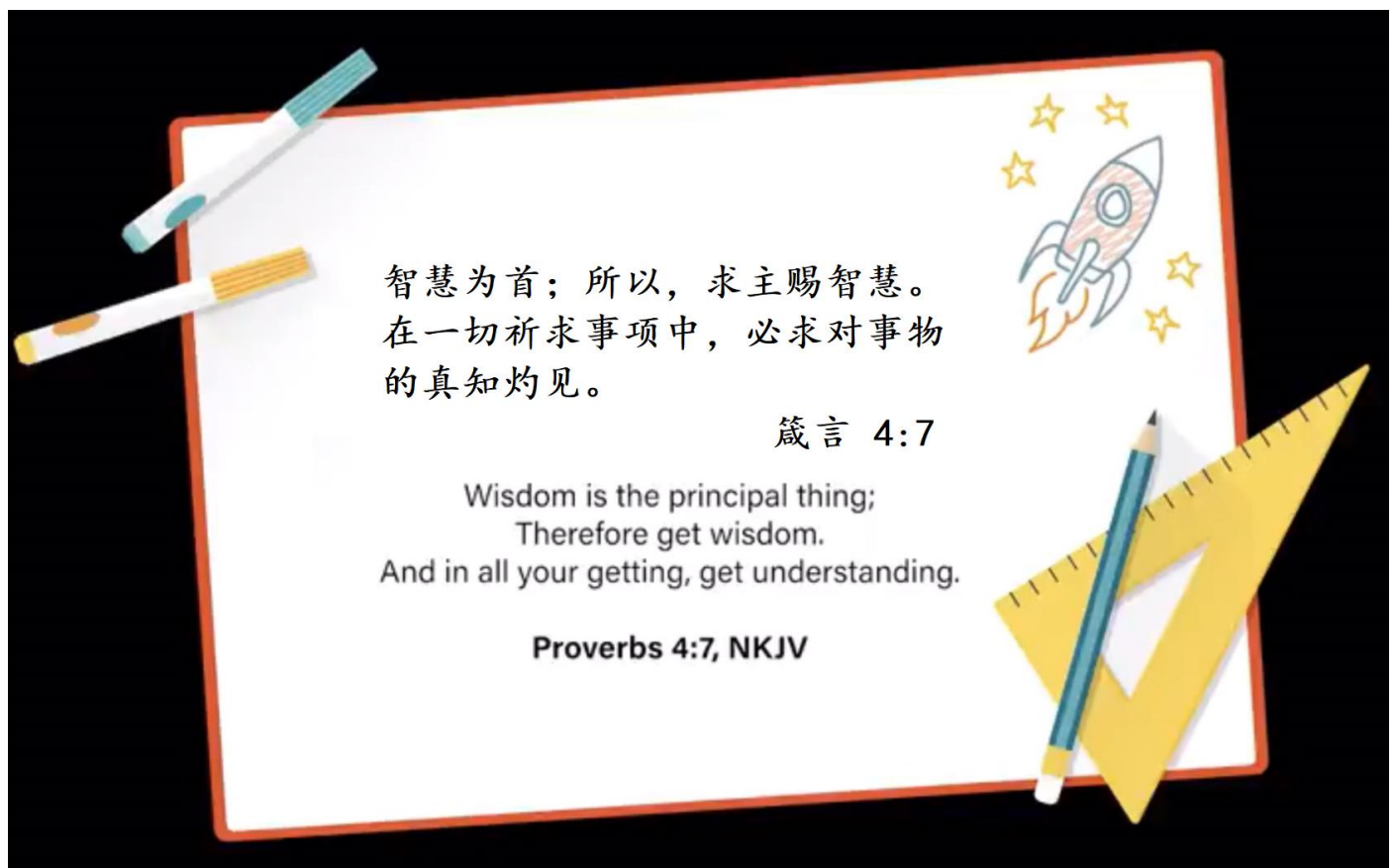


首先求智慧

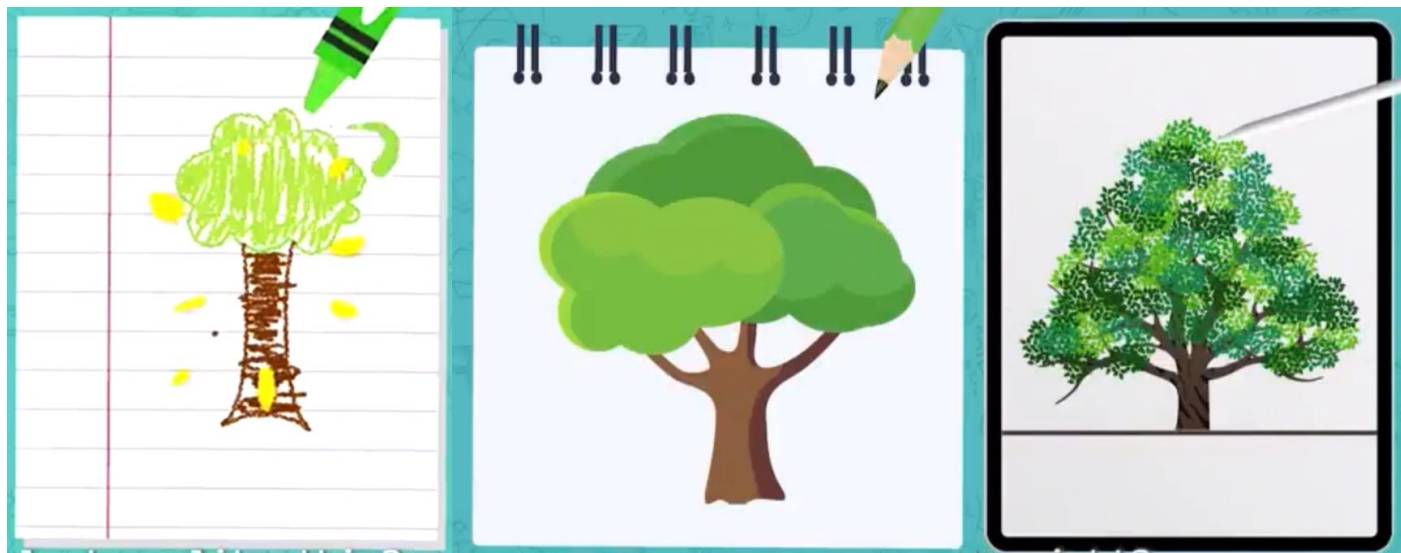
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—— 箴言 4:7

本周圣经话语：



嗨，孩子们！今天让我们来谈谈画图。如果我让你画一棵树，它会是这样一棵简单的树吗？或者更像这样，有很多枝干？最近，我遇到了我的一位画家朋友，我说：“给我画一张树的图画，使它尽量画得完整，包含各种细节。”这就是我得到的。哇……漂亮吧？这棵树有一个大而强壮的树干，有很多树枝。它有叶子、花朵和果实。但猜猜怎么了？这张图片中缺少这棵树的一个非常重要的部分。你能弄清楚它是什么吗？那就对了。就是由于缺少了根部，因此这幅图还是不完整的。



尽管我们看不到在地下生长的根，但根是树的一个非常重要的部分。根从地面吸收和运输水和矿物质以喂养树木。根也将树牢牢地固定在地上。没有根，树很快就会干涸甚至倒塌。如果根不好，树就不能正常生长。所以即使我们看不到它们，树的根实际上对树的生命非常重要。



实际上，你知道圣经告诉我们，有一样东西对我们来说非常重要吗？圣经告诉我们这是我们生活中最想要的第一件事，这一点非常重要。知道它是什么吗？让我们一

起阅读箴言 4:7。它说：“智慧为首；所以，求主赐智慧。在一切祈求事项中，必求对事物的真知灼见。”答案就在这里。智慧是首要的。“为首”的意思是“最重要的”或“第一”。所以，当圣经告诉我们智慧是我们需要祈求得到的最重要或第一的东西时，我们就要集中精神仔细思考。但究竟什么是智慧？为了回答这个问题，让我先告诉你什么不是智慧。

智慧不仅仅是聪明，或取得好成绩，或成为班上最聪明的孩子。我们想变得聪明并取得好成绩吗？是的！我们想成为最优秀的学生并赢得奖品和奖励吗？对~对~对！但成为有智慧的人不仅仅是聪明或醒目。聪明能帮助我们提高成绩，但成为有智慧的人能在我们生活的各个领域得到帮助，其中包括我们的学习。智慧不仅能帮助我们理解事物，还能教会我们在正确的时间、正确的地点做正确的事情。



例如，当一个朋友对我们生气时，也对他生气是否明智？不。用愤怒来报复愤怒永远不是正确的办法。箴言 15:1 告诉我们，这只会让事情变得更糟。经上说：“回答柔和，使怒消退；言语暴戾，触动怒气。”难道我们宁愿在手机上玩游戏而不是完成作业吗？看看这节经文，答案就很清楚了。箴言 10:4. “手懒的，致贫；手勤的，致富。”智慧告诉我们懈怠的后果。但好消息是，它还告诉我们努力工作的回报。当我们想要拿走不属于我们的东西时会发生什么？嗯，你我都知道这叫做“偷”，偷窃这种行为是错误的。

你可以是孩子们当中最聪明的那个，但如果你没有智慧在生活中协助你做出正确的选择，你会发现自已会陷入了各种各样的麻烦。**从上帝而来的智慧是首要的。**把智慧放在第一位，其他一切都会水到渠成。

还记得我们之前看过的那棵树吗？把自己想象成这棵树，并以智慧为根。正如一棵树要依靠它的根来茁壮成长并结出许多果实一样，箴言 4:7 告诉我们，我们需要把智慧放在首位。这是因为当我们有了智慧，所有智慧带来的好果子都供我们享受。这些好果子包括好成绩、好朋友、幸福、健康，欢乐时光，等等。要想拥有生活中的一切美好，我们不必急于追逐果实。我们只要解决了根。照顾好根，树就会挺立，健康，结出许多果实。好树会结好果，那好树需要什么？说对了！好根。照料好根，果实自然就会生长。



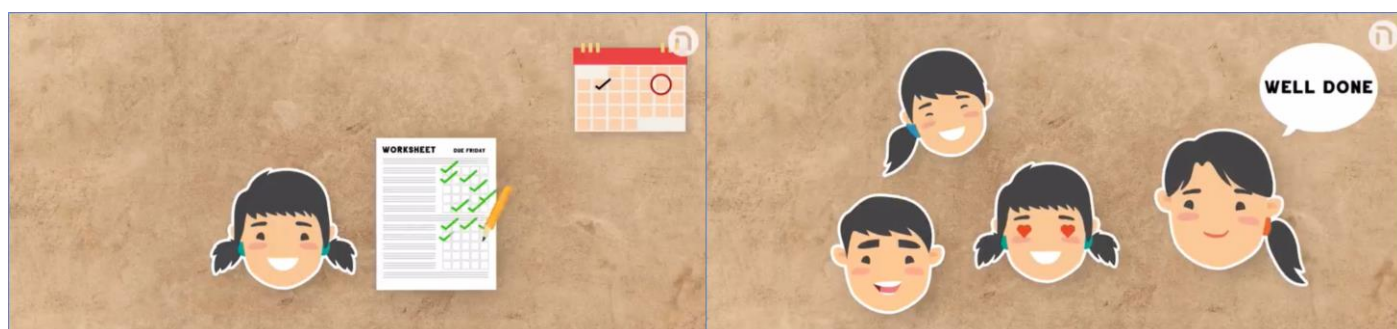
让我们看看所罗门王。还记得他吗？圣经告诉我们，除了耶稣，所罗门是有史以来最有智慧的人。所罗门是一位如此成功的国王，以至于其他国王都来向他表示敬意，并送给他珍贵的礼物。他也是有史以来最富有的人。所罗门是如何成为如此成功的国王的？答案是所罗门先解决了最重要的事情，甚至在他成为国王之前！当所罗门知道他即将成为下一任国王，就向上帝求智慧。与其是说“看看我，我太棒了！我要成为下一任国王！”所罗门说：“主啊，请帮助我仰望你。我只是个孩子，不知道该怎么办。教我如何做王。我需要你的智慧！”于是，上帝就按所罗门所求，赐智慧给他。

事实上，圣经告诉我们，上帝对所罗门看重智慧非常满意，祂也给了所罗门财富和尊荣。从一开始，所罗门就很聪明地将智慧放在首位。有了从上帝而来智慧，其他一切就都到位了。所罗门凭借智慧取得了伟大的成就，成为了一个非常强大和富有的国王。

让我告诉你一位主日学的老师从她父亲那里学到了一些非常明智的东西。当她还在学校时，她总是在做任何事情之前拖延时间。如果她妈妈早上说，“整理你的房间”，她会推迟到晚上，这让她妈妈很生气！如果周一给她布置周五要交的作业，她就会在周四晚上才开始工作，这意味着要赶时间，而且睡眠不足。



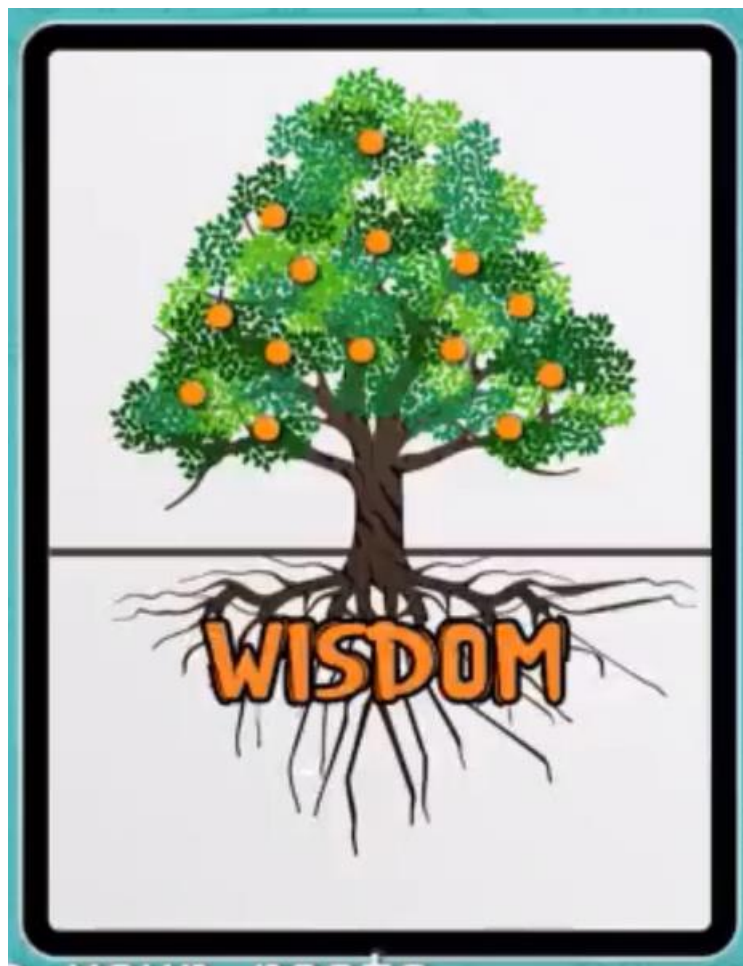
这种情况一直持续，直到有一天，她的父亲教了她圣经箴言里面的一段话：“你看见殷勤能干的人吗？他必会站在君王面前，必不会站在不名之辈面前。- 箴言 22:29”她的父亲告诉她，“殷勤能干(excel)”这个词不仅仅意味着技术优秀。它还意味着“准备好”或“迅速”。这意味着按时做事。“做事要及时，”她爸爸说，“不要拖到最后一刻。提前计划，以便您有时间做所有需要做的事情。”那天他们一起祷告，祈求上帝赐予她智慧，让她能够在正确的时间做正确的事。



很快，她开始看到不同之处。她开始更好地计划并开始按时完成任务。她的父母和老师也开始注意到这种差异。最重要的是，她开始受到周围所有人的喜爱，包括她的老师，他们喜欢她变得多么负责任。她的老师发现她非常负责任，甚至让她成为学生领袖。

嗨，孩子们，我们今天学到了什么？我们了解到智慧是最重要的。箴言 4:7 告诉我们，你可能也想在圣经里划出这部分：“智慧为首；所以，求主赐智慧。在一切祈求事项中，必求对事物的真知灼见。”这意味着我们希望将智慧作为第一要务。在我们得到其他任何东西之前，我们要确保我们得到了智慧。我们了解到，当我们获得智慧时，我们将获得其他一切。还记得那棵树吗？**扎根，你就会享受到果实**。我们还了解到，**获得智慧的方法是向上帝祈求**。当你这样做时，你可以确信，我们非常非常良善的上帝会赐给你你所求的，以及更多你没想到的好事情。祂会让你遇到的每个人都喜欢你，并在你所做的每一件事上都取得成功。没有必要追逐财富或成功（好果子）。而是应当去寻求、渴望并祈求上帝的智慧（好根）。**把智慧放在第一位，其他一切美好的事物都会随之而来**。因此，在我们做任何其他事情之前，让我们确定我们的优先事项，并祈求上帝赐予我们所需的智慧。

让我们一起祈祷：亲爱的阿爸上帝，我们需要你的智慧。我们感谢您，正如您将智慧赐给所罗门王一样，您今天也白白地赐给我们，我们接受您的智慧作为我们的根源，作为我们的第一要务，我们宣布我们将在生活中结出好果子。奉耶稣的名，阿们！





孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

MAKE WISDOM YOUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. –Proverbs 4:7, NKJV

Hey rock Kidz! If I asked you to draw a picture of a tree, would it be a simple tree like this? Or more like this, with branches? Recently, I met an artist friend of mine and I said, “Draw me a picture of a tree, make it as complete as you can.” This is what I got. Wow ... beautiful, right? The tree has a big, strong trunk with lots of branches. It has leaves, and blossoms, and fruit. But guess what? A very important part of this tree is missing from this picture. Can you figure out what it is? That’s right. The drawing is not complete because the roots are missing.

Even though we can’t see the roots growing underground, the roots are a very important part of the tree. Roots absorb and transport water and minerals from the ground to feed the tree. Roots also anchor the tree firmly to the ground without the roots, that the tree would soon dry up and maybe even topple over. A tree cannot grow properly if the roots are no good. So even though we can’t see them, the roots of the tree are actually very important to the life of a tree.

Did you know that Bible tells us that there is something that is actually very important to us? In fact, it is so important that the Bible tells us that it is the number one thing that we want in our lives. Want to know what it is? Let’s read Proverbs 4:7 together. It says, “Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.” There’s the answer right there. Wisdom is the principal thing. “Principal” means “most important”, or “number one”. So when the Bible tells us that wisdom is the most important or number one thing we need to get, we want to sit up and pay attention. But what exactly is wisdom? To answer this question, let me start by telling you what wisdom is not.

Wisdom is not just about being clever, or getting good grades, or being the smartest kid in class. Do we want to be clever and get good grades? Yes! Do we want to be the top student and win prizes and awards? Yes, yes, yes! But being wise is so much more than just being clever or smart. Being clever helps us with our grades, but being wise helps us in every area of our lives, and that includes our studies too. Wisdom not only helps us to understand things, but also teaches us the right thing to do at the right time and at the right place.

For example, when a friend gets mad at us, is it wise to get mad back at him too? No. Returning anger with anger is never the way to go. Proverbs 15:1 tells us that this only makes things worse. It says, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” And is it wise that we would rather play games on our phones instead of finishing our homework? Look at this verse, and the answer is clear. Proverbs 10:4. “He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Wisdom tells us the consequence of slacking off. But the good news is that it also tells us the reward for being hardworking. And what happens when we are tempted to take what doesn’t belong to us? Well, you and I know that this is called ‘stealing’, and that stealing is wrong. You can be the smartest kid around, but if you don’t have the wisdom to make the right choice in life, you’ll find yourself getting into all kinds of trouble. Wisdom is the principal thing. Make wisdom your number one priority, and everything else will fall into place.

Remember the tree we looked at earlier? Imagine yourself as this tree with wisdom as your roots. Just as a tree depends on its roots to grow strong and healthy and produce lots of fruits, Proverbs 4: 7 tells us that we need to make wisdom our number one priority. This is because when we have wisdom, all the good fruit that comes with wisdom are ours to enjoy. Like good grades, good friends, happiness, good health and fun times too. To have every good thing in life, we don’t have to chase after the fruit. We settle the root. Take care of the root and the tree will stand tall, be healthy and produce much fruit. Good fruits come from good trees, and what do good trees have? That’s right! Good roots. Settle the roots and the fruit will grow.

Now, let's look at King Solomon. Remember him? The Bible tells us that apart from Jesus, Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived. Solomon was such a successful king that other kings came to pay him respect and give him precious gifts. He was also the richest man who ever lived. How did Solomon become such a successful king? The answer is that Solomon settled the most important thing first, even before he became king! As soon as Solomon knew he was going to be the next king, Solomon asked God for wisdom. Instead of going, "Ooh loo at me, I'm so great! I'm going to be the next king!" Solomon said, "Help I look to You, Lord. I'm just a child and don't know what to do. Teach me how to be king. I need Your wisdom!" and that was just what God did.

God gave Solomon His wisdom. In fact, the Bible tells us God was so pleased with Solomon's request that He also gave Solomon riches and honour as well. Right from the start, Solomon was smart enough to make wisdom his number one priority. With wisdom, everything else fell into place. With wisdom Solomon achieved greatness and became a very powerful and wealthy king.

Let me tell you about a teacher from Rock Kidz learned something very wise from her dad. When she was still in school, she used to dilly-dally before getting anything done. If her mum said, "Tidy your room," she would put it off until evening, which just made her mum mad! If she was given homework on Monday that was due on Friday, she would only get going on Thursday night, which meant a big rush and not enough sleep. Things could have continued this way, except that one day, her dad taught her a verse from Proverbs. "Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings. He will not stand before unknown men." Her dad told her that the word "excel" meant more than just being skilled excellent. It also meant being "ready" or "prompt". This meant doing things on time. "Do things promptly," her dad said, "don't leave things till the last minute. Plan ahead so that you have time to do everything you need to do." That day they prayed together and asked God for wisdom for her to be able to do the right thing at the right time.

Soon she began to see a difference. She started to plan better and began to finish her tasks in good time. Her parents and teachers started to notice the difference too. Best of all she began to be well-liked by everyone around her, including her teacher, who liked how responsible she had become. Her teacher found her so responsible that they even made her a student leader.

Hey Rock Kidz, what do we learn today? We learned that wisdom is the principal thing. Proverbs 4: 7 tells us, and you might want to highlight this as well, "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding." This means that we want to make wisdom our number one priority. Before we get anything else, we want to be sure that we get wisdom. We learned that when we get wisdom, we get everything else. Remember the tree? Settle the root and you'll enjoy the fruits. We also learnt that the way to get wisdom is to ask God. And when you do. You can be sure that our good, good God will give you what you ask for. And much more. He will give you favour with everyone you meet and good success in everything that you do. There is no need to chase after wealth or success. Instead seek after, desire, and ask God for wisdom. Make wisdom your number one priority and every other good thing will surely follow. So before we do anything else, let's get our priorities right and ask the Lord for all the wisdom that we need. Let's pray. Dear daddy God, we want Your wisdom. We thank You that just as You gave wisdom to King Solomon, You also freely give to us today, we receive Your wisdom as our root, as our number one priority, and we declare that we shall see good fruits in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen!