

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY



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This children's activity is part of the United Methodist Student Day pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme, "Restoring a Spirit of Wisdom." It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your children's church or Sunday school.

OPENING

Lead the children in singing "<u>Wise Up!</u>" or another children's song about wisdom.

Today's lesson is from a letter Paul wrote to a group of early Christians in Ephesus. He wrote,

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you" (Ephesians 1:17, CEB).

What do you think it means to have a spirit of wisdom?

Wisdom comes from learning and experience. We learn in many different ways, such as reading the Bible, listening to sermons, going to Sunday school and weekday school, talking with our parents and teachers and exploring the world around us. We learn new things about God, ourselves and the world every day.

ACTIVITY

Provide each child with a plain wooden or cardboard block and some craft supplies such as paint, markers, stickers and glue. Ask the children to decorate one side of their block in a way that represents something they have learned about God or the Bible. On another side, ask the children to draw or write something they would like to learn more about.

On another side of the block, draw or write something that represents their favorite subject in school.

On another side, draw or write something that represents who they want to be when they grow up.

On another side, write their name and add symbols that reflect who they are.

CLOSING

Ask the children to gather around in a circle and hold their cubes in their hands and share about something that they designed on one side of their cube.

Lead the children in a prayer:

Dear God, thank you for this beautiful world you've created and for all the amazing things we can learn and discover in it. Help us to always be curious and eager to learn, to seek your wisdom and revelation and to become the best we can be in every way. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.

Encourage the children to take their wooden cubes home as a reminder of the many ways God is at work in their lives now and in the future.

