

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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This children's message is part of the United Methodist Student Day pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme "Restoring a Spirit of Wisdom." It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

MATERIALS:

- A toolbox (play or real)

Please repeat after me today's memory verse that Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus 1:17:

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you."

Do you know what wisdom means?

It means having good judgment, making good decisions and knowing the right thing to do.

Why do you think Paul was praying for the church to have wisdom?

He wanted them to know Jesus better. When we know Jesus better, we become more like him, and we can make better choices that honor him.

What are some ways that we receive wisdom?

We get it by learning! Just like we go to school to learn math and science, we can learn more about Jesus and the Bible. And we don't just stop learning when we finish school, we keep learning throughout our lives.

Repeat the memory verse again:

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you."

Just like this toolbox, our minds are like a storage place for knowledge and understanding. We need to keep filling our minds with new information and experiences. Maybe there is a new language you want to learn or a skill you would like to improve. What tools would you like to have in your "mind toolbox"?

As a church, we want to help you keep your toolbox full of everything you need as you grow and learn in the church and other parts of your life.

We never stop learning and growing in our knowledge and understanding of God and the world around us. We need to keep our toolbox organized and well stocked to be able to fix and build God's world. We need to keep our minds open to new ideas and experiences to continue to learn and grow throughout our lives.

Let's say the memory verse again:

*"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you."
Amen.*



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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SUMMARIZED FOR MISSION MOMENT

On United Methodist Student Day, invite the children to repeat this verse: *"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you"* (**Ephesians 1:17, CEB**).

This lesson expresses Paul's prayer for wisdom and revelation for the church in Ephesus. He prays that this spirit will enable them to grow in their relationship with God through Jesus. Using the illustration of a toolbox, the students learn that just as adding tools to a toolbox is essential for fixing and building things, education is essential to gaining wisdom and understanding. The message encourages continual learning and growth, not just in the church, but in all areas of life. It is through seeking God's wisdom and revelation that we can become the best version of ourselves.

Dear God, thank you for this beautiful world you've created and for all the amazing things we can learn and discover in it. Help us to always be curious and eager to learn, to seek your wisdom and revelation and to become the best we can be in every way. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.



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