

Real World Skit: Wondering About Wisdom

Characters: Jo, Tori, and Lizzy

Props: Markers, index cards, a spiral notebook, a pen, a few books piled on the table to look like resources.

Jo and Lizzy are sitting at a table in the library working quietly when Tori enters holding markers and index cards.

Jo: *(whispering loudly and waving)* Tori, Tori, we're over here!

Tori: *(whispering loudly)* Oh, hey! There you are.

Lizzy: You're late again. Where have you been? We can't be expected to do this project for you.

Tori: I'm sorry. I was getting the index cards and markers that you asked me to pick up. Then we ran into bad traffic on the way home. I'm sorry. Did you get a lot done without me?

Jo: We gathered some data and organized it. *(Jo holds up the spiral notebook proudly displaying their work)*

Lizzy: Yeah, see? In this column we wrote where we can get information and gain knowledge. You know, like school, books, magazines, the Internet, personal experiences...

Jo: And in this column we wrote the benefits of getting a formal education and going to college—like jobs, money, power, popularity, and wisdom. We still need to make some graphs and labels and stuff to go on our board.

Tori: *(hesitantly)* Oh. Ummmm. I see.

Lizzy: There's still a lot to do, Tori. Don't worry.

Tori: I'm not worried. But can I see your lists for a second? I just want to take a closer look.

Lizzy: Sure, here. Can you hand me those markers?

(Tori hands Lizzy the markers and reads over the lists)

Tori: I see some problems here. Can I make some suggestions?

Jo: Nothing's finalized yet.

Lizzy: What? Don't you like our lists?

Tori: No. The lists are great. But you said that wisdom can come from getting a formal education.

Lizzy: That's right. What's wrong with that?

Tori: Well, wisdom isn't something you get from a fancy university or a college degree. There is only one source for real wisdom, and I don't see that listed here.

(Jo and Tori look at each other in surprise)

Jo: Are you kidding me? What did we miss?

Tori: The Bible. God is the source of all wisdom.

Lizzy: Hmmm. I'm not really sure we want any stuff about God in our report.

Jo: Just a minute, Lizzy. Give her a chance. Go ahead, Tori.

Tori: There's a difference between being smart and being wise. Some people are smart because they are born smart. But real wisdom comes from reading God's Word, the Bible. And the Bible says that the fear of the Lord brings wisdom.

Lizzy: God? The Bible? Smart people? College? Wise people? This is getting confusing.

Jo: No, it isn't really confusing. We can just add a new column . . . about wisdom. *(Jo picks up the spiral notebook and adds a new column)*

Tori: And we can separate what makes you smart from what makes you wise!

Lizzy: Wow! I am totally not following you!

Tori: Have you ever heard about measuring a person's I.Q., Lizzy?

Lizzy: Yeah. Standardized tests and stuff like that, right?

Tori: Right. I.Q. measures how smart people are. It's the kind of smarts they are born with. And it can reflect what they've studied and learned in school. Wisdom is different. Wisdom comes from God—from reading His Word. Real wisdom starts there. Real wisdom leads to knowing Jesus Christ—believing in Him and trusting that everything the Bible says about Him is true.

Jo: Well, I have always wanted to be wise!

Tori: That's good!

Lizzy: And true wisdom can only come from God? Not what school you go to?

Tori: Right. Um . . . it's important to study and do your best at school, Lizzy. But wisdom from God is even more important.

Lizzy: Why?

Tori: God is the Creator of the universe. He's all-knowing and all-powerful, and the one who gives us new life in Jesus Christ. The wisdom we get from the Bible can give us eternal life. Besides that, wisdom from God and the Bible can help us to know if what we are learning in books and from teachers is right or not.

Jo: I think I get it. God knows everything. He wrote down what we need to know in the Bible. We learn from the perfect God.

Lizzy: And what we learn from Him is called wisdom.

Jo: Right. And then when we read something in a book or hear it from a teacher, we can tell whether or not it is true by comparing it to what God has already said in His Word.

Lizzy: So, godly wisdom is what helps us know what is true. Is that right?

Tori: Yes, that's it exactly! Things men say often change over time. But the Bible has never changed. That's where we get real wisdom.

Jo: Now I get it. This project is going to be even better when we add your ideas about wisdom, Tori.

Lizzy: And I think that learning about wisdom from God is going to change my life. How can I know more?

Tori: How about coming to church with me? We learn something exciting from God's Word every week. My teacher can answer more of your questions and show you how to study the Bible yourself.

Jo: Can I come, too?

Tori: No problem! Now let's get busy with this project. Who wants to make the labels?