

A STUDY FOR CHILDREN ON WISDOM & FOOLISHNESS



The Way of the Wise

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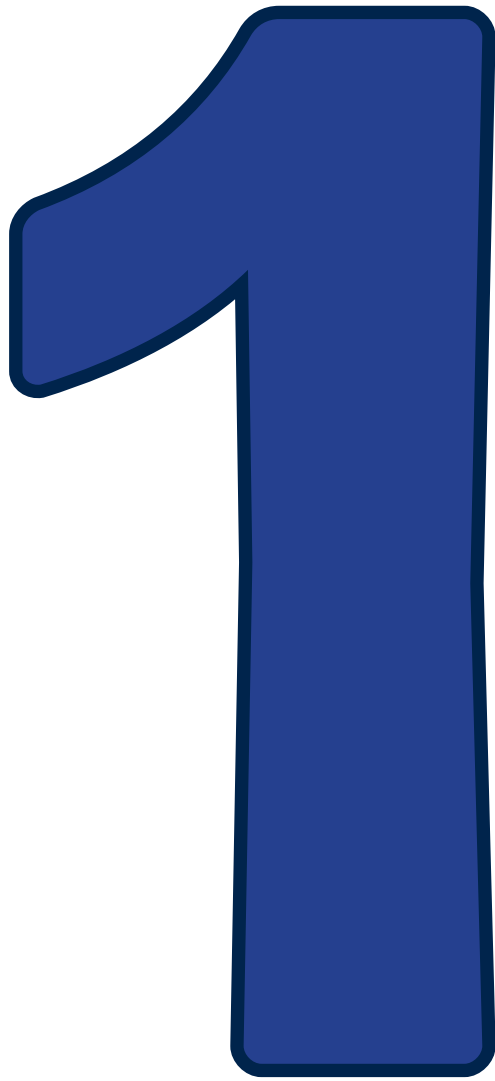
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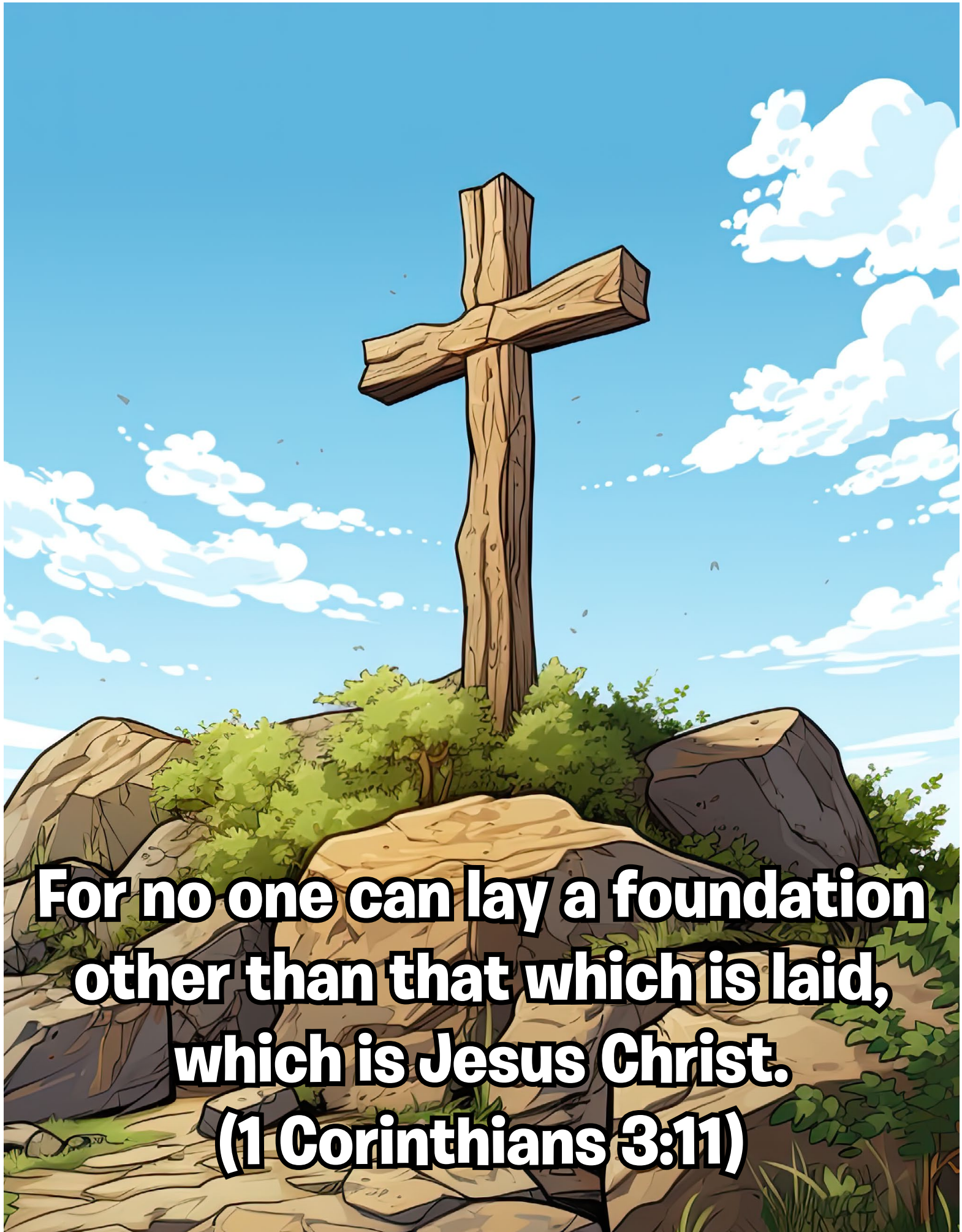




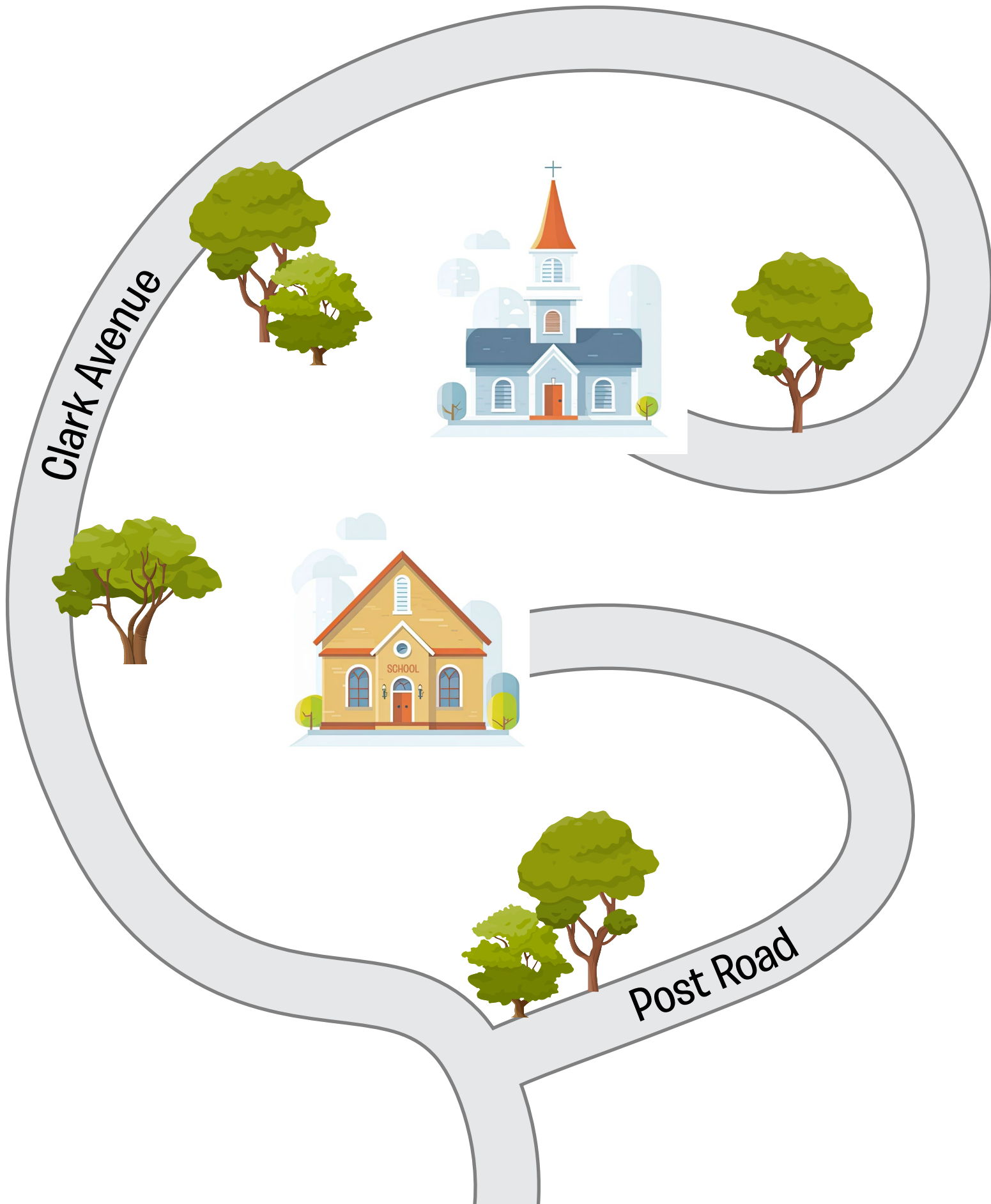
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**What is my
foundation?**



**For no one can lay a foundation
other than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians 3:11)**



And a highway will
be there; it will
be called the Way
of Holiness. The
unclean will not
journey on it; it will
be for those who
walk in that Way;
wicked fools will
not go about on it.
(Isaiah 35:8, 1984 NIV)

2B

No lion will be
there, nor will any
ferocious beast
get up on it; they
will not be found
there. But only the
redeemed will walk
there,
(Isaiah 35:9, 1984 NIV)

2C

and the ransomed
of the LORD will
return. They will
enter Zion with
singing; everlasting
joy will crown their
heads. Gladness
and joy will
overtake them, and
sorrow and sighing
will flee away.
(Isaiah 35:10, 1984 NIV)

2D



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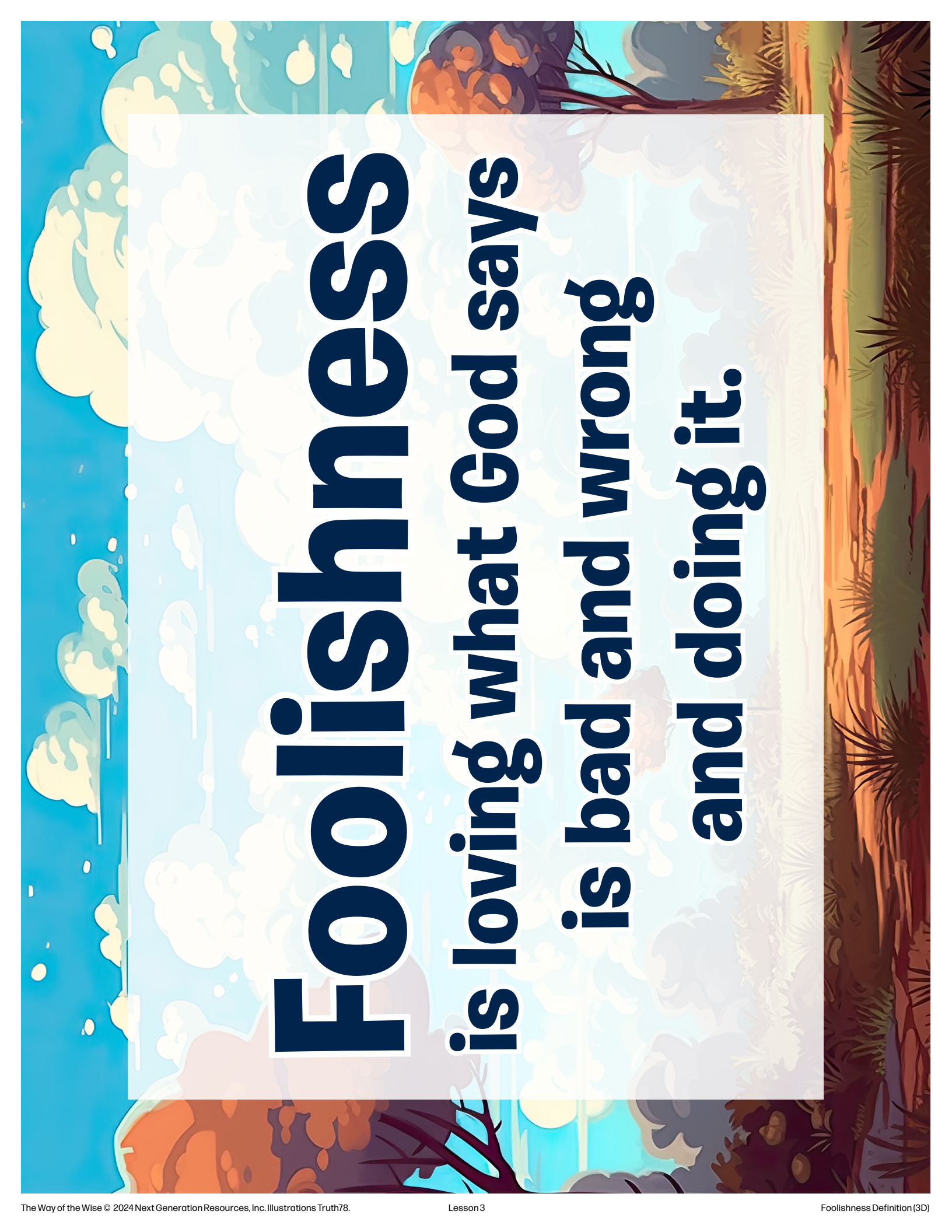
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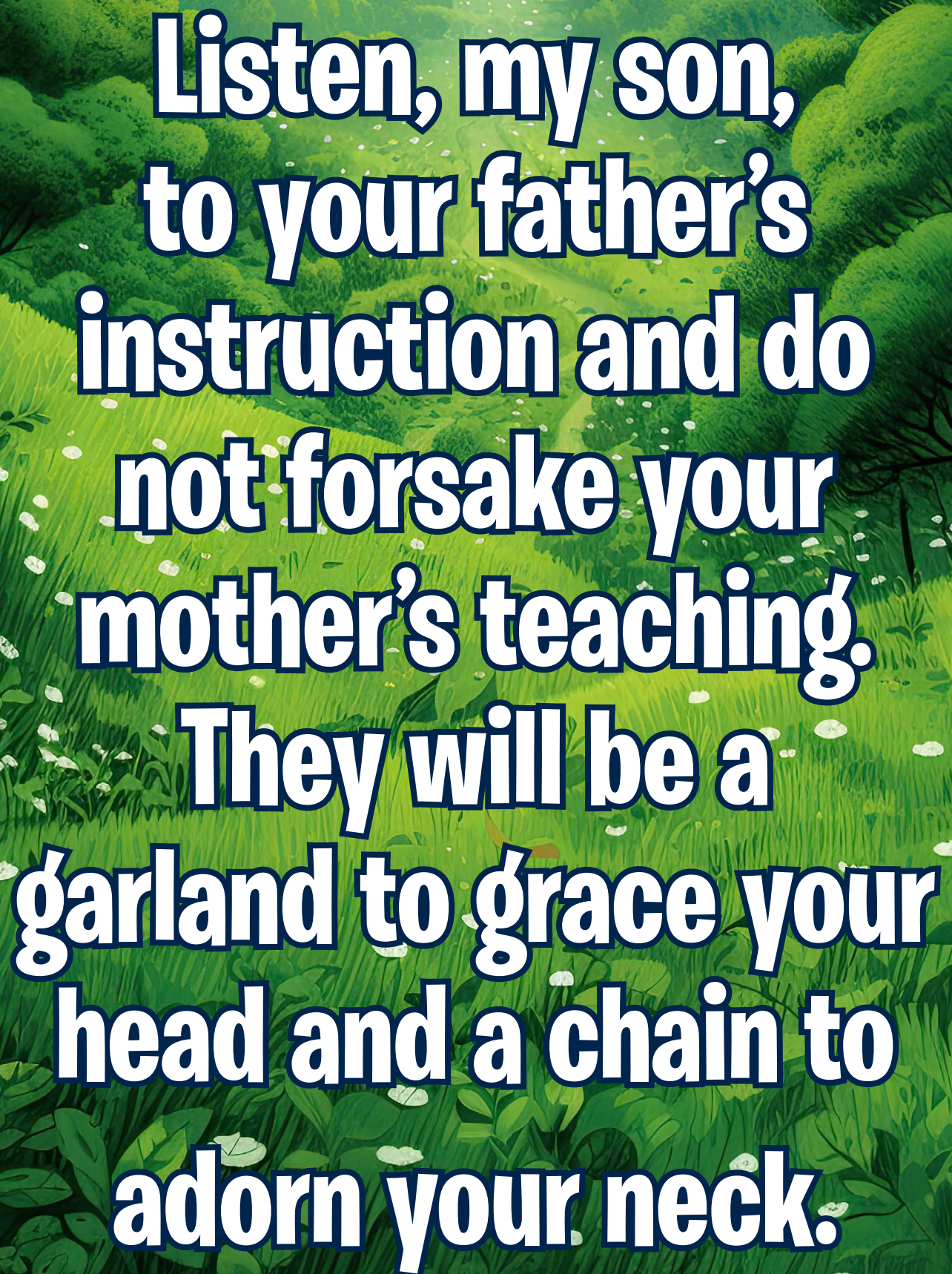
Wisdom
is loving what God says
is good and right
and doing it.



Foolishness



Foolishness
is loving what God says
is bad and wrong
and doing it.



**Listen, my son,
to your father's
instruction and do
not forsake your
mother's teaching.
They will be a
garland to grace your
head and a chain to
adorn your neck.**

(Proverbs 1:8-9, 1984 NIV)

**My son, if sinners
entice you, do
not consent.**

(Proverbs 1:10)

4B

**My son, do not forget
my teaching, but let
your heart keep my
commandments,**

(Proverbs 3:1)

4C



Cut out the cards.

Proverbs 1:10 (4B) and Proverbs 3:1 (4C)

Pharaoh

Who is the LORD, that I should
obey his voice and let Israel go?
I do not know the LORD, and
moreover, I will not let Israel go.

6A

Nebuchadnezzar

Is not this great Babylon, which
I have built by my mighty power
as a royal residence and for the
glory of my majesty?

6B

Guard

Prophecy! Who is it who
struck you?

6C

Thief

Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us!

6D

Mocker

6E



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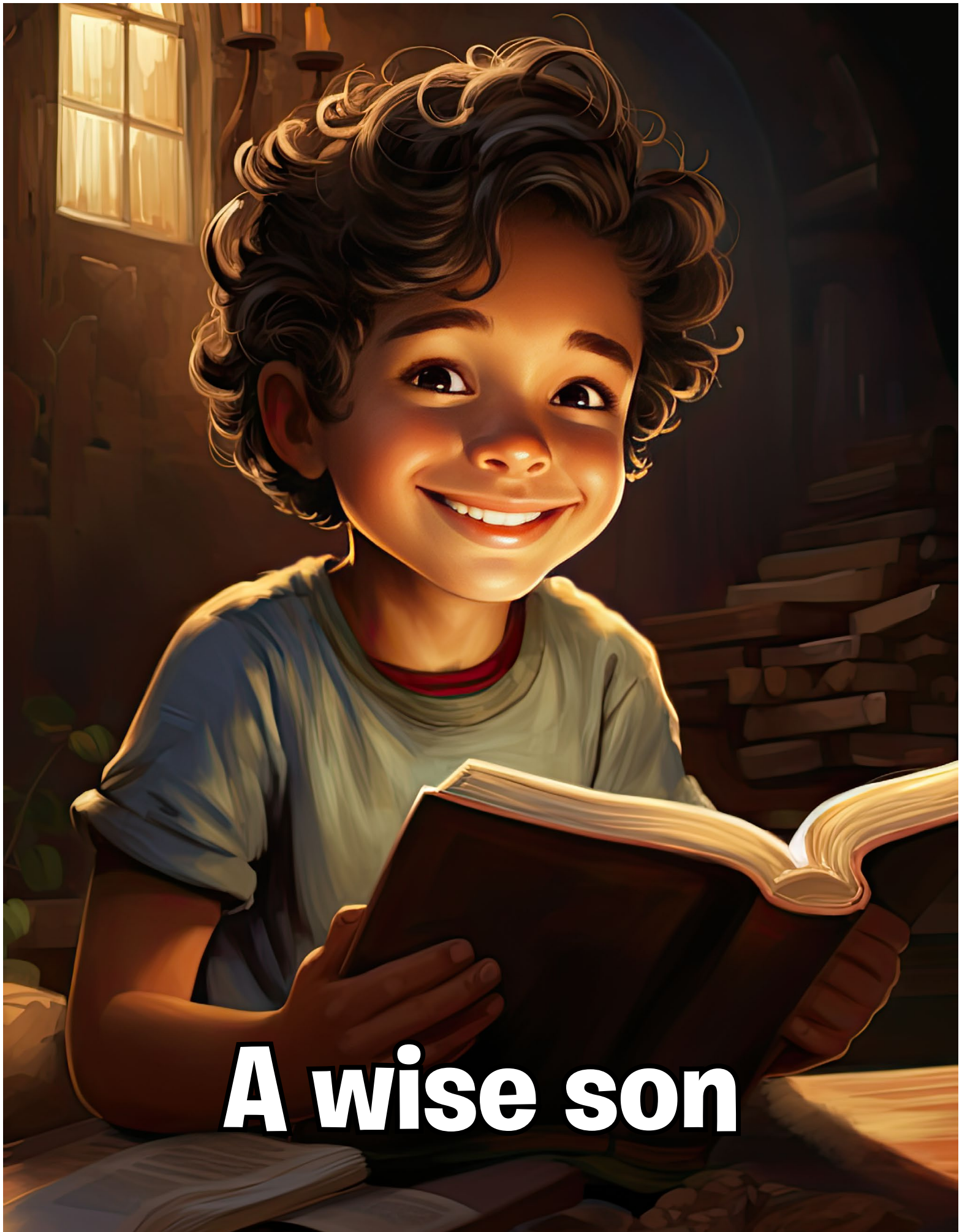
**To have a fool for a son
brings grief; there is no joy
for the father of a fool.**

(Proverbs 17:21, 1984 NIV)

7A



Cut out the card.



A wise son



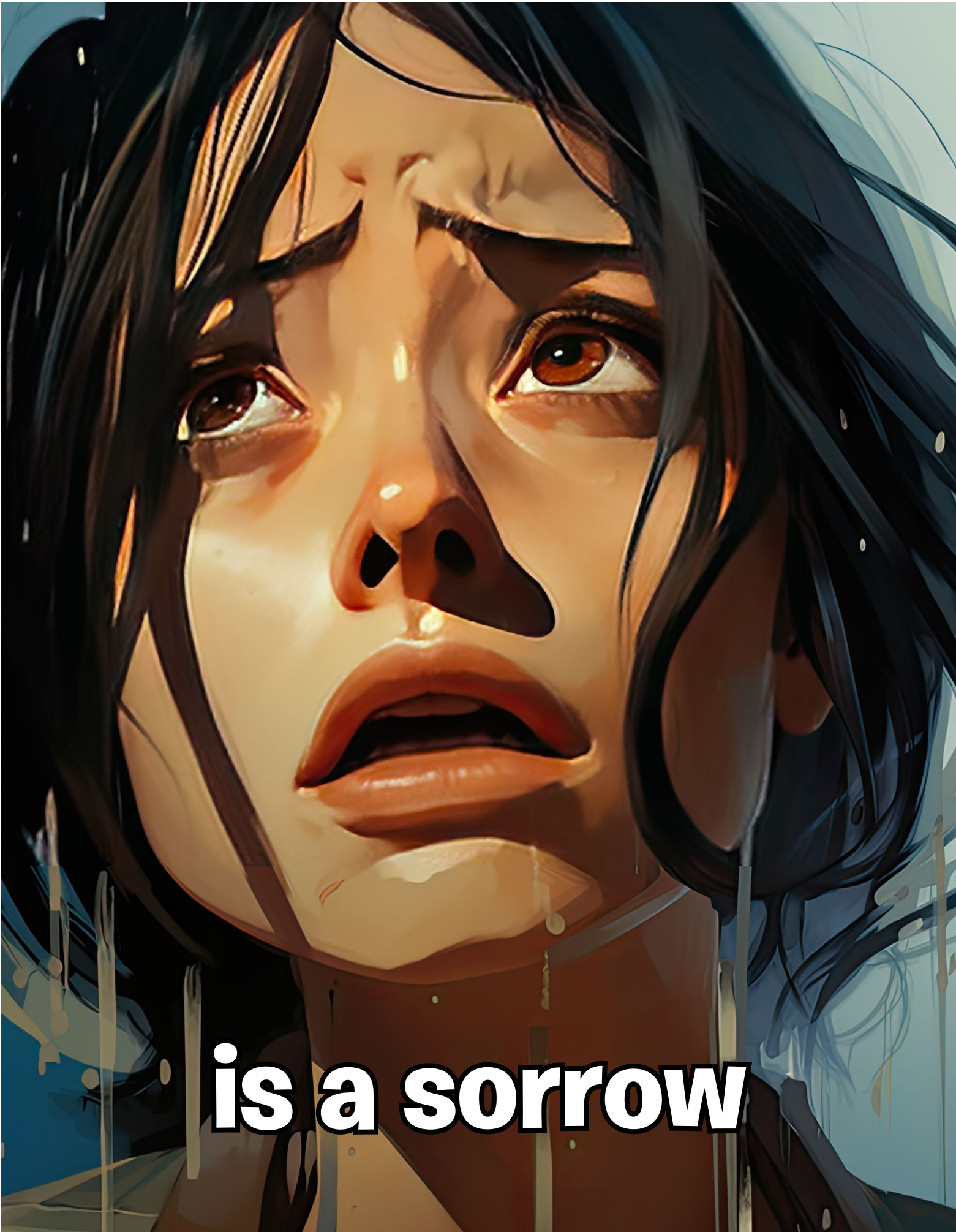
makes a glad



father,



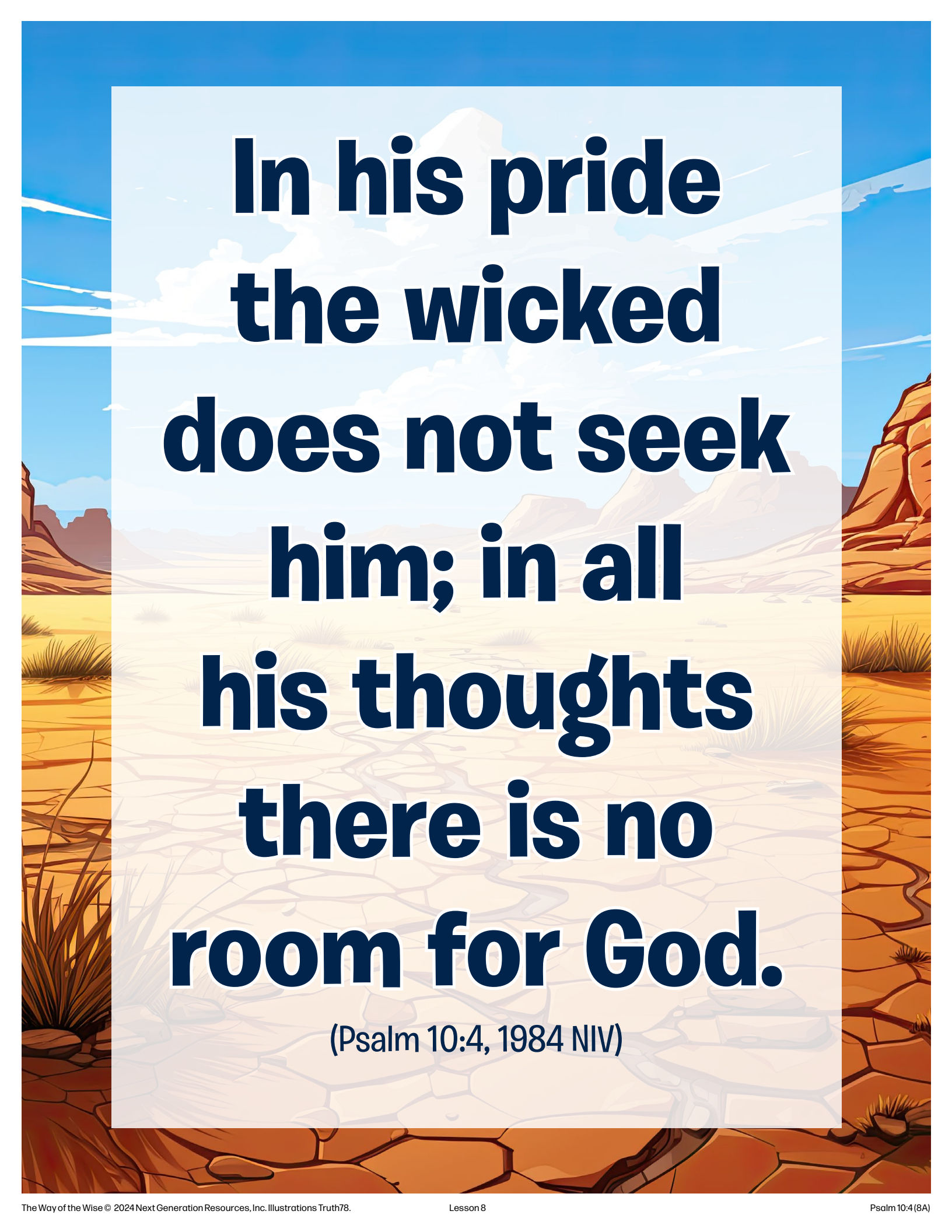
but a foolish son



is a sorrow



to his mother.

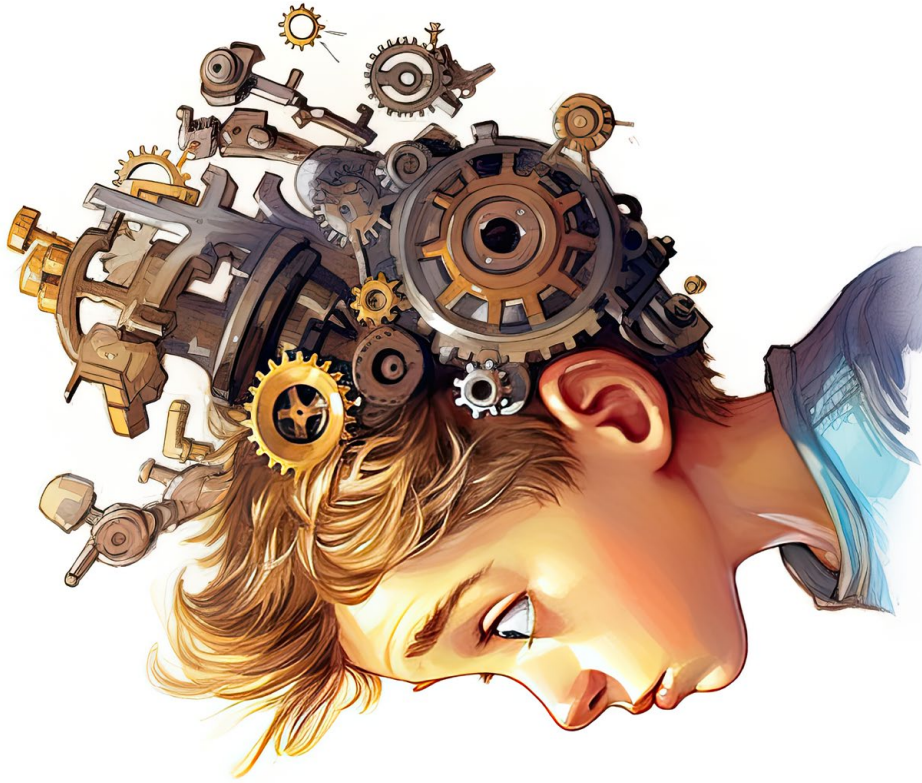


**In his pride
the wicked
does not seek
him; in all
his thoughts
there is no
room for God.**

(Psalm 10:4, 1984 NIV)

The Godless

8B



8C



Cut out the brain and heart pictures

The Godless

~~God~~



Cut out the heart and cut it in half along the line

8D



Simple Man

believes anything



Prudent/ Wise Man

gives thought to his steps



Cut apart the cards.

Saul

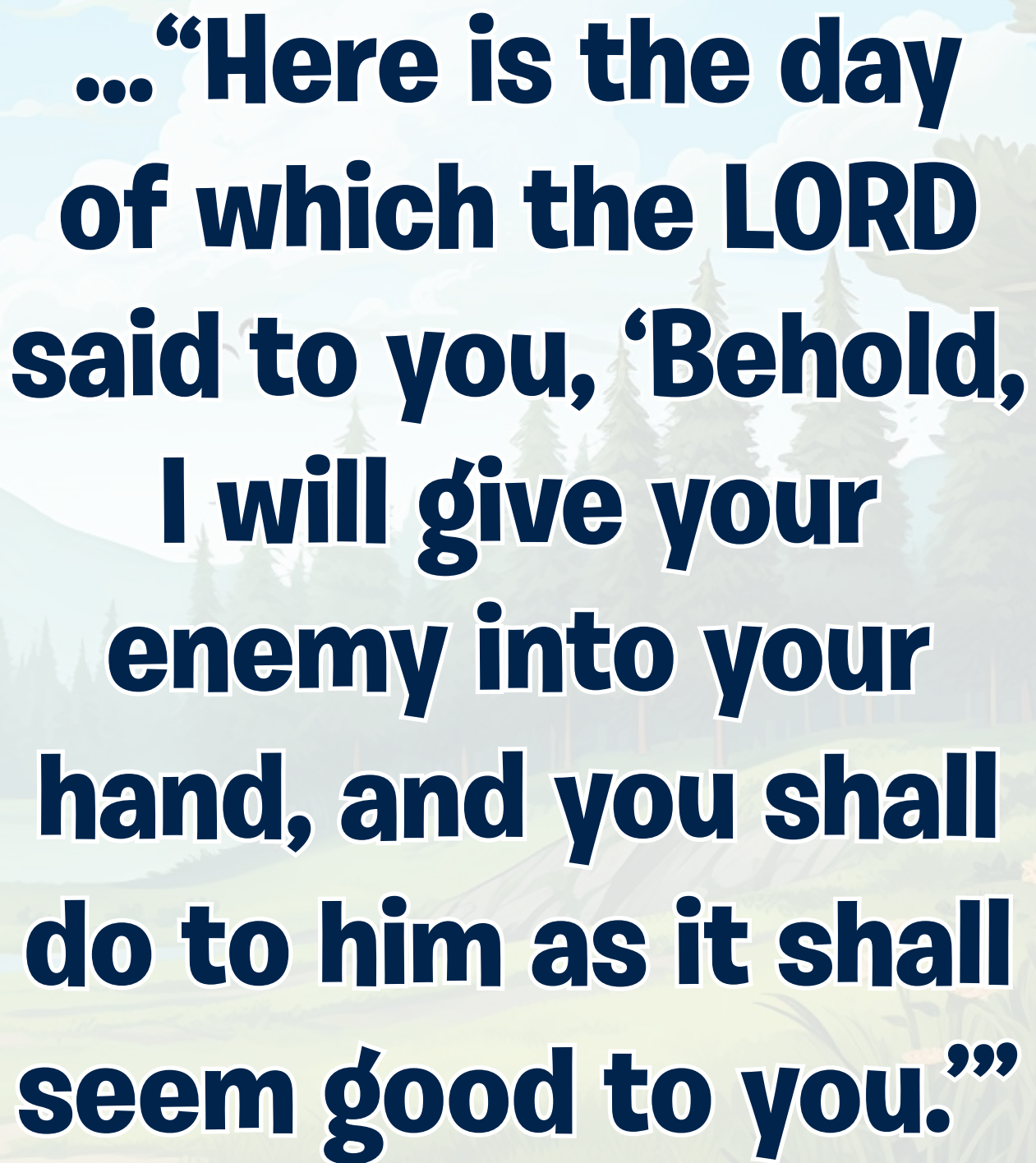
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David

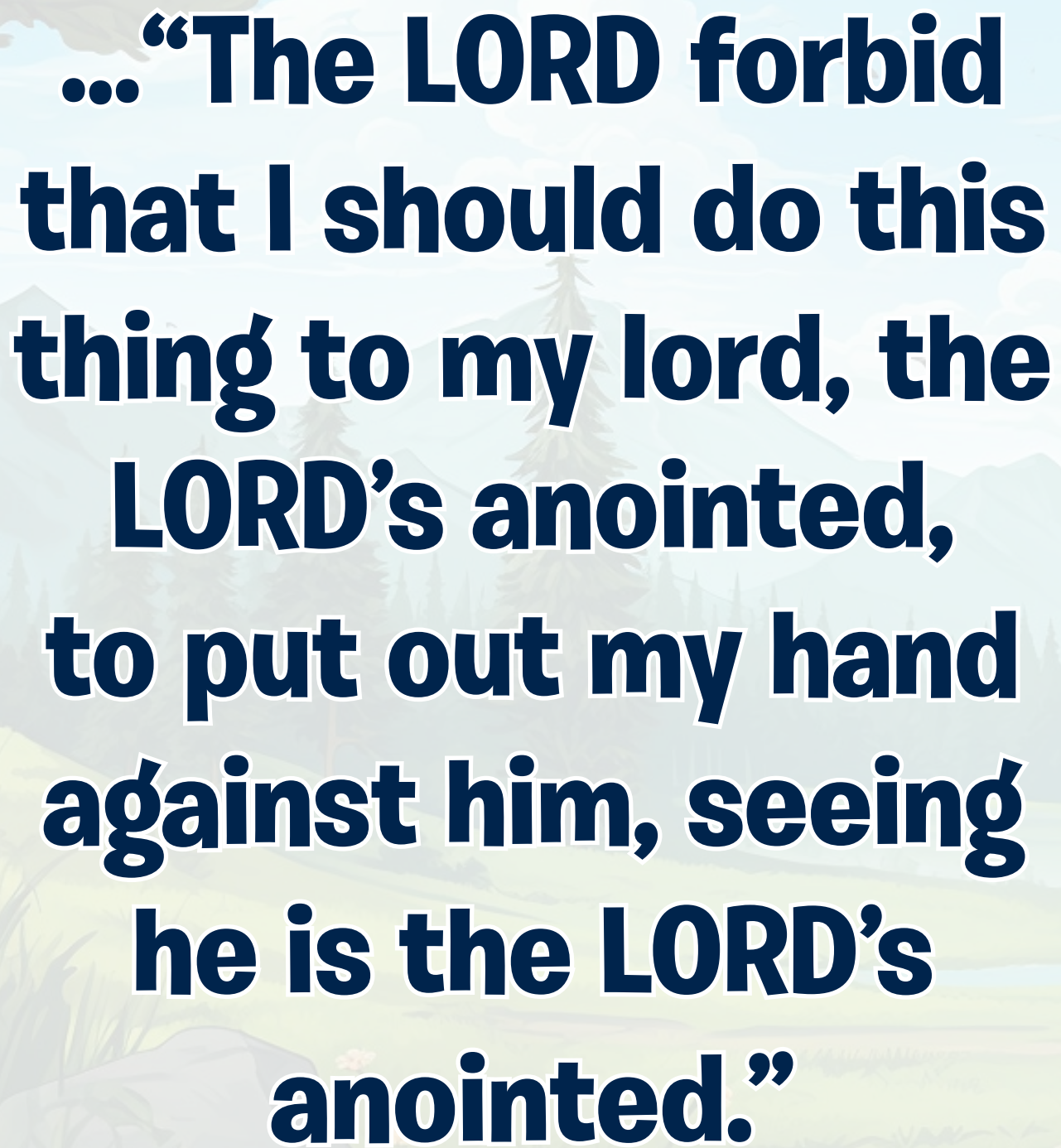
9D

**David's
Men**

9E



**...“Here is the day
of which the LORD
said to you, ‘Behold,
I will give your
enemy into your
hand, and you shall
do to him as it shall
seem good to you.’”**



**...“The LORD forbid
that I should do this
thing to my lord, the
LORD’s anointed,
to put out my hand
against him, seeing
he is the LORD’s
anointed.”**

WHAT

10A



Cut out the cards.

IS

10A

SO

10A

BAD

10A

ABOUT

10A

FOOLISHNESS

10A

?

10A

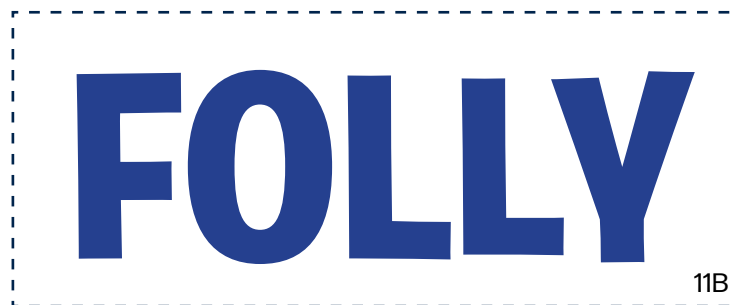




Destruction



Cut out the Heart and the Folly label.
Staple the Folly label to the heart
numerous times.





Salvation, Wisdom, Knowledge

13A



Cut out the sign.



The Fear of the Lord

13B




Cut out the tag and punch out the hole



**The LORD is exalted,
for he dwells on high;**



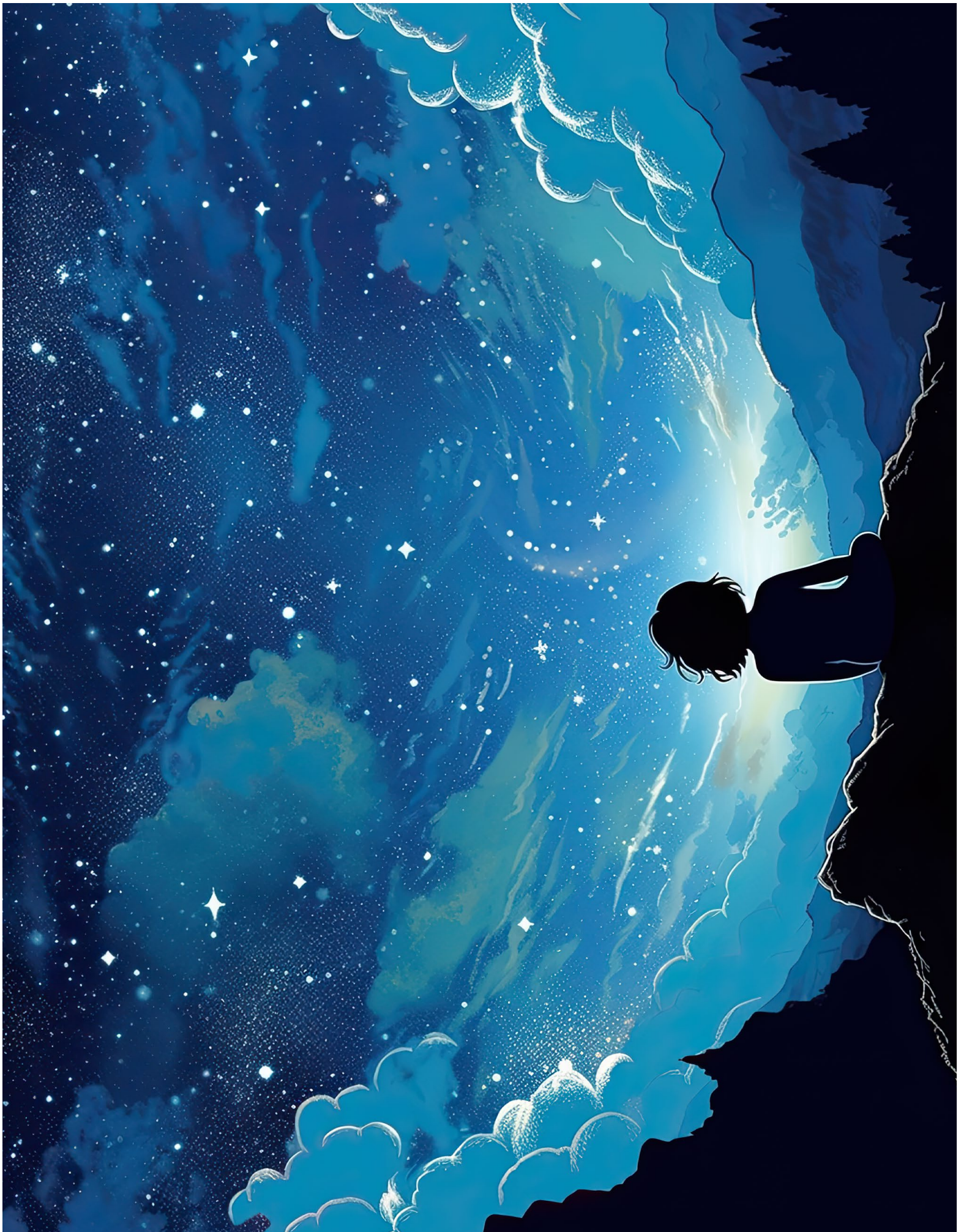
**he will fill Zion
with justice and
righteousness.**



**He will be the sure
foundation for your times,
a rich store of salvation and
wisdom and knowledge**



**the fear of the LORD is the
key to this treasure**



12

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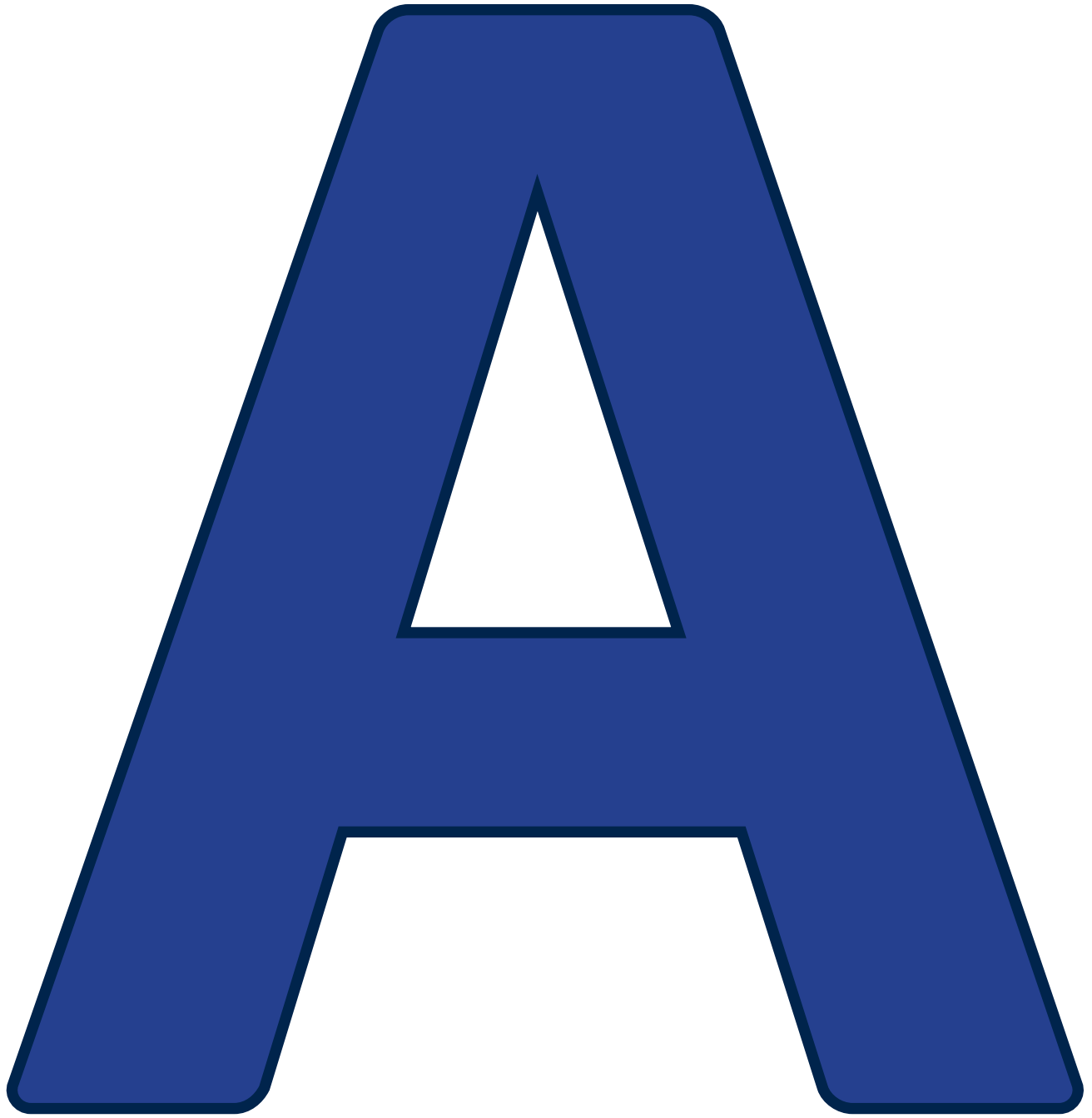
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x9

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Awe of God's Worth and Position



Admiration of God's Attributes







Amazement at God's Love



Affection for God



John 3:1-15

Script 1: Narrator

Narrator—Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him,

Nicodemus—Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.

Narrator—Jesus answered him,

Jesus—Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Narrator—Nicodemus said to him,

Nicodemus—How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?

Narrator—Jesus answered,

Jesus—Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.” The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Narrator—Nicodemus said to him,

Nicodemus—How can these things be?

Narrator—Jesus answered him,

Jesus—Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:1-15

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Example 1

A person who seeks knowledge and understanding works at reading and understanding the Bible. When he comes to something he doesn't understand, he doesn't just skip over it. He asks questions about it such as "Who is it written to? Why does the Bible say this? What can it mean?" He also prays for understanding and asks others...

18D

Example 2

A person who seeks understanding does not get into arguments, stubbornly trying to prove his point. He genuinely tries to understand the other person's point of view. Instead of trying to prove that he is right and the other person is wrong, he asks questions like, "Why do you think that?" or "Where did you get that idea?" or "Can you help me to understand what you mean?"

18E

Example 3

A person who seeks understanding will try to learn why another person is upset with him. He will ask questions like "What did I do that upset you? How did my words make you feel? What did you think I was saying?"

18F

Example 4

A person who seeks knowledge and understanding does not get angry at rules but instead seeks to find out why the rule is necessary and what the person in authority wants to teach him. He does not say, "That's a dumb rule!" but instead asks himself, "Why has this rule been made?"

18G

Example 5

A person who seeks knowledge and understanding does not assume that he knows everything. He listens carefully to the instructions of others and does not get offended when another person tries to explain something to him or even tries to correct him.

18H

Example 6

A person who seeks knowledge and understanding does not harshly answer a person who speaks harshly to him. Instead, he seeks to find out what is upsetting the other person. He asks questions like, "Is something bothering you?" or "What is the matter?"

18I

Example 7

A person who seeks understanding and knowledge does not accuse a person who disappoints him, but instead he seeks first to understand the situation. For example, if a friend says you can have a chocolate cookie from his lunch but instead trades it with someone else, a person seeking understanding does not yell at the friend but instead tries to learn why his friend did this. He asks questions like, "Did you forget that you had promised the cookie to me?" Or he expresses his disappointment respectfully, perhaps saying "I'm disappointed that you traded your cookie with someone else after promising it to me. Can you explain to me what happened?"

18J



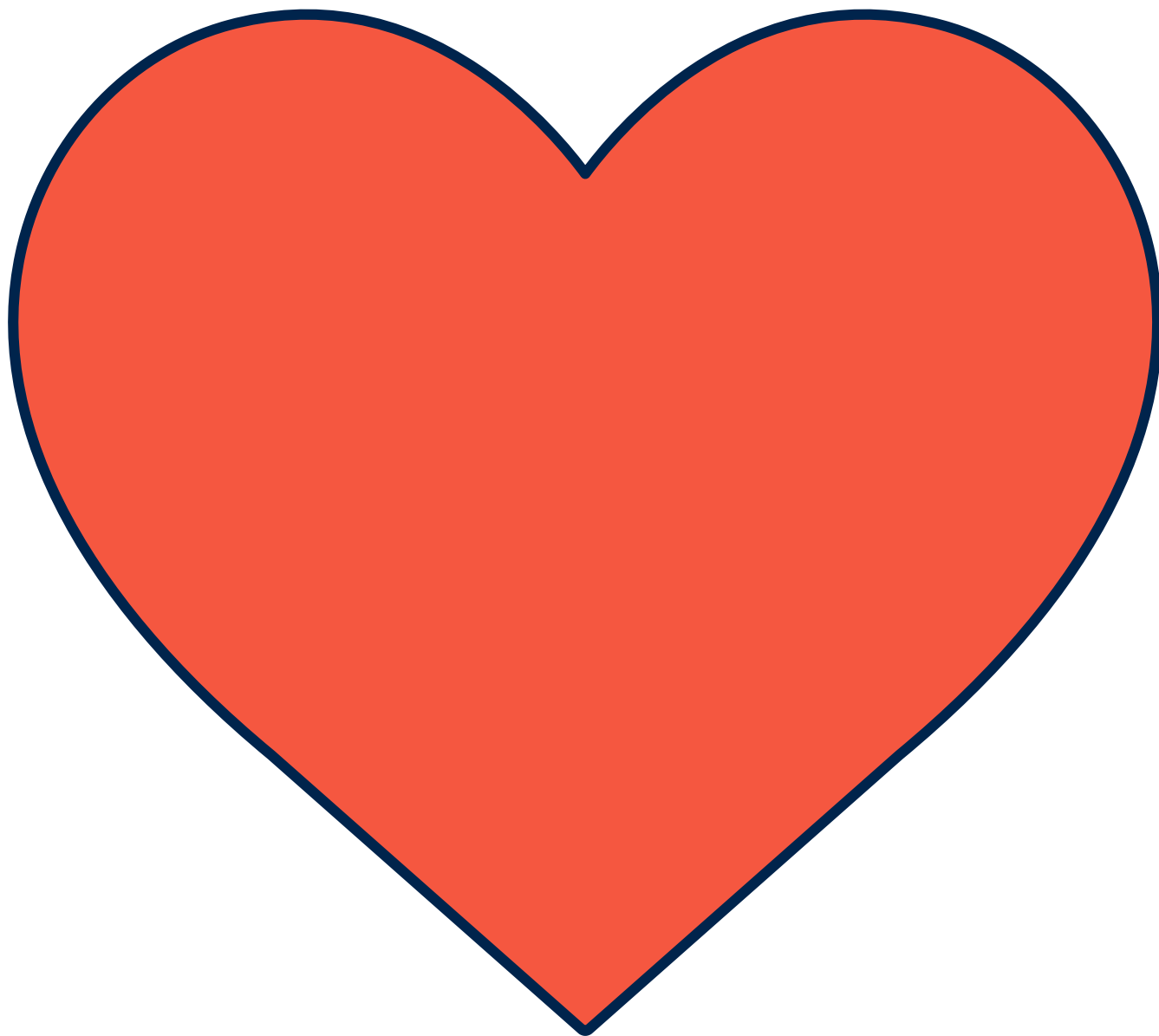
Cut example cards apart.



**Open my eyes, that
I may behold . . .**



... **wondrous things
out of your law.**
-Psalm 119:18



Incline my heart



**to your testimonies, and
not to selfish gain!**

(Psalm 119:36)






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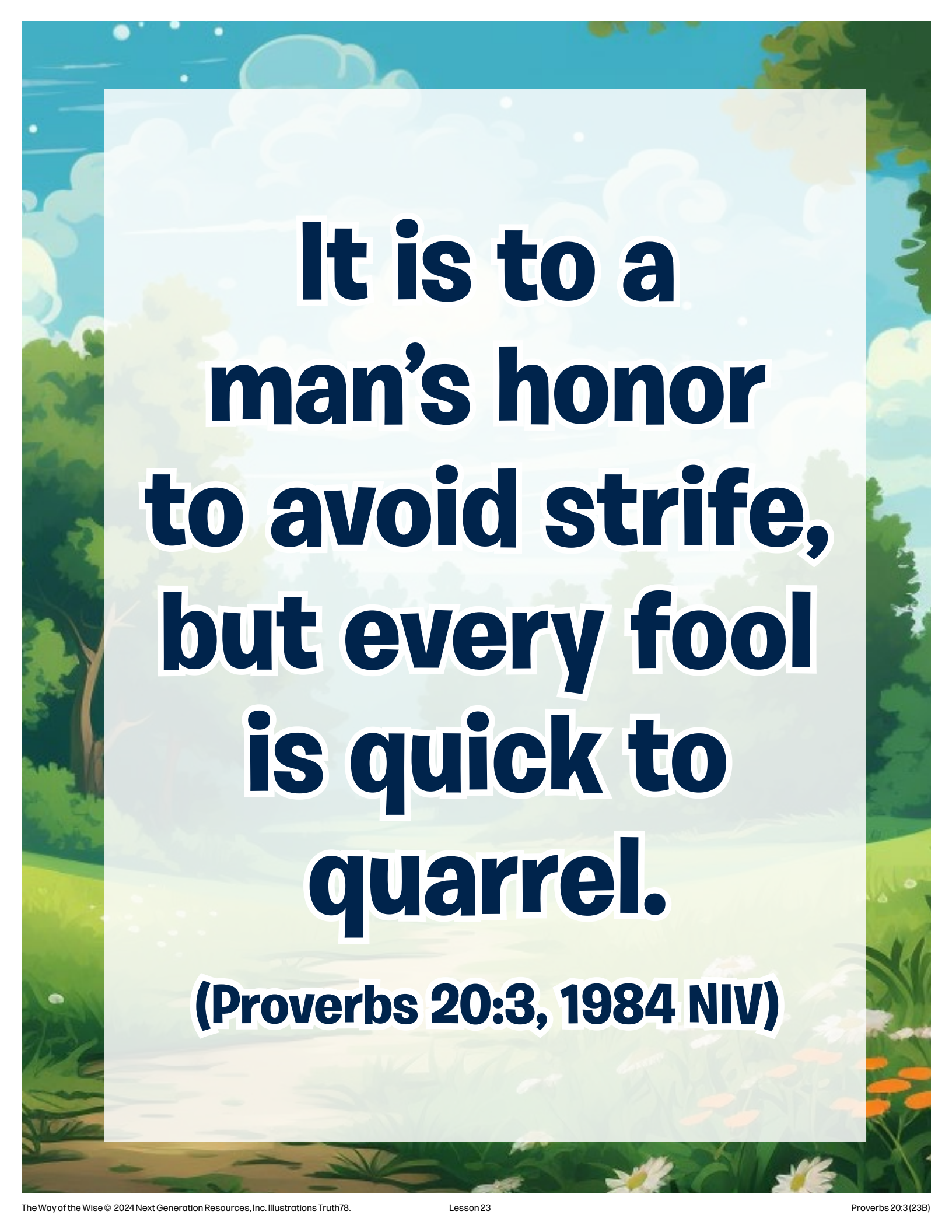


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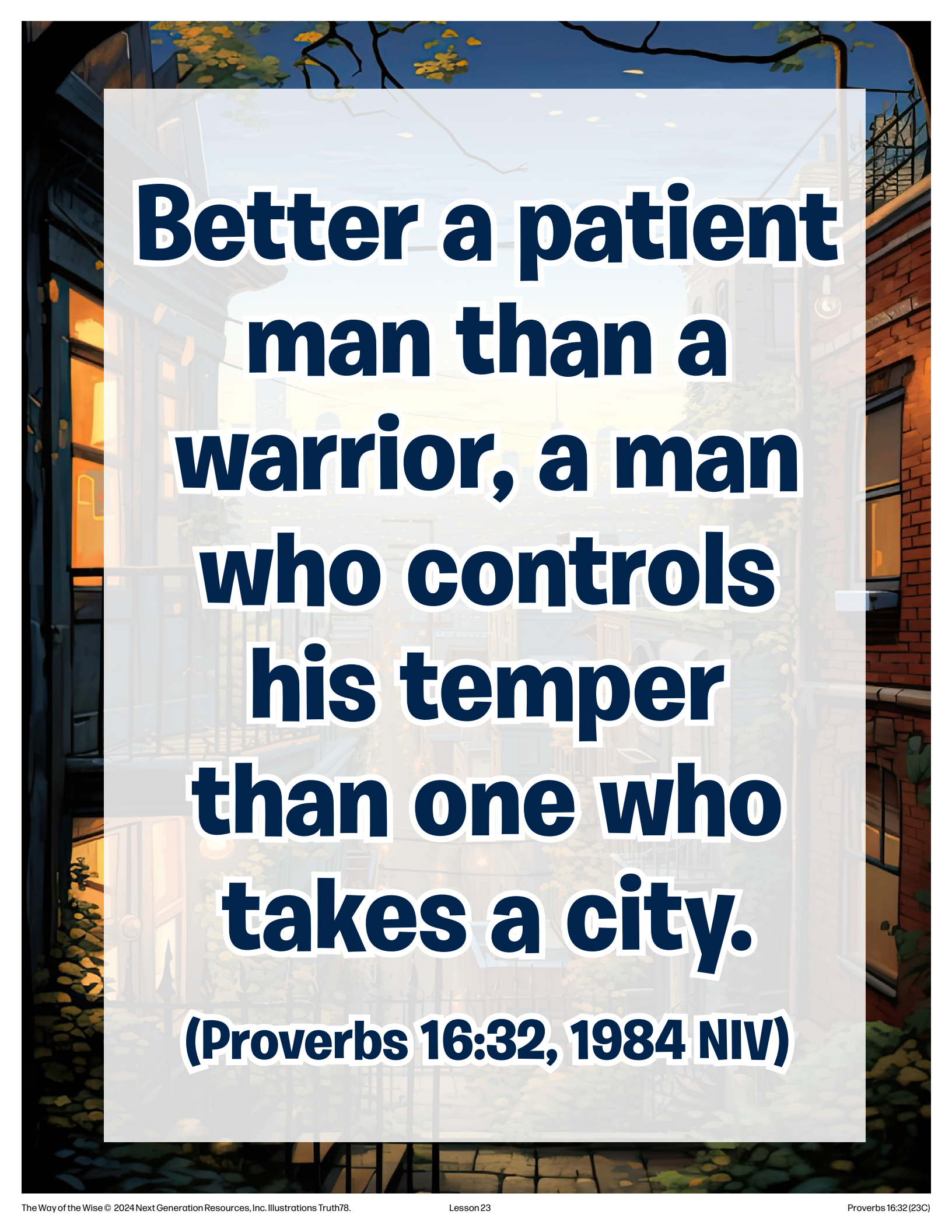
**A fool gives
full vent to
his anger, but
a wise man
keeps himself
under control.**

(Proverbs 29:11, 1984 NIV)



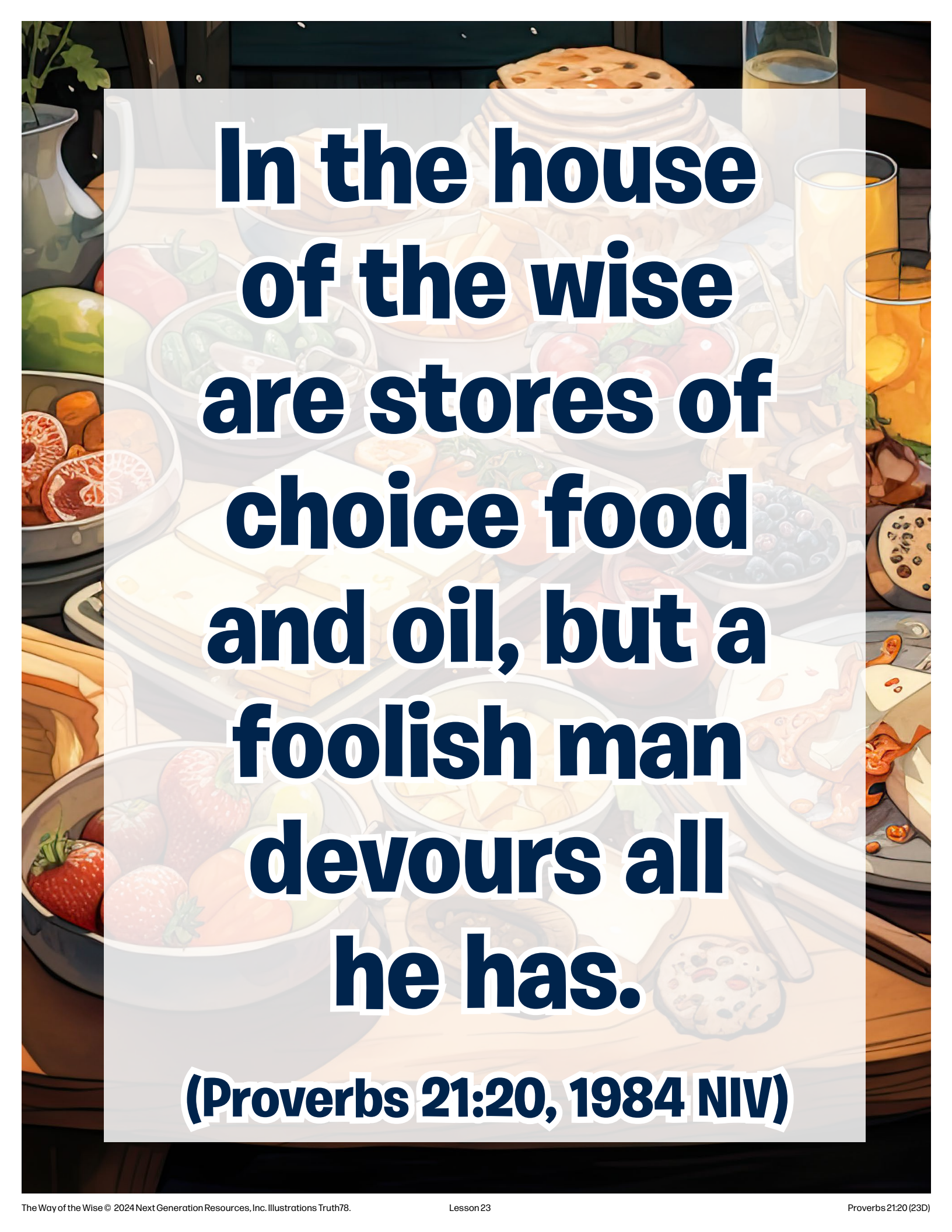
**It is to a
man's honor
to avoid strife,
but every fool
is quick to
quarrel.**

(Proverbs 20:3, 1984 NIV)



**Better a patient
man than a
warrior, a man
who controls
his temper
than one who
takes a city.**

(Proverbs 16:32, 1984 NIV)



**In the house
of the wise
are stores of
choice food
and oil, but a
foolish man
devours all
he has.**

(Proverbs 21:20, 1984 NIV)



STOP!

**Don't listen to
your "self."**



WAIT!

**Think, pray, decide,
and talk to your “self”**



GO!

**Walk in the Way
of the Wise.**





God

25B

yourself

25A



Cut out the two signs



**Trust in the
LORD with all
your heart,
(Proverbs 3:5a)**



?

**and do not lean on your
own understanding;
(Proverbs 3:5b)**



In all your ways acknowledge him,
(Proverbs 3:6a)



and he will make straight your paths.
(Proverbs 3:6b)











**Life without
God is
meaningless**

**The most
important thing
is not how
smart you are,**

**how many fun
things you do,**

**how much
you own,**

**how important
you are,**

**or what you
get done.**

**What is most
important
is loving and
obeying God.**