success, then the formula is:  $A=X+Y+Z$ . X is work. Y is play. Z is keep your mouth shut." – Albert Einstein

**Basic Outline – DAY BY DAY SUMMARY**

**Monday** – a short day so not much to cover today, just a brief beginning and overview of the subjects we will be learning

Evening Message **Introducing the Dumbest of the Wisest** (Job 32:9) - **Craig Ledbetter**

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**Tuesday - Finding Wisdom** – The Search for RIGHT Wisdom - Learning about Solomon's Home-life (2Timothy 3:15) - a dysfunctional family to say the least. How does a guy turn out right with so much wrong around him and against him?

**Solomon's Home Life** – Finding Wisdom in spite of Circumstances - 2Tim 3:15

Summary – Solomon grows up in a very problematic home, and yet becomes great and wise. How that happened

- A. Morning Devotion – **What is Wisdom?**
  - B. Morning Lesson
    - 1. Young Children's Lesson – **Solomon's Home Life** – **Ruth O'Sullivan**
    - 2. Teen Lesson – **Growing Up Today is Never Easy** – **John Mahony**
  - C. Afternoon Preaching – **Turning Out Right in a Wrong World** – **Craig Ledbetter**
  - D. Evening Message – **The Miracle of a Godly Life** – **Dan Pero**
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**Wednesday – The Strength of Wisdom** – The Strength of a Wise Heart - There is Greatness, and Power in Humility when we are Wise

**The Strength of a Wise Heart** – Proverbs 24:5

Summary – Look at God's Wisdom versus the World's Wisdom – Contrasting God's Wisdom (which is strong and powerful) with this World's Wisdom (Stronger)

- A. Morning Devotion – **How to Get Wisdom**
  - B. Morning Lesson **The Greatness of Solomon's Wisdom** **Lydia O'Sullivan/Dan Pero**
  - C. Afternoon Preaching – **The Strength of a Wise Man** – **Craig Ledbetter**
  - D. Evening Message – **The Foolishness of the "Wise"** – **Layton Kelly**
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**Thursday – Retaining Wisdom**, when our Wants are Towards the World! Studying where Solomon went wrong. Looking at Solomon's Relationships – Study God's view of marriage, commitment, how the world says we should "playing the field" so to say, etc. What are the things Solomon started to do that removed God's hand from him.

**The Failures of This World's Wisdom** – Ecclesiastes 2:11

Summary – Where Solomon Went Wrong

- A. Devotion – **Retaining Wisdom** when the world offers things that seem "better"
  - B. Morning Lesson – **Solomon's Stupidity** – **Gina Mahony & Mark Hill**
  - C. Afternoon Preaching – **Deceived by Wrong Devotions** – **Craig Ledbetter**
  - D. Evening Message – **The Power of the Cross!** – **Dan Pero**
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**Friday - How to be Wiser than Solomon** – Matthew 12:42

Summary – Why every Christian should follow the life of Jesus Christ instead of Solomon

- A. Morning Devotion – **Applying Wisdom** – How to Walk the Talk
  - B. Morning Lesson – **The Wisdom of Jesus** – **Stephanie Husker & John Mahony**
  - C. Afternoon Preaching – **What Jesus Can Teach this World** – **Mark Hill**
  - D. Evening Message – **The Price of Perfect Wisdom!** – **Craig Ledbetter**
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**Saturday – Graduation Day** - Mt 7:24 **Keeping Our Promises** – a review of what God has done this week in our lives, and a Graduation Ceremony from "God's School of Peculiarity"

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## Monday Evening Preaching Notes

### Introducing the Incredibly Dumb, Mr. Solomon!

Craig Ledbetter

#### I. Introduction - Introducing the Dumbest of the Wisest

##### A. Craig Ledbetter Preaching

##### B. Main Scripture for the Day: **Job 32:9**

##### C. Questions We as Leaders Want to Answer This Week for the Campers!

1. What happened to the wisest, smartest man who ever lived. How he was raised in, task he was given (King), how God helped/provided, where he went wrong
2. Just how wise was he? Wisest in the world, yet lived by that wisdom alone, instead of "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"
3. What is the difference between the wisdom of this world, and the wisdom from above?
4. What did the wisdom of the world do for Solomon?
5. How did Solomon start off, and how did he end up? Where did he go wrong?

##### D. The answers to those questions will be the basis for what are we going to learn this week

##### E. We want the kids to compare the way they think, with the way that Solomon thought, and become concerned about where they are headed, and ask themselves what needs to be changed ...

##### F. Message – **The Incredible Mr. Solomon!**

##### G. Main gist of the message tonight will be taking a good look at Who are wise people in God's eyes?

1. Those who find Christ amidst all this world (Matt 2:1)
2. Those who win souls (Pro. 11:30)
3. Those who obey Jesus and build their life on Christ's word (Mt 7:24)
4. Those who take good care of God's business (Mt 24:45)
5. Those who have conquered bad attitudes (James 3:13,14)



## Tuesday Study Thoughts

### Solomon's Home Life

The Search for Good Wisdom

Finding Wisdom in spite of circumstances!

- A. Main Scripture for the Day: **2 Tim 3:15**
- B. Theme for the Day - Growing up in a Dysfunctional Home - Jesus? Timothy? (Dad unsaved)
1. Solomon's Home-life - a dysfunctional family to say the least. How does a guy turn out right with so much wrong around him and against him?
  2. Solomon becomes king, and has absolutely everything he could ever want: authority, money, possessions, yet he knew he needed something more: God's wisdom!
- C. Informational Background
1. Loved by God from birth (II Samuel 12:24 ".....she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon; and the LORD loved him.")
  2. Made a king while young (I Kings 3:7 "I am but a little child").
  3. Loved the Lord I Kings 3:3 "And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places."
  4. Respectful to his mother (II Samuel 2:19 "...rose up to meet her.....bowed himself unto her, caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand".)
  5. His warnings in Proverbs – "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother": for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck". (Prov. 1:8+9).
  6. Solomon was around the ages of 10 years old when his brother Absalom tried to take over the kingdom and probably knew about the death of Amnon and the defilement of Tamar
  7. Don't count on your parents to make you a great Christian - they will fail you. You need a wisdom from above that will make you great
  8. Dysfunctional homes are still homes, and they are where God will change you and mould you - Jesus' home-life wasn't plain sailing
  9. You need to have your own relationship with God and not relying on your parents' relationship with God. - Car Petrol Illustration
  10. King David was not a man who disciplined his children. He did nothing when all the events among his children took place. - Eli Judged for his sons
  11. Solomon was not the eldest son, but grew up in a home with many siblings. An older brother even tried to usurp the throne from him.
  12. Solomon's home was the best place that God had Solomon to learn what was wise - same goes for all children!

#### D. Morning Devotional

1. Wise Words Workbook - Learning Wise Words - How to Learn from

the Book of Proverbs – this will be part of their Handbook – use the RU Devotional Book for a template

2. Every camper will have a short devotional booklet included in their Handbook. There will be a page explaining how to do the devotional.
3. Main Theme for Today's Devotional- **What is Wisdom?**
  - a) Prov. 1:7 – The fear of the Lord is wisdom's drive or pull in your life
  - b) To depart from evil is wisdom – as with young Joseph – is wisdom's way
  - c) To listen to rebuke, and correction is wisdom's classroom
  - d) To stay humble is wisdom's foundation
  - e) To ...
4. Learning Truths from Proverbs, How to learn in general so as to extract truth
5. Learning verse by verse, and subject by subject - what does the book of Proverbs say about: the mouth, money, rebellion, etc

#### E. Morning Lesson Teaching Ideas

1. this is a split teaching time with the younger kids being taught the same thing as the older kids, but the older kids are being taught much more pointedly about issues facing them as teenagers! This is a lesson that requires Visuals, audience interaction, and can be taught like a Sunday School lesson. The purpose of this teaching time is to lay the foundation for the rest of the day's preaching. This is the background information that the kids will need to be able to hear and apply the preaching to follow later in the day. The teen teachers can preach if they think it is needed, but they will need to teach and inform the kids of the Biblical facts of what happened in a specific area of Solomon's life.
2. Solomon's background - his parents, their problems, his brothers and sisters (as described above)
3. What would it be like to be "Raised in a king's home?" – it didn't guarantee him being a good kid – don't think if your life was so different it would make much of any difference. The goal of the lesson is to show the kids just what it is like growing up today, and that there are incredible obstacles to growing up the right way, but grow up we must, and growing up as Christians is possible. Show how various people grew up in some bad home and life situations, and with God's help, and a humble heart, God made them great! Show how to grow up and be godly young men and women, and not putting off being adults!
4. Teaching Lesson Titles
  - a) Young Children's Lesson – **Solomon's Home Life**
  - b) Teen Lesson – **Growing Up Today is Never Easy**

#### F. Afternoon Preaching Session Idea - Turning Out RIGHT in a Wrong

**World** Requires You Becoming a Right Fool for Christ!

1. The theme simply is, The greatness of Godliness, even though almost everybody thinks it is worthless!
2. What does it mean to be a Good Kid?
3. The world mocks at goodness, and purity – the beauty of purity and a clean heart and a clean conscience! How much better godly living is and more fun it is that the world's "fun."
4. The world makes so much fun of sex, and rebellion, saying it's "cool". Why does the world respect this kind of mockery so much? Expose the results of such a lifestyle like the Hollywood and music stars have – empty, depressed, broken, and dead!
5. Some people think to be good means that you can't have fun, or doing anything wrong - lie of the Devil, he makes promises he can't deliver
6. God says we all do wrong - the key is in learning from our sins, hearing rebuke, obeying our parents - getting right, and staying right - Pro. 24:16
7. Be strong, be adventurous, be visionary, enjoy life - but do it all "by the Book" – God's Book! "Think INSIDE the Book!" It is like running in a race. No one wins who doesn't follow the rules! Period!

**G. Evening message** The Miracle of Godliness! Miracle of a Godly Life!

1. To turn out Godly is not natural, or easy – it is a work of God – a miracle!
2. To let your life just fall apart naturally is a waste, and stupid.
3. If you want to be what God designed you to be, this is how to be transformed...
4. This camp is all about making fools of everyone. Becoming A Fool for Christ - to be a truly wise Christian means being weird in the eyes of the world – peculiar (1Pet 2:9)
5. Solomon was great because he was godly!
6. The Power of a Godly Life. God blesses and honours godliness - FAR more than sin and the devil ever could, but it occurs only by humility and being WISE (behaving wisely) instead of cocky and arrogant
  - a) It takes a miracle of salvation
  - b) It takes the miracle of conversion – more than just being saved from hell, but every part of your life being saved from the devil, and from sin!
  - c) It takes the miracle of change – we need to allow ourselves to be changed
  - d) It takes the miracle of God in your life – not just a desire, but God being IN your thoughts, heart, and will!
  - e) Begins with yielding – allowing God to rule – humility is awesome!



## **Tuesday Afternoon Preaching Notes**

**Turning Out Right in a Wrong World**

Craig Ledbetter

## **Tuesday Evening Sermon Notes**

**The Miracle of a Godly Life**

Dan Pero

**Wednesday Study Thoughts****The Strength of a Wise Heart**

- A. Main Scripture for the Day: **Proverbs 24:5**; 7:19 (Contrast with Guinness advert, *Guinness for Strength*) – use graphic of this and other advert
- B. Theme for the Day. What is wisdom, how did Solomon get it? List people who were attracted to God because of it, etc. A truly wise man is someone who is a Nut Screwed onto the Right Bolt
- C. Define: Just What is Wisdom? Contrasting God's Wisdom versus the World's Wisdom
- D. Wise Counsel - where can you go to get wisdom? Your parents of all people, your church every Sunday, and your Bible!!! Reject the foolish counsel of your friends (Rehoboam) - they don't know much at all! Wisdom is also learned in the closet of prayer, yielded to God when the world is pressing against you and trying you!
- E. **Morning Devotion**
1. Wise Words Workbook - A lesson in how to learn from the Book of Proverbs - what's in the Book of Proverbs? Lessons on life!
  2. Devotional Title: **How to get Wisdom**. Prov 2:4 – God will give you all you want, but he won't give you more than you want!
  3. It comes only from God
    - a) Through your parents – let them teach you right and wrong (Ex 20; Eph 6:1,2)
    - b) Through your experiences – trial and error – but God is behind the pressures of your life
    - c) Through your obedience to the word of God – there is no wisdom given to rebels – they are counted as fools
    - d) Through your choice – can't be forced to be wise – you have to desire, yearn for it, hunger for it, and cling to it – buy it and sell it not!
- F. **Morning Lesson Ideas**
1. These lessons will be taught in two groups:
    - a) A younger group by one of the ladies, at their level
    - b) And the older group (ages 12 and up), but one of the men, at a more advanced level
  2. Make sure you have visuals and object lessons that will help your audience understand the truths you are teaching!
  3. ***God's Wisdom versus the World's Wisdom*** – Learning How to Desire the wisdom from above, and reject our own personal wisdom which is only pride (Pr 16:25)
  4. GRAPHIC of GOD'S Wisdom versus the World's Wisdom
  5. Remind the kids of this truth – that God, BY WISDOM, made the entire universe (Pr 3:19) – atom by atom! Very well made, don't you think?

6. The Greatness of Solomon's Wisdom – Just How Great WAS This Guy? Just how Smart was he?
  - a) Teach on the Queen of Sheba and the way Solomon identified the mother of the unknown baby
  - b) Discuss and teach how to identify worldly wisdom around us (on TV, talk shows, magazines especially women's magazines, on the internet, among friends): Worldly wisdom has a quick pay-off to it, a false sense of power, a selfish fulfilment
  - c) The real pay-off is always with God's wisdom – the view from above!
    - 1) People make decisions and choices based on what they can see and figure out
    - 2) But what if you could fly, and get higher and see the bigger picture? (Example of an army general thinking he is only fighting a few hundred men, but then hears from a helicopter that there are 50,000 more men hiding just beyond a mountain – he would change his tactics)
    - 3) God offers us HIS view on our situations – THAT'S wisdom from above!!!
  - d) Solomon was smart enough to write (with God's help):
    - 1) Proverbs
    - 2) Song of Solomon
    - 3) Ecclesiastes
    - 4) 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs.
    - 5) He learned about... and taught about...
      - a) Trees
      - b) Animals
      - c) This is a complete system of natural history, as far as relates to the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and the first description that we have of any thing of the kind since Adam named and classified all the animals in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 1. Solomon was probably the first natural historian in the world.
      - d) This all describes the generation and corruption of life, of nutrition and how to grow, of vegetation, production, ailments, tribes, classes, families, and habits
      - e) The scientific names for these studies are called: botany, zoology, ornithology, entomology, and ichthyology.
      - f) But all these works of Solomon are all and for ever lost! God cared not to preserve the learning of Solomon when it came to trees and animals – only the learning about sin, righteousness and coming judgment!
    - 6) He was wiser than any man who has ever lived... except for One!
  - e) Explain How anyone, no matter how young or old, no matter how hard or stubborn can Become truly Wise (Ps 19:7; 2Tim 3:15; Eccl 7:5)

7. A Sample Outline
  - a) God's Offer (I Kings 3: 5 ".....Ask what I shall give thee.")
  - b) Solomon's choice of Wisdom (I Kings 3:6-9; V.9 "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge they people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this so great a people".)
  - c) God is pleased (I Kings 3:10).
  - d) Solomon's Wisdom, Riches & Honour (I Kings 3:11-14).
  - e) Solomon's Reputation (I Kings 3:29-34; V.34: "And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.")
  - f) Solomon demonstrates his wisdom
    - 1) 2 women, one son (I Kings 3:16-27; V.28 " And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for thy saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment." )
    - 2) Answers Queen of Sheba (I Kings 10:1-13)
  - g) Solomon's Advice re. Wisdom ("Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" Prov. 4:7 and Prov. 2:1-5)

#### **G. Afternoon Preaching Session Ideas**

1. The Strength of a Wise Man is found First in His Wisdom – that it is not self conceited, nor this world's kind of wisdom
  - a) Strength of Mind
  - b) Strength of Body – healthier (Prov 3:5-8)
  - c) Strength of Life Itself – long living
  - d) Strength of Heart – not always giving up, or discouraged
2. Identifying Better Things (Eccl 7:1-10) – knowing what is the wisest and best for your life!
  - a) It is better to have a good name
  - b) Brokenness for sin and failures
  - c) Getting Sorrow over with – not ignoring its work in your life
  - d) Hearing rebuke
  - e) The end of a task
  - f) Restraint from anger
  - g) Enjoying today more than the past
3. The goal is to know what God says is better to focus on, instead of what this world focuses on

#### **H. Evening Preaching Session Ideas**

1. "Humility!"
2. The first test of a truly great man is his humility. I don't mean by humility, doubt of his power. But really great men have a curious feeling that the greatness is not of them, but through them.

3. The modern notion of the “self-made” man, pulling himself up by his own bootstraps and, by the sweat of his own brow, climbing to the pinnacle of success is so deeply imbedded in our consciousness that any other possibility seems foreign. It’s humbling to recognize that God is more responsible for the achievements of our lives than we are, that we are people who have been given our abilities, time and opportunities. These things are not our possession; they are gifts from God, and we will ultimately give an account for what we do with what we have been given.
4. Everything in us strains against this notion, for to accept this as fact is to be humbled. And humility naturally leads to submission. That’s really the issue, isn’t it? We don’t want to admit that God is the giver of every good gift, because that would mean that we have to yield to his agenda. Humility, submission and obedience go together.
5. This doesn’t come easily, and it is certainly not natural; we need help to learn how to live this way. This is one reason why we have the Bible. In the pages of Scripture we find many examples of humility. From them we can gain insight and assistance as we endeavour to be the kind of leaders God desires and our world so desperately needs.

**I. Evening Preaching Session Ideas**

1. **The Foolishness of the “Wise”**
2. This message is a keynote that is intended to show just how FOOLISH our friends and peers are when they try and get us to go against God, and “do our own thing” which is really the devil’s thing, and will destroy us!
3. Plenty of examples, personal and otherwise need to be given that will let the kids know where this world is headed, and how they are dragging young people down with it.
4. Show the ugly side of sin!
5. Show that the wisdom of this world is so stupid, and introduce the idea that God MIGHT just be smarter than all of us, and all of our friends!
6. Make it possible for the kids to repent of their rebellion and bad attitudes – show them they are just helping out the enemy who does not care about them or their future!
7. Show how Christians are not immune to stupidity! And that MANY Christians are in bondage to addictions that they will carry the scars of for the rest of their lives, and wish they could be free from
8. Explain it is better to keep something clean than to have to clean it up afterwards
9. But also show them that their lives can be cleaned up, but they better not wait to long!

**Wednesday Afternoon Sermon Notes**

**The Strength of a Wise Man**

Craig Ledbetter



**Wednesday Evening Sermon Notes**

**The Foolishness of the “Wise”**

Layton Kelly

## Thursday Study Thoughts

### Where Solomon Went Wrong

- A. Main Scripture for the day: **Eccl 2:11**
- B. Today we are look at Solomon's Downfall - The things Solomon started to do that removed God's hand from him and his future united kingdom.
- C. We want to explore **Solomon's Search for Life** - he tried absolutely everything to see what it felt, tasted, and sounded like, and found out that there is no life in the things of this world! They are only things! Even PEOPLE and relationships are unstable and tenuous and fragile.
- D. We also want to explore the failures of this world's wisdom:
1. Failed homes, families, marriages m- built upon the sand of this world's philosophies
  2. Failed goals – everyone has dreams, but so few see them through
  3. Failed health – so many sick today, with all the best doctors and medicines, stress and SIN is killing everyone!
- E. Some thoughts to develop through the day:
1. Worldly Pleasures Lead to a life of Pain and Heartache
    - a) Solomon did every pleasure he could ever think of and only ended up miserable and life being in vane.
    - b) He wanted to know why the foolish took such pleasure in their foolishness.
    - c) Satan dangles a temporary pleasure before our eyes and tells us that its consequences aren't eternal, when in fact they are.
    - d) He wrote the book of Proverbs for his son so he would avoid the foolishness he had done and learned from, yet is son (Rehoboam) did not listen and followed in his father's footsteps and sins.
  2. Living for Riches is Ridiculous
    - a) Wealth does not bring happiness
    - b) The most miserable people in the world are those who are rich and wealthy
    - c) The rich generally do not fear God nor feel like they need Him in their lives.
    - d) Mark 10:17-27 - The rich man who desired to follow Jesus, but when told he had to forsake his wealth in order to follow Christ, he turned back to the world.
    - e) Luke 12:13-21 - The parable of the rich man who desired to increase his wealth and God slew him that night for the vanity of his wealth
    - f) 1 Timothy 6:9, 10 - The love of money is the root of all evil
  3. Wisdom is good, but it has to be God's wisdom, from above (found only in the Bible). A life that is wise, but without Jesus Christ is stupid! That's what Solomon became – STUPID!

- F. Let's also look at the Stupidity of Solomon's Relationships

1. Let's look at the concept of marriage, and how it is being abused and twisted today,
  2. look at What is commitment,
  3. explore why people "play the field" so to say,
  4. look at Solomon's children,
  5. make sure you explore and well explain God's view of marriage and sex, etc
  6. The Opposite Gender can be one of the Greatest Distractions to anyone over 14 years old (1 Cor 7:32-35)
  7. God's design in Relationships - Purity, Patience. There is a very wrong view on sex and relationships, and a right one – and it is very serious to make sure you have the RIGHT view!
  8. The Disaster of Disobedience (Solomon stopped following God and instead followed his "appetites")
  9. Despite his wisdom, Solomon had his weaknesses, and he did not obey God's commandments concerning associating with the ungodly.
- G. Unlike his father (king David), Solomon did NOT repent when warned by God concerning his sinful actions, attitudes and appetites (1Kings 11:9-10)

H. **Morning Devotional**

1. Wise Words Workbook
2. Devotional Theme - ***Retaining Wisdom***
3. How can you hold onto wisdom? It is a lot like trying to hold on to water!
4. Repetition, memory, prayer, correction. Love wisdom, fight for it, and learn to reject Satan's counterfeits to it.
5. Why work so hard at staying wise? 3:18 Because of the Rewards/Benefits that are both temporal, and eternal!

I. **Morning Lesson Ideas**

1. These lessons will be taught in two groups:
  - a) A younger group by one of the ladies, at their level
  - b) And the older group (ages 12 and up), but one of the men, at a more advanced level
2. Make sure you have visuals and object lessons that will help your audience understand the truths you are teaching!
3. Sample Teaching Titles/Subjects
  - a) **The Weaknesses that Weaken a Christian** – (See all the notes above)
  - b) **Solomon's Stupidity**
  - c) **The Ruin of Wrong Relationships**
4. A Sample Outline
  - a) Solomon had it all:
    - 1) The Riches (I Kings 10:14-29; V. "So king Solomon exceeded



all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom).

- 2) The Palace (I Kings 7:1-12)
  - 3) The Women -700 wives + 300 concubines (I Kings 11:1-3)
  - 4) The Reputation (I Kings 3:29-34, I Kings 10:24 "And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart").
  - 5) The Achievements -building of temple(I Kings 5+6), palace(I Kings 7:1-12) and cities (I Kings 9:17)
  - 6) The Appearances from God – (I Kings 3:5, I Kings 9:2).
- b) What went wrong??
- 1) His wives turned away his heart
  - 2) \* went after other gods (I Kings 11:4-6)
  - 3) \* built high places for Chemosh, Molech and others
  - 4) His heart was not perfect towards God (I Kings 11:4)

#### J. Afternoon Preaching Session Ideas

1. **"Deceived by wrong Devotions"** – Wrong Loves (Idol worship)
2. Solomon started worshipping things, and then demons
3. Worshipping anything else besides God is idolatry!
4. What do young people worship today?
  - a) Pleasure
  - b) Their friends
  - c) Themselves
  - d) Their money
  - e) These are all the things of this world (1John 2:15-17)

#### K. Evening Preaching Session Ideas

1. **"The Power of the Cross"** (1Cor 1:17-31)
2. This week you have learned:
  - a) Life without God is Vanity, Empty, a Waste, Stupid with a capital 'S'
  - b) Solomon had everything that this world could give him, and in the end, he was miserable.
  - c) Wisdom without God is foolishness and pointless.
3. There is only life found in following Jesus Christ – to get it, you will need to die to live, deny yourself, start living the crucified life, etc!
4. Preach The Gospel of Jesus dying in our place, as the perfect sacrifice! Man's stupidity thinks he can work his way up, or pull himself up by the bootstraps, live without God, or try to be a Christian only in name or half-heartedly!
5. How wise an act was the crucifixion! Rom 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

## Thursday Afternoon Sermon Notes

Deceived By Wrong Devotions

Craig Ledbetter

## Thursday Evening Sermon Notes

The Power of the Cross

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## Friday Study Thoughts

### How to be Wiser than Solomon!

- A. Main Scripture for the Day: Matthew 12:42
- B. Introductory Thoughts
1. At the end of Solomon's life, no one mourned his dying, and no one missed him.
  2. He had lived most of his life only for himself, and he paid in dying alone – there were no grand funeral parades through the streets of Jerusalem. He just died, and he was buried.
  3. Solomon had started out so right, and at the end, got to be used one more time by Go0d, but he never recovered his joy, or his strength that had been in his heart as a young 18 year old.
  4. So where does that leave us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? To whom do we look for an example, a goal of what to be like? JESUS!
  5. Why Jesus? Because He is SO much greater than Solomon:
    - a) He was GOD in the flesh – very wise!
    - b) He was self-LESS in everything He did (unlike Solomon)
    - c) He built a BIGGER Temple than Solomon – Heaven
    - d) He built a LOT of Temples – ever believer!
    - e) He saved people's souls
    - f) He cured people's heartaches
    - g) He knew the thoughts of people
    - h) He loved sinners instead of killing them like Solomon had done to Adonijah, and Joab, etc.
    - i) He allowed us sinners to crucify Him
    - j) He got up out of the grave – Solomon stayed dead!!!
- C. **Morning Devotional**
1. These lessons will be taught in two groups:
    - a) A younger group by one of the ladies, at their level
    - b) And the older group (ages 12 and up), but one of the men, at a more advanced level
  2. Make sure you have visuals and object lessons that will help your audience understand the truths you are teaching!
  3. Wise Words Workbook - How to Learn from the Book of Proverbs - Warnings in Proverbs
  4. Devotional Theme – **Applying Wisdom**, James 1:22, 3:13 – Walk your Talk!
    - a) Acting out what you have learned is the best think to do
    - b) Obeying God's word, even when it doesn't make sense!
    - c) Using wisdom like Night Vision goggles – wisdom enables you to see what others can't see (2Pet 1:9; 2Cor 4:3,4) – see life through God's eye! He tells you what HE sees in the Bible!
- D. **Morning Lesson Ideas**
1. **"The Wisdom of Jesus"** – God-All-Wise in the Flesh (Jude 1:25)

2. Only Jesus succeeded at being wiser than Solomon, therefore, follow Jesus! Don't waste your time following Solomon, or anyone that is trying to be like Solomon (the movie stars, the wealthiest, or strongest, or most popular) – they all end up in the same ditch at the end!
3. Put your wisdom/understanding/thoughts to the test. Throw out anything that is wise in this world's wisdom - become a fool
4. To graduate from God's School of Peculiarity, you have to swap your wisdom, your way of thinking, for Christ's (Philp 2:5) – you will need to learn, the wisdom of the Master – Jesus!
5. How to learn from Jesus (Matt 11:28,29)
  - a) Daily, reading through the New Testament starting in Matthew, listening to every word, and obeying every command
  - b) Being in church – learning from preaching – the foolishness of preaching
6. A Sample Outline
  - a) Who was the only truly wise man that walked on earth?
  - b) The Lord Jesus Christ
    - 1) Astonished scholars in temple at young age (Luke 2:46-47 “And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.”).
    - 2) But Jesus “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Phil. 2:8).
  - c) Learn from Solomon's mistakes
    - 1) “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23)
    - 2) “My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments” (Prov. 3:1).
    - 3) “Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.” (Prov. 7: 2-3).

#### E. Afternoon Preaching Session Ideas

1. **“What Jesus Can Teach this World”** – what Jesus does to a person's mind!
  - a) He can teach you to think clearly and become wiser than your enemies, and smarter than your teachers (Ps 119)
  - b) He can teach you how to succeed (Ps 1; Joshua 1:8)
  - c) He can make you into fishers of men – Solomon couldn't do that
  - d) He can teach you how to make money – hard work yes, but give things away, and you will always have more – tithe, and God will bless you!
  - e) How to live, and even better, how to die!
2. But you have to let Him lead – let Him be Lord, be in control!
3. And you have to be willing to be humbled – peter didn't want to be humbled when Jesus was washing his feet (John 13), but it had to be so!

F. **Evening Preaching Session Ideas**

1. ***The Price of Perfect Wisdom***
2. Why would anyone want to be greater than Solomon? Who WOULDN'T?!
3. What will it cost someone to become greater than Solomon?
4. The goal of this message is to get the Campers to make final commitments to seek to be wiser than Solomon, to live better than Solomon, live longer than Solomon, and be godlier than Solomon: at home, school, church, everywhere!

II. **Saturday Morning – Keeping Our Promises** – Going Home with Honours

- A. Memory Verse for today: Matt 7:24
- B. The kids need to remember the promises they have made to God this week
  1. We will have a Promise Parchment for each of the kids – the back of the Diploma?
- C. We will have a Review of the Memory verses – have final quiz and awards
- D. There will be a “God’s School of Peculiarity” graduation ceremony
  1. Diploma – calling out their name
  2. Graduation music!!!
  3. Valedictorian and Salutatorian - whoever memorized more verses, and had best attitudes
- E. Honour the winning Team
- F. Honour the teachers and preachers
- G. Honour the Camp workers and Helpers

**Friday Afternoon Sermon Notes**

**What Jesus Can Teach This World**

Mark Hill

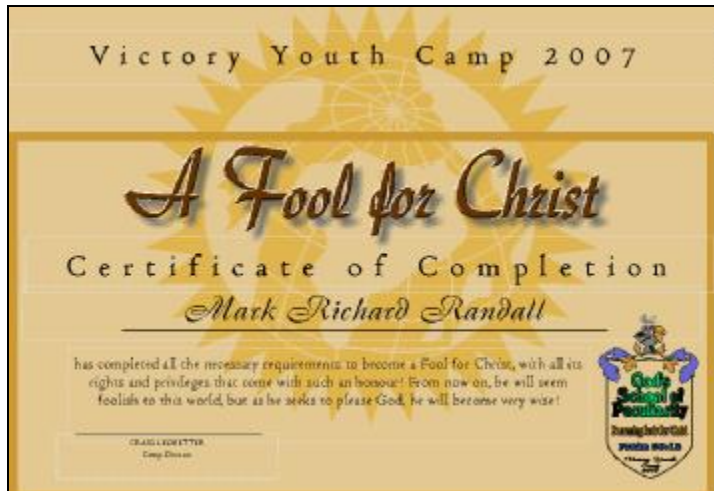
**Friday Evening Sermon Notes**

**The Price of Perfect Wisdom**

Craig Ledbetter

**Saturday Thoughts**  
**Making Our Decisions Stick**  
**Graduation Day!**

- A. Main Scripture for the Day: Matthew 7:24
- B. Introductory Thoughts
  - 1. Today we want to help the students remember the things and decisions of this week.
  - 2. We will have a Promise Parchment for each of the kids – the back of the Diploma?
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**People I have Met this Week at Camp**

*People I Will Pray For*

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