

Ver. 15: 4080. Ver. 16: 10749. Ver. 17: 638, 1063, 1776, 8232.

Primary and Intermediate.

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LESSON THOUGHT. *Jesus our Wisdom.*
THE LESSON INTRODUCED.

We are going to talk about something very precious to-day. Show a silver piece. What is this? Money. What can you do with money? Buy nice things with it. Then it is valuable, is it not? Show a gold piece. This is money, too. It is not so large as the silver piece you saw, but it is worth more. Gold is more valuable than silver. Our lesson tells of something still more valuable than gold, or silver, or precious stones. Print "Wisdom" on the board in large letters. Did you ever see wisdom? No, it is kept in the heart. What king had wisdom? Whom did he obey as long as he kept wisdom in his heart? What did he do when he let wisdom go? Yes, he disobeyed God, and got into great trouble. Once a little boy burned his hand in the fire. After that he kept his hand away from the fire, and told others not to go too near it. Solomon learned that wisdom was the only safe way, and he wanted others to walk in her paths.

THE LESSON TAUGHT.

Print the word "Speaks" under wisdom. Tell children to close their eyes and imagine that a beautiful Person named Wisdom wants to speak to them. Read verses 6, 7, and 8, explaining and putting into simple language. Call for Golden Text, and tell that this is one of the sweet words that Wisdom speaks. See if children can think of another name for wisdom. Read from the Bible last clause of 1 Cor. 1, 24, and teach that Jesus is the wisdom of God. To know him is to know wisdom. What do we do when we see persons whom we want to know? We go and speak to them. Then let us speak to Jesus. He speaks to us. Shall we answer, "Jesus, I love thee and seek thee?"

THE LESSON APPLIED.

Who has said, "Come unto me?" Jesus. If each child comes to him now, he will give precious gifts to each. What is better than gold, silver, rubies? Yes, wisdom; that is Jesus. He tells us what to do, where to go, what to speak. Make heart on the board, in it an open door. You open the door when you obey Jesus. You close it when you disobey him. A little girl said, "When I want any thing I shut my eyes and say 'Come' to Jesus and he always comes." Did she open the door? Yes, and every child can

open it in the same way. When we obey we say, "Come;" when we disobey we say, "Go away."

Blackboard.

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This diagram illustrates the worth of true wisdom. It is above all earthly treasure.

THE CALL OF WISDOM.

QUICKLY, EARLY EARNESTLY, LOVINGLY.	I LOVE THEM THAT LOVE ME.
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Lesson Word-Pictures.

Is there not a beauty, majesty even, to wisdom, a form and a face like to those given to one from the very presence of God? She stands in the gates that open amid the strong, rock-built walls. The clear light of truth is in her eyes, the strength of divine love in her tones, courage in her very attitude. A jostling throng presses by her. Merchants have come to spread out their wares, artisans to ply their trade, judges to try the accused, princes to cajole their subjects, sight-seers eager to catch in their staring eyes every scene, youth to form its rings of noisy sport. She warns the merchant as he overcharges for his silks and shawls. She encourages the jeweller as he melts honest gold into his trinkets. She stiffens the judge yielding before the temptation to make an unjust decision. She reminds the prince of duty to One above him. She turns back the simple who are straying into forbidden ways. She calls the young about her and tells them some story of the heavenly life. Ho, merchant and prince, and artisan, and judge, and the tempted, the thoughtless, the young! Listen to Wisdom crying in the gates.

LESSONS FOR DECEMBER, 1884.

- DEC. 7. Drunkenness. Prov. 23. 29-35.
- DEC. 14. Vanity of Worldly Pleasure. Eccles. 2. 1-13.
- DEC. 21. The Creator Remembered. Eccles. 12. 1-14.
- DEC. 28. Fourth Quarterly Review.