



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

## Department of Christian Education

MAKING DISCIPLES through "events that FORM and TRANSFORM"



### Sunday School Lessons Unit Two "Wisdom in the Gospels" July 2020

God is experienced as Wisdom in both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. During this quarter, we explore the many facets of wisdom as recorded in the Book of Proverbs, in the Gospels, and in the letter written by James.

Unit II, "Wisdom in the Gospels," offers four sessions, one session from each of the four Gospels that examines the wisdom of God seen in the teachings and life of Jesus.

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#### Unifying Principle

Some young people amaze us with a wisdom that seems beyond their years. How should we respond to precocious wisdom? Ecclesiastes affirms that there is a time to speak and a time to be quiet, and Luke records that the teachers in the Temple were awed by the wisdom of twelve-year-old Jesus, but Mary and Joseph were confused and exasperated.

#### Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To explore the account of Jesus' experience in the Temple at the age of twelve.
- ✓ To sense the awe experienced by all those who witnessed Jesus' precocious wisdom as well as the angst experienced by Mary and Joseph.
- ✓ To rejoice in the opportunity to know the wisdom of God through Jesus.

#### Challenges for the Week

- Think of and name some precocious children and youth and how do you see the church receiving them and providing for their development in church and society?
- How do you think Jesus' childhood looked? What he treated like other children of his time?
- How do children growing up in the church show surprising spiritual insights and gifts and how do church leaders arrange for their special training and participation in church programs and activities to enhance their development?
- What is the place of children in the church based on the story of twelve-year-old Jesus?
- What is the inherent wisdom in asking good questions?

