

Chapter 14

Seek Wisdom

All wisdom comes from the Lord, and with him it remains forever.

Sirach 1:1

For the Parents:

In chapter 14 your child learned to:

- Identify wisdom books as books of council and guidance
- Determine ways he or she can grow in wisdom and as God's people
- Give the guidance of natural law in decision making

The wisdom literature of the Old Testament is a diverse collection of books, traditionally seven, that contain guidance about life that is both practical and theological. Wisdom can be moral counsel, the practical skill of an artisan, the guide to good and evil, the way of living a virtuous life, fear of the Lord and even God himself. Wisdom is found in creation, in the Law, and in everyday experience. Wisdom instructs kings, but also guides the lowly.

With Your Child:

1. Refrigerators are great places to post reminders of God's wisdom. With your family, make a series of reminders for everyday of the week. Then you be the one who changes them everyday and reminds everyone at home to read them.
2. Read the story of Thomas Merton on the Review and Explore page.