

**Lesson Plans that Work**  
**Year C – Trinity Sunday**  
**Lesson Plans for Older Children**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Old Testament Readings – Track One*

**Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

**Background**

Today is Trinity Sunday, a day on which we celebrate the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In Western Christianity, the first Sunday after Pentecost is designated as Trinity Sunday. On this day we celebrate not a person, but instead the doctrine of the Trinity; the Three in One.

**A Notation for This Week’s Scripture**

This week’s text comes from the book of Proverbs, a book traditionally classified as “wisdom” literature. This book teaches us how to live good and wise lives. The passage in Proverbs 8 exalts wisdom (portrayed as a female character) and reminds us that she was with God from the beginning of creation. Furthermore, all are invited to seek wisdom, as she is found in many different places.

**Theme: We Seek Wisdom**

**Before Class:** Read the story in Proverbs 8:1-4 and 22-31 prior to the start of class. Take special note of what words, phrases, or images stand out to you as you read. Consider how this passage might relate to the themes and ideas of Holy Trinity Sunday. You will need a Bible for every 3-4 students to tell the story. If you decide to do the wisdom search activity option, find some example Bible verses about wisdom by using either the index of a Bible or a concordance. You will need paper, magazines, scissors and glue.

**Beginning:** Welcome the children and invite them to gather together. Use a dictionary (either print or online) to look up the definition of the word “wisdom.” What does it mean to be wise? Who in your life is wise?

**Opening Prayer:** Holy God, you are always with us. Be present with us today as we learn more about how you help us live good and wise lives. Amen.

**The Story: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31** Split students into small groups of three or four each. Give each group a Bible. Read together the passage in Proverbs 8:1-4 and 22-31. After reading the passage, invite small groups to create their own re-telling of the story in the form of a song, skit, dance, etc. After giving groups time to work, invite them to share their creations with the class.

**Reflection Questions:**

- What are some words that you would use to describe wisdom in this passage?
- Is it possible to know that someone is wise? How?
- I wonder what other people in the Bible whose stories teach us about wisdom?
- Are there any parts in this passage that remind you about Jesus? If so, which ones?

- I wonder what it would be like to experience the time before creation. What do you think it would be like?

### **Activities**

**Option 1:** Help children use the index of their Bible or a concordance to look up other Scripture passages about wisdom. What do we learn about wisdom from these other stories in the Bible?

**Option 2:** Make available magazines, scissors, glue, and paper. Invite students to search the magazines for photos that remind them of the text in Proverbs 8:22-31. Have students cut and paste these images onto paper to make a collage.

**Getting Closure:** We gain wisdom in many different ways, including by reading the Bible and learning more about God. What did you learn today, and how will it help you be wise this week?

**Closing Prayer:** Almighty God, you bring us knowledge and life. Grant us the wisdom to love you and make good decisions every day. Amen.

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