

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter defines wisdom as a gift from God that helps us understand the purpose and plan for our life, and explains how the Wisdom books in the Bible offer a guide for living.

### Scripture



Read **2 Chronicles 1:10–12** to find out what Solomon asked God to give him.

### Catholics Believe

- The wisdom tradition in the Bible teaches that true wisdom comes from trusting God and obeying his law.
- Jesus is the wisdom of God, sought in every age by those who are wise.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #156–158, 215–217 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, you child learned about Saint Thomas Aquinas. One of the most brilliant men who ever lived, Thomas' study of Catholic teaching, the *Summa Theologica*, is still read today.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand God's Wisdom** Your child is growing in his or her ability to engage in a process of reflection on possible courses of action. This is a by-product of his or her growing skills in the area of abstract reasoning. Your child still might, however, need support in brainstorming alternatives and thinking of all the pros and cons when weighing decisions.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

What is the difference between wise and smart?

Most of us know someone who is “book smart” but does not seem to be wise. Wisdom is a Gift of the Holy Spirit. As Catholics, we know wisdom “enables us to see the world from God’s viewpoint, which can help us come to grasp with the purpose and plan of God. It grants us the long-range view of history, examining the present in light of the past and the mystery of the future. It saves us from the illusion that the spirit of the times is our only guide” (*USCCA, p. 208*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about the wisdom of Solomon.
- Together discuss a time when someone in the family really needed wisdom. What did he or she do?

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, give us the ability to learn quickly and easily as Saint Thomas Aquinas did. Amen.



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