



# Wisdom Lesson Plan

Values Branch

Lesson Plans are designed to accompany the related Helps documents for each Step. Please refer to the resources in the appropriate Helps document found in the Leader Pages while you prepare your lesson.

The six "F"s are presented in a suggested order, but you are not required to complete them in that order. You may rearrange them as fits your troop's particular needs.

## Necessary Resources



- Art Supplies: markers, crayons, different colors of construction paper they can cut out shapes from, etc.
- Grid in Fun activity



- Paper
- Pencils
- Coloring utensils
- Grid in Fun Activity



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- Chalk/White Board

# FUN



## Mine Sweeper

(This game demonstrates the WISDOM of watching, concentrating, remembering and thinking.) Make a 5X5 grid of one foot squares (large enough for a Trailman to stand in). You will have 25 squares (make it bigger or smaller depending on class size). For Foxes make grid smaller, maybe 3X3. Use chalk outside or masking tape inside. You (Trail Guide) will have a copy of the same grid on a piece of paper with X's on at least 6 squares that show where the mines are. There will also be an ENTRANCE area and an EXIT SQUARE marked on your paper and on the floor (ground).

Rules:

- No Talking, just thinking and concentrating to remember where the mines are and watching and learning from the boy(s) going ahead of you. The object of the game is to get through the maze without hitting any mines.
- Trailmen line up along the ENTRANCE side of the grid
- 1<sup>st</sup> boy steps into a square and steps into as many squares as he can before hitting a mine. He will then go to the end of the line.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> boy does the same (hopefully learning from watching the boys before him), followed by the rest of the boys. If one makes it through the maze, each boy must show that he knows how to get through the maze by doing it!

# FOCUS



## What is Wisdom?

Wisdom is knowing what to do and how to use one's knowledge rightly. What does this mean? How can you show wisdom in your life? In what ways have you seen wisdom shown this week? Make sure to engage the boys in a conversation with each question.

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## Wise Leaders

Memorize the definition of wisdom so that you can always remember what wisdom is. Learn the story of a leader who has shown wisdom in their life. Some examples are in the Helps document.

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## Gain Wisdom

Review the definition of wisdom.

Learn the story of a leader who has shown wisdom in their life. Some examples are in the Helps document.

Talk about the 4 ways someone can gain wisdom. Information found in the Helps document.

# FINGERS



## Decorate a Proverb

Decorate a verse from Proverbs. (Example: Proverbs 1:5)  
Print the Proverb on paper that you can pass out to each Trailman. Talk about the verse, have each one stand and tell about what they have drawn.



## Wise or Unwise

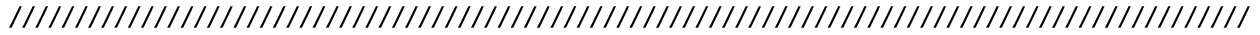
Make a chart on a wall that says “wise” on one side and “unwise” on the other. Have some papers with wise and unwise actions on them. Have each boy draw at least one piece of paper out of a hat/pot and decide whether it is a wise or unwise decision. Have that boy run up to the board and tack/tape it to the chart under the correct category. Discuss any actions as necessary.



## Verse Memorization

Memorize a Proverb about wisdom. Choose one and write it on a chalk board or white board. Have everyone recite it, then erase a word and have everyone recite it again. Keep erasing words and reciting until there are no words left and you are reciting the verse from memory. Mix in actions like having hand signals that go with each word or phrase of the Proverb.

# FAITH (TRAIL GUIDE THOUGHTS)



## Wisdom is from God

Read Proverbs 2:6-7. Talk about what it means and how it helps you be wise.

Pray with the Trailmen.

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## God's Words

Read Proverbs 14:16. Learn it and know what it tells you about wisdom.

Pray with the Trailmen.

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## God's Wisdom

Read Proverbs 3:19-20. What does this verse tell you about God's wisdom?

Pray with the Trailmen.

# FAMILY



## Wisdom from your Parents

Talk with your parents about how you can get wisdom from them. They are older than you and have been in life longer, so they know more than you and have experienced more. Practice learning wisdom from them.



## Proverbs

Read some of Proverbs with your family. Stop and explain them when you don't understand them.



# FOREST BADGE



By actively participating in this meeting, each Trailman earned the Wisdom Step on the Values Branch.



\*Note: It is up to the Trail Guide to determine whether or not a Trailman was an active in the meeting. Even if he attended the meeting, you are not required to award him the Step if he did not participate.



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