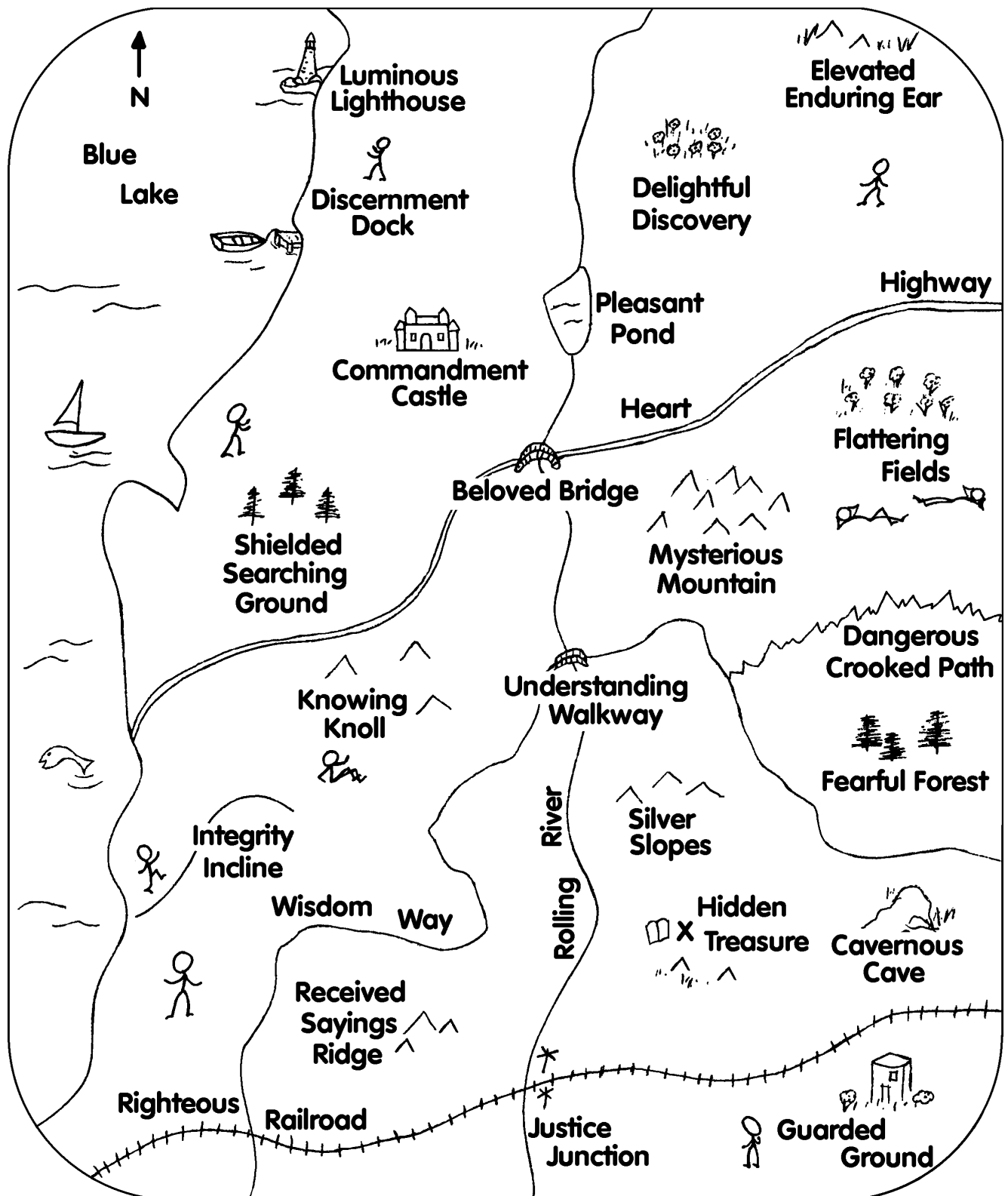


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*If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
Then you will discern the fear of the LORD,
And discover the knowledge of God.
Proverbs 2:4-5*

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A father writes to his son. He tells his son about receiving his sayings and treasuring his commandments. The father tells his son to listen closely to wisdom with his **ear**. He should lean his heart toward understanding. He should cry out for discernment and understanding.

The father said his son should **seek** and **search** for wisdom as if it were silver or hidden treasures. Then he would discern the fear of the LORD. Then he would discover the knowledge of God.

It is because the LORD **gives** wisdom. From God's mouth comes knowledge and understanding. God stores up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity. He guards the paths of justice. He preserves the way of His godly ones.

If he searches, **then** he will recognize righteousness, justice, fairness and every good direction. The father said that wisdom would enter his **heart**. Knowledge would be pleasant to his soul. Discretion would **guard** him. Understanding would watch over him. They would deliver him from the evil way and from the man who speaks perverse things. His son would be

delivered from going the way of evil men who go in crooked directions.

His son would also be delivered from the strange woman who flatters with her words. He would be delivered from the one who would leave her own companion and forget the covenant of her God. Her ways are the ways of death rather than life.

When you search for wisdom diligently, you will walk in the way of a good man and keep righteous paths. The upright will live in the land along with the blameless.

However, the wicked ones will be cut off and uprooted. This was a father's warning and instruction to his son about searching diligently for wisdom.



QUESTIONS:	What should we search for as for hidden treasure? What will God do when we are seeking for wisdom?
PRAYER:	Father, thank you for teaching us about Your wisdom in the Scriptures.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lesson 50: Hidden Treasure

PASSAGE:	Proverbs 2
VERSE:	Proverbs 2:4-5 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD, And discover the knowledge of God.
SONGS:	"In the Garden" (Hymn), "Trust in the LORD," "Wonderful Words of Life"
ACTIVITIES:	<p>Treasure Chest: Have the children make a Treasure Chest with folded brown paper so they can collect treasure verses at events during the week. Use and explain Proverbs 15:16 as their first "treasure." SAY: Today we are going to look at Proverbs to see what it says about finding wisdom.</p> <p>Exercises: Do exercises so the children will be fit for the treasure hunt. SAY: When we turn our lives over to Jesus Christ, our bodies are His possession, and we should take care of them.</p> <p>Treasure Hunt: Have a Treasure Hunt by following a treasure map. End the hunt at the story time area. Have a Bible at the end with a "gold necklace or chain" marking the lesson passage. SAY: This is where our real treasure is, in the Bible, because it is God's Word to us.</p> <p>Hidden Silver: Hide "silver" or gray paper items around the room, and let the children search for them. Try to provide some actual silver items for the children to see. Read and give them Colossians 2:2-3 for their Chest. SAY: We should search for wisdom like we search for silver treasures.</p> <p>Listening: Record household sounds such as a toaster, a door closing, something cooking, water running, a washing machine, etc. Have children close their eyes and guess the sounds. SAY: We hear lots of things all around. God tells us to listen to wisdom. One way we hear it is when someone tells us how to do things, but we must listen carefully. If we walk away without doing what we have heard, we turn our backs on wisdom.</p> <p>Treasure in Earthen Vessels: Use play dough or clay to make earthen vessels. SAY: This play dough is made of "dust of the earth" and so are we. We are made of the earth (read the Genesis 2 account of man's creation) so that God's greatness can be seen in us. Give out 2 Cor. 4:7.</p> <p>Treasures: Let the children color the treasure verses they have collected. SAY: Review Matthew 6:19 and 20 with them.</p> <p>Holy Bible: Show the children how to handle a Bible properly. SAY: It is a treasure because it is God's book to us.</p> <p>Verse Review: Review previous verses written on 3x5 cards in a treasure chest.</p>