

Devotional #1 – Wisdom



Outdoor Skills

Core I: Ropes/Knots

Opening

- Today we learned how WISE it is to know your ropes & knots because they are very useful tools.
- Now let's see what the bible says about being wise.
- *Read, or someone read Teaching verse. FYI: The memory verse is further down*

Proverbs 6:20-21

My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck.

Memory Verse #1

Ask if anybody knows it yet and can say it? Read it together 2X Consider having a memory verse pamphlet for kids take home.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Big picture

We should love wisdom. Wisdom should be in our hearts and in our minds. Always.

Topical Questions

1. Why is listening & obeying my parents the wise choice?
2. Is learning your knots wise? Why?
3. Why should you love wisdom? Why should wisdom be in your hearts and minds always?
4. What is an example of wisdom you have bound in your heart?

Closing Prayer

Encourage them to always make the wise choice. To listen & obey their parents so it will go well with them. That God wants them to listen to their wise parents who God has put them teachers over you.

Devotional

- **Q: So, is the teaching verse commanding you to actually use rope and tie your parents' wise words around your neck and heart?** No! It's a metaphor, a word picture to help us understand the point.
- The point is: We should love wisdom. Wisdom should be in our hearts and in our minds.
- Loving wisdom means doing what is right, staying out of trouble, and not hurting ourselves, or hurting others, or hurting nature (God's creation).
- To do that, you need wise help! Where do you go for wise help?
- Did you know...Your parents are God's wisdom teachers to you?
- That's God's plan. The Bible verse says so!
- But...parents cannot teach you wisdom without you being teachable: Listening. Remembering. Obeying = Wisdom in our heart & mind.
- Parents part: Being wise teachers.
- Kid part: Binding & Fastening parents' wisdom in our heart & mind. Wisdom in action.
- Binding & Fastening! Hey, that's just like tying knots, what we just learned!
- Joke: See how we *tied* being wise and learning your knots together? HaHa! Seriously, I guess that means learning about ropes and knots is a wise thing?!
- Actually, knowing WHEN/WHERE to use a knot, and then HOW CORRECTLY to tie knot is wisdom in Action! Because:
 - Knots can save your life or others
 - Knots can save your property (tarp rip, boat float away)
 - Knots can save you time (hard to undo bad not)
 - Knots can keep you from looking foolish (tent fall down)
 - Knots are VERY USEFUL tools (securing and building things)
- A knot well bound is going to stay tied. Wisdom well bound in your heart is going to stay with you.
- If you use a weak knot, you might lose your things. If you don't bind wisdom, you might soon forget it.
- How? Pay close attention, repeat, practice, and share wisdom--just like learning a knot.