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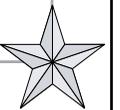
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## FAITH

**Song of the Month:** “That’s Where Wisdom Begins”

**Scripture Song of the Month:** “Trust in the Lord”

**Patch Theme Song of the Year:** “The Fear of the Lord”

**Children’s Hymn of the Year:** “Immortal, Invisible”

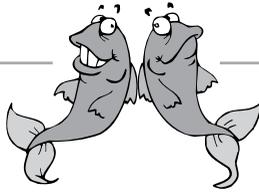
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**Make-up Memory Verse:** Proverbs 3:5-6—“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

**Sailor Scripture Memory:** Each week, read or quote the passage below in order to have the option of quoting the entire passage in any performance during the year. You may quote a portion of Proverbs 3 (verses 1-12 in this first issue) or the entire passage (found in the appendix of this book) in preparation for a future performance.

Proverbs 3:1-12—“My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.”

(See page 107 for entire chapter.)



## Speaking Parts for the Performance

Sailor 4 stands behind a podium or table labeled with a large sign: “Information Desk.” Sailors 1, 2, 3, and 5 enter and stand at the side as though in line. Use props and costume items to present Sailor 1 as a scholar, Sailor 2 as a scientist, and Sailor 3 as an emotional thinker. Sailor 5 carries a Bible. After Sailors 1, 2, and 3 take their turn, they leave the information desk and stand off to the other side, their backs to the audience, until Sailor 5 begins to speak.

- Sailor 4:                   *(Calls out loudly.)* Next!
- Sailor 1:                   *(Approaching podium.)* I want to know everything about everything. Where should I begin?
- Sailor 4:                   *(Pointing in random directions.)* There’s the library, and the university is over there. Get to work—you have a lot of studying to do!
- Sailor 2:                   I want to understand how everything works together. Why and how does this universe exist? I just want to understand and figure it all out.
- Sailor 4:                   The science lab is that way, and the telescope is up on that hill. Have at it!
- Sailor 3:                   Please! I just need to know why I’m here! What does it all mean? I mean . . . what’s the point of everything? *(Takes Sailor 4 by the shoulders.)* I really, *really* *nee-ee-eed* to know!
- Sailor 4:                   *(Steps away from Sailor 3 and scratches his/her head.)* Uh . . . maybe you should Google that. Wait!—Have you tried yoga?
- Sailor 5:                   *(Steps forward and speaks urgently.)* Hold on everyone—you’re all looking in the wrong place!
- Sailor 4:                   What are you talking about? This is the twenty-first century, and we are on the cutting edge of modern thinking.
- Sailor 5:                   All of you are seeking after knowledge, understanding, and meaning—right?
- Sailors 1, 2, 3:           Yes!
- Sailor 4:                   *(Points to the sign.)* It’s all right here! I’m telling you!
- Sailor 5:                   No. It’s not! Only the one true God offers what you are looking for. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”
- Choir:                   *(Recites.)* Proverbs 9:10—“The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.”
- Choir:                   *(Sings.)* “That’s Where Wisdom Begins”

# That's Where Wisdom Begins

Words & music by Ron Hamilton  
Arr. by Megan Hamilton  
& Shelly Hamilton

*Flowing* ♩ = 66

Piano *mp*

4 *mp*

Liv - ing in dark - ness so

7

lost in the night, look - ing for

10

wis - dom and long - ing for light.

13 *mf*

Then God called out to me look to the

16

Son. There on Mount Cal - va - ry,

19

Je - sus said, "Come!"

Chorus

22 *mf*

Come to the cross. Look to the

25

sky! See Christ the Sav - ior

28

lift - ed on high. God's ho - ly

31

Son bear - ing your sins.

34

Come to the cross— that's where

37

wis - dom be - gins.

*mf*

40

*mf*

Search - ing for

43

wis - dom that's found in God's Word,

46

seek - ing for an - swers from Je - sus the

49

Lord, look - ing for knowl - edge to

52

guide ev - 'ry step, ask - ing for

55

wis - dom with ev - 'ry breath. \_\_\_\_\_

Broaden  $\text{♩} = 60$ 

Chorus

**f** Optional descant

58

*rit.* **f** *a tempo*

Come to the cross.

Come to the

61

cross. Look up and see

Look to the sky! See Christ the

64

Him lift - ed on high.

Sav - ior lift - ed on high.

67

God's ho - ly Son

God's ho - ly Son bear - ing your

70

bear - ing your sins on the cross—

sins. Come to the cross—

73

that's where wis - dom be - gins.

that's where wis - dom be - gins.

*f*

77 *mf*

Come to the

*f* *mf*

80

cross— that's where wis - dom be -

83

gins.

*8va*

86 *mp rit.*

Come to the cross.

*8va*

*mp rit.*

# FAITH

## MONTH ONE, WEEK ONE

**Song of the Month:** “That’s Where Wisdom Begins”

**Scripture Song of the Month:** “Trust in the Lord”

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 9:10—“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

**Make-up Memory Verse:** Proverbs 3:5-6—“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

**Scripture Memory:** Proverbs 3:1-12

**Supplies:** Bible, *Captain’s Log*, *Sailor’s Log*, *Patch Trax* CD, Willow Valley Kids book—“The Treasure Hunt,” supplies for games and activities, CD player, pencils, super sailor surprises, and awards.



### OPENING EXERCISES

1. As each sailor enters the room, the captain or a co-captain checks their devotions and records the attendance of that child. Children may work on the coloring page in their *Sailor’s Log* until the club meeting begins. Play the matching Patch adventure listening segment given on the *Sailor’s Log* coloring page. This will help maintain order before the official club opening.
2. Captain: **Ahoy, sailors!** (with salute)  
Sailors: **Ahoy, Captain!** (with salute)
3. Sailor’s Salute: **“I pledge allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose name I love and Whose praise I sing. As a faithful sailor in Patch the Pirate Club, I will do my best to serve my Savior and obey His Word.”**
4. Club Verse and Club Song: **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16**
5. Announcements, prayer, Scripture memory, and Patch theme song of the year.
6. Use this time for reminders regarding club rules. Include your own unique rules as well.
  - Captain and co-captains should be properly addressed with respectful manners.
  - Gum chewing is not allowed.

- Handle personal needs before or after club.
- Books are not to be opened until instructions to do so are given.
- Encourage children to obey right away.



### REHEARSAL

1. Listen to the song of the month, children’s hymn of the year, and Christmas song with the *Patch Trax* CD. Instruct the children to follow along with the music in the *Sailor’s Log*. Encourage the sailors to regularly listen to the *Patch Club Songs, Learn at Home* CD.
2. With the children looking at the sailor music, explain the time signature and introduction of the song. Explain the number of counts per measure and what kind of note gets one count. Play the recording, and demonstrate precisely when the children begin singing. Rehearse the opening with the children singing the words.
3. For rehearsal purposes, explain that measure numbers are located at the beginning of each music staff or system. Make sure the children understand how to find the numbers and how to locate measures that do not have a number.
4. Select children for performance speaking parts. Optional: speaking parts may be presented with puppets. Rehearse the speaking parts in a separate rehearsal or along with the song rehearsal in the club meeting.

- Send notes home to inform parents of speaking and singing parts. Continue to update/manage your document of contact information. Include a record of children with special parts.



**MUSIC LESSON**

Follow the sailor directions, and complete the weekly music page. Answer keys may be found on pages 98–103.



**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

**The Wise & The Foolish Man**

**Materials:** Use lyrics below to “The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock”

**The Wise Man Built His House**

The wise man built his house upon the rock  
 The wise man built his house upon the rock  
 The wise man built his house upon the rock  
 And the rain came tumbling down

Oh, the rain came down and the floods came up  
 The rain came down and the floods came up  
 The rain came down and the floods came up  
 And the wise man’s house stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand  
 The foolish man built his house upon the sand  
 The foolish man built his house upon the sand  
 And the rain came tumbling down

Oh, the rain came down and the floods came up  
 The rain came down and the floods came up  
 The rain came down and the floods came up  
 And the foolish man’s house went “splat!” [*clap hands once*]

So, build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ  
 Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ  
 Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ  
 And the blessings will come down

Oh, the blessings come down as your prayers go up  
 The blessings come down as your prayers go up  
 The blessings come down as your prayer go up  
 So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Directions:** Sing the verses of the song “The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock.” You may use motions if you wish. Explain to the sailors that this song is based upon Jesus’ message in

Matthew 7:24-27. **Jesus said that we are foolish if we hear His words and do not obey them. Just like our song this month is teaching us that wisdom begins at the cross, so Jesus reminds us that He is the foundation of our faith. Do you know Him as your Savior? Are you building your life’s foundation on Him or in emptiness?**



**STORY**

The Willow Valley Kids  
*The Treasure Hunt—Part 1, Chapter 1*



**BIBLE ACTIVITY**

Follow the instructions on the Bible Activity page. Work through it together or separately. Answer keys may be found on pages 98–103.



**SWORD DRILL**

- Instruct the sailors to turn to week one in their books. Read the introduction, or have one of the children read the introduction. Give a brief overview of what they will be learning in their devotions this week.
- Explain that the Bible is the Christian’s Sword. Have the children close their Bibles and hold them by the binder. Demonstrate how to do this. The captain shouts “**Sheathe Swords!**” The sailors place their Bibles under right arms. The captain shouts “**Draw Swords!**” The sailors hold their Bibles in the air with straight arms. The captain calls out a book, chapter, and verse of the Bible (selected from the sailor devotions for this week). The sailors repeat the reference after the captain. The captain shouts, “**Charge!**” The sailors look up the verse as quickly as possible. The first one to find the reference should stand and begin to read, or the captain may have the sailor simply stand, and he/she will read the verse. If the captain chooses to have the winner go to the front, then that person is in the “finals.” The captain will continue the Sword Drill until the final verse when the winners compete against each other. The sailor who finds the final verse first is the overall winner. Present a general Patch Club certificate to the winner. (Note: the Sword Drill may be 2-7 verses, depending on how much time is available. The final round may be omitted.)



## ADVENTURE TIME

Play the Kilimanjaro listening segment with sailor coloring illustration (if not used during check-in).



## BIBLE IMPACT LESSON

**FAITH DEFINED**—Faith is foundational to life. Each one of us practices faith every day. In order to get to Patch Club today, you demonstrated faith. You trusted the automobile to start and run correctly. You trusted your parents to drive you safely to church. What are some other ways you showed faith today? Allow sailors to answer.

When you entered the church, you showed faith in the architect who designed the building, the people who built it and the manufacturers who made the materials that hold the building up so the roof doesn't fall in. You are putting faith in the chair that you're seated in right now. We all live by faith every day. The doctor may tell us we have a disease we've never heard of, writes a prescription we can't read, for medicine whose name we cannot pronounce, which we take to a pharmacist that we do not know, who gives us a bottle of liquid which tastes like poison, which we drink and then go back for more. That's faith!

Faith is important to eternal life and is also a key word in the Bible. The theme "the just shall live by faith" is repeated throughout Scripture (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). In other words, those who are right with God ("the just") practice faith ("live by faith"). Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." But what is faith? How would you define it? Allow sailors to answer. Faith is "believing God will do what He said." When God says it, that settles it. We must believe it.

Our faith should be rooted in God's unchanging character (Heb. 13:8) and His unfailing Word (Rom. 10:17). God cannot and will not lie; so we can trust what He says (Titus 1:2). God is holy and cannot permit sin (Is. 6:3), but God is love so He offers forgiveness through His Son even though I am a sinner (Rom. 5:8). When God promises "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," having faith means taking God at His word. Do you

believe that you are a sinner? (Rom. 3:23) Have you admitted your sinfulness before God and asked Him to forgive you? (Mk. 1:15) Do you believe that Jesus is the only way to have eternal life? (Jn. 14:6) Why not pray right now and ask Him to forgive you and to come into your heart. (Rom. 6:23)

Close in prayer, giving sailors an opportunity to accept Christ.

Sing the Scripture song of the month, "Trust in the Lord," using the Scripture Song CD and book.



## CLOSING EXERCISES

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- Dismissal  
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 Sailors: **So long, Captain!** (with salute)

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# FAITH

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5. Announcements, prayer, Scripture memory, and Patch theme song of the year.



### REHEARSAL

1. Sing and rehearse the song of the month in the *Sailor’s Log* month one unit pages. To get a sense of the tempo and style of the arrangement, practice using the *Patch Trax* CD. Your pianist may play along to learn the piece. Have the pianist play alone for sections of the music that require more in-depth rehearsal.
2. Review the basic music theory facts for this song. Explain the dynamic markings and any repeats or special endings for this arrangement.
3. Rehearse solos or small group music parts you are planning to include in the performance.
4. Rehearse the speaking parts with the children who were selected for the performance play. Rehearse as part of the club meeting or in a separate rehearsal.
5. As a reminder, your sailors should rehearse their music at home with the *Patch Club Songs, Learn at Home* CD. It is important for the children to have the unit song memorized by the next club meeting.
6. Using the music in the *Sailor Log* introduction, sing through the hymn of the year and the Christmas song of the year.



## MUSIC LESSON

Follow the sailor directions, and complete the weekly music page. Answer keys may be found on pages 98–103.



## GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

### Musical Scripture

**Materials:** Music and words for “The Fear of the Lord,” small prizes (optional)

**Directions:** Play the music for the song: “The Fear of the Lord.” You may have some sailors who are familiar with this and can sing along with you. Sing it through several times. Remind the sailors that the words for this song come directly from Proverbs 9:10. Now see how many sailors can recite the monthly verse from memory! Give a small prize, if you wish.



## STORY

The Willow Valley Kids  
*The Treasure Hunt—Part 1, Chapter 2*



## BIBLE ACTIVITY

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## SWORD DRILL

1. Instruct the sailors to turn to week two in their books. Read the introduction, or have one of the children read it. Give a brief overview of what they will be learning in their devotions this week.
2. Conduct a *Sword Drill* using references from the sailor devotions for the week.



## ADVENTURE TIME

Play the Kilimanjaro listening segment with sailor coloring illustration (if not used during check-in).



## BIBLE IMPACT LESSON

**FAITH DEMONSTRATED**—Monsieur Charles Blondin is one of history’s most famous tightrope walkers. At only five feet five and 140 pounds, he was a natural born ropewalker. His talent for balancing was discovered when at the age of four he crossed a rope strung between two chairs placed a small distance apart. Over the years he perfected his gift and on the evening of June 30, 1859, Charles attempted to cross the Niagara Falls by tightrope. Some 25,000 people gathered on either side of the falls to watch his foolish act. Dressed in pink tights and wearing special, soft-soled leather shoes, Blondin slowly made his way across the rope carrying a balancing pole. After reaching the safety of Canadian soil, he took a 20 minute break and began his journey back across to the American side. This time he strapped a large camera and its stand to his back. After walking out a few hundred feet, he used the camera to take a picture of the crowd along the shoreline. It took him twenty three minutes to return across the suspended rope, but Blondin immediately announced a second performance to take place on July 4th.

On the birthday of the United States, Charles crossed several times without a balancing pole, backwards, and blindfolded. Less than two weeks later, with the President of the United States watching from the crowd, Blondin pushed a wheel barrow across the thin rope. Still wanting to test the limits, he even somersaulted and flipped his way across. However, the attempt that he is most known for was when he put Harry Colcord (his manager) on his back and began to carry him across the raging falls. Part way across, the guide ropes snapped; but in the end, Charles delivered Harry safely to the other side.

**Who demonstrated real faith? Charles who trusted in his own ability or Harry who had to completely depend on another’s work to get him to safety?** Allow sailors to answer. **Both men showed real faith. Harry showed complete confidence in Charles’ ability. In a similar way, we must place our complete trust, faith, and confidence in Christ for eternal life. Acts 16:31 says, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” Who are you trusting to get you to heaven? Your parents greatly love you, but they cannot give you eternal life. Your pastor and teachers care for you deeply, but they are unable**

to save you from your sin. Trusting Jesus alone is the only way to have life eternal. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Will you receive His offer of salvation by faith? Trust the trustworthy One. He alone can bring you safely into His kingdom.

Close in prayer, encouraging sailors to trust Christ.

Sing the Scripture song of the month using the Scripture Song CD and book.



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