

BLACK Table: Wisdom – Wisdom 7:7-12; James 3:13-18; Matthew 7:24-27

Read Wisdom 7:7-12. Name the things that Solomon is saying are less good than Wisdom in verses 8-10. As a king, how much experience would Solomon likely have of all those things?

What do you think of the way Solomon talks about Wisdom as he would talk about a person – and as a “leader” and a “mother”? in verse 12?

Today, what items or ideas might we talk about as “her” or “she”?

Next read James 3:13-18. What are the differences in how one acts when using the different kinds of wisdom named in verse 15: the wisdom “from above” and the wisdom that is “earthly”?

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Describe someone from history (maybe a saint or another historical figure you have studied) who you think has used their wisdom to “cultivate peace” (James 3:18).

Finally, read Matthew 7:24-27. Which childhood story, similar to this parable Jesus tells, might be a good illustration of Wisdom in action?

What kinds of actions would Jesus consider to be represented by the “house on sand” in verse 26?

Name some ways of wisdom you have learned from Solomon, James and Jesus to find a “rock” on which to build your “house.”