

## **WISDOM – Week 3 Skit**

**Definition:** An understanding of God’s truth that guides my actions

**Verse:** JAMES 3:17 (NLT) – “But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere!”

**WEEK 3 FINISH LINE (7/19):** Wisdom guides us in all situations

**Scriptures:** Genesis 37-47 (Story of Joseph)

### **At Home Stage Suggestions:**

- Choose an area inside or outside of your house as the stage. Since the drama talks about a forest, you may want to perform this one outside.
- For props you will need a a “5 cents” sign (like in Charlie Brown), a Bible, and one dried bean.
- Don’t forget to add costumes! You could have the Owl wear a fluffy jacket or something with feathers, or you could make an owl mask. For Jack, he could wear a green shirt and dark pants.

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Owl is supposed to be perched in a tree so you could use a ladder, stool, or chair to be the “tree.”

*Owl is standing by tree with 5 cent sign. Jack is cautiously walking across the stage staring at the sky in fright; trying to cover his head, peer into the sky, etc.*

Jack: *(finally looks straight ahead, and sees Wisdom 5 cents sign – startled)* Oh! Wisdom 5 cents! YES! Finally, I've been searching for this place. This is exactly what I need! *(looks back up to the sky, trying to cover head.)* AHEM... AHEM... *(starts coughing dramatically trying to get owl's attention.)*

Owl: Why, hello there. WHOOOOOOOOO are yoooouuuuuuuu?

Jack: My name is Jack and I have a huge problem and need wisdom. Fast. *(looks up to sky again cautiously)* --- uhh, I mean REALLY fast. Like right NOW.

Owl: You sure are in a panic, Jack. Might I ask, do you know what wisdom is?

Jack: Sure I do. My friend Little Red Riding Hood taught me that ALL wisdom comes from God... and then my friend Goldilocks taught me that God gives us wisdom when we ask, and that we can find wisdom in His Word...

Owl: Ok, go on....

Jack: Well, here's the thing... my situation is a little different from theirs. Red was a little lost, and Goldi, she just asks a lot of questions... but I'm in REAL trouble.

Owl: Hmm... why don't you tell me more about this situation you're in...

Jack: Well it's a long story - *(looking back up at the sky)* – a couple of weeks ago, I traded my mom's beautiful cow named Milky-White for some beans... I was told they were magical beans and that they would grow all the way up to the sky.

Owl: Ahh, I see.... Did these beans happen to grow into a giant beanstalk that stretched into the sky? AND did you happen to climb to the top of the beanstalk only to find a giant castle... that an actual giant lived in that always said FEEEE-FFIIIII-FFFOOOOO-FFFFFUUUUMMM???

*(pretending to act like giant, stomping around)*

Jack: Uhh... How did you know that?

Owl: I am a WIIIIIIISSEE owl. But, enough about me. Continue on with your story.

Jack: Well, that's just it. I... I found myself in a bit of trouble up in giant land, and now I don't know what to do.

Owl: Jack... did you know that **Wisdom guides us in all situations?**

Jack: Really? In all situations? Even ones that happen up in the clouds ... in giant land?!

Owl: In ALL situations. Here, let me tell YOU a little story now. There was a man in the Bible named Joseph who had some easy situations, but a lot of hard situations too. For example, his brothers captured him and sold him as a slave.

Jack: NO WAY! Are you serious? His own brothers?

Owl: Yep. BUT Joseph knew that God was with Him at all times, and he used the wisdom God gave him when he was a slave to serve others and to be faithful to work where He was – even if he was a slave.

Jack: Wow... that's what I call making the best of a situation... so did everything work out for Joseph after that?

Owl: Well, it took a little time. See, when he was working as a slave, he got thrown in jail for something he didn't do!

Jack: Major bummer...

Owl: But Joseph prayed to God for wisdom. And when he was in jail, he was kind to the other men there. Some were even having weird dreams, so Joseph helped them by asking God what their dreams meant. Eventually, word made it back to Pharaoh, the leader of Egypt, that there was a man in jail who could interpret dreams.

Jack: Woah! So God gave Joseph wisdom in jail and used him to help others? Did Joseph ever talk to Pharaoh about his dreams?

Owl: Yes! God used Joseph to tell the Pharaoh what his dreams meant. And Pharaoh was so impressed that he made Joseph second in charge, just underneath him, to help him wisely rule Egypt. Later, his brothers even came to see him to ask for food, the same ones that threw him in jail .... But God gave Joseph wisdom in that situation too. Joseph forgave his brothers and they were all reunited! You see, Joseph trusted God would give him the wisdom he needed each time... And God did!

Jack: God gave Joseph wisdom in slavery, in jail, in ruling all of Egypt, and then with his family too... those sure are a lot of different circumstances. Sounds like **wisdom really does guide you in all situations...**

Owl: So, now that you know all wisdom comes from God and that there IS wisdom for ALL situations... how might God's wisdom help you in yours?

Jack: Well, you mentioned something about forgiveness. In Joseph's story, the brothers were the one who needed it... but... I think I may need to be the one who needs to ask for forgiveness in my situation... (*hangs head*) I kinda took something from the giant that didn't belong to me.

Owl: Ah, I see...

Jack: But... I'm not so scared anymore, now that I have God's wisdom to guide me. Thanks, Wise owl! (*Starting to exit stage but stops.*) Oh WAIT! I just remembered, I haven't paid you the 5 cents for the wisdom! (*points to sign*) – Uh oh, (*feeling in pockets*) – I don't have any money... but I have one bean left... want it?!

Owl: Oh no no, quite alright. Let's just say this wisdom was for free...

Jack: Gee thanks!

Owl: And remember Proverbs 3:5-6, Jack, lean not on YOUR understanding, instead seek God and trust in Him in any and ALL situations.

Jack: God's wisdom guides me in all situations. Got it! See ya!

*Runs off*