

Fundraiser Project: God's Wisdom

Linking Lives and Lands

Instructor Sheet

This project involves raising funds for *Underground University China*:

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Fundraiser Project:

TEACHING POINTS:

This activity has been designed to be a practical application for students. Outlined below are key points that can be explained to those the students approach for fundraising support:

- Christians in China are severely restricted from following Christ.
- The Bible is illegal in China.
- People under the age of 18 are legally prohibited from attending Christian churches, and parents are not permitted to teach their children about the Bible.

The activity also encourages youth to memorize James 1:5.

LESSON PLAN:

- Read the following passage from Genesis 3:4-6 (ESV):

"But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate."

Discussion Prompts:

- What did the snake tell the woman she would gain by eating the fruit?
- According to the snake, who was Eve supposed to become like if she ate the fruit?
- Doesn't acquiring wisdom in this way seem like a good thing?
- Did the woman really want wisdom, or did she actually desire something else?
- Wanting to be like God is actually a desire for what?
- Who else wanted to be equal with God? (If students answer, "Satan," then follow up with the question: "Who was the snake in this Biblical account?" Reiterate to them that this is NOT merely a story or fairy tale but rather a Biblical account.)
- Encourage students to read and memorize James 1:5, which explains that wisdom is good when it comes from God, not when it is coveted in an attempt to replace God.

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Student Sheet



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1. What did the snake tell the woman she would gain by eating the fruit?

2. Who did the snake say Eve would be like if she ate the fruit?

3. Doesn't wanting wisdom sound like a good thing?

4. Did she really want wisdom, or did she want something else?

5. Wanting to be like God is actually a desire for what?

6. Who else wanted the power to be equal with God?

7. Wisdom is good when it comes from God, not when it is attempting to replace God.

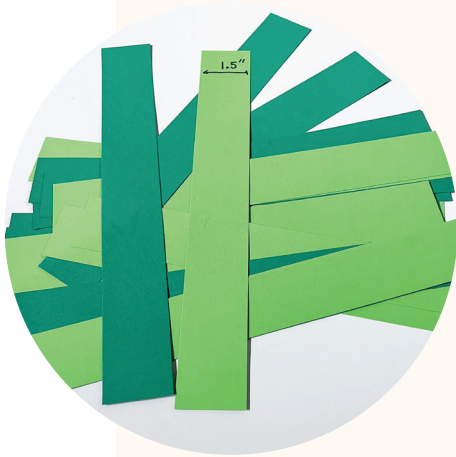




Instructions for Craft Project Pg. 1

GATHER THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES:

- Two or more shades of construction paper, plus a bit of red for the tongue.
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- A black marker
- One Velcro™ tab
- Glue and/or a stapler



1. Cut out strips of construction paper so they each measure to a width of 1.5 inches.

2. Each strip is worth \$2. When someone purchases a strip, write their name on it with the black marker, and then use the strip to build a chain snake.



3. Fold a piece of construction paper in half. Using the snake head template that's included in this online resource, line up the snake's neck with the folded edge, then trace around the head.



Instructions for Craft Project Pg. 2



4. Cut out the head. Using the marker, outline the shape of the head and proceed to give the snake a face. Glue googly eyes on the cutout and give your snake eyebrows.

5. On the inside of the snake's head, print the verses of Genesis 3:4-5. Start on the top portion of the head, keeping in mind that you have both the upper and lower portions of the cutout to write on. Yet, don't write over the neck, because that section will be covered once you begin adding the chain links.



6. Add a tab of Velcro™ to attach the tongue. The two prongs of the tongue will pose the question: "Whose wisdom should we follow?"

Write "God" on one prong and the word "OR" across the middle section. Then write the word "man" on the other prong.



Instructions for Craft Project Pg. 3

7. Let the linking of lives and lands begin!

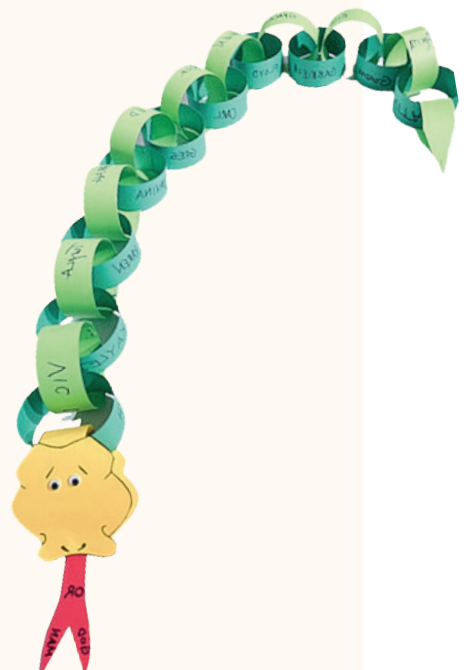
Now you are ready to begin explaining the importance of choosing Godly wisdom and how we can help Christians in China to grow in their faith and carry out the work of evangelism in their country, even though it is very difficult and comes with great risks.

As you sell the chain links, connect them using glue or a stapler. Staplers work much faster and hold tightly.



9. Once you've collected all the links, don't forget to add the tail!

Please send a photo of your completed snake, along with the collected donations, by May 31st, 2025. The photo of the longest snake will be featured in an upcoming issue of VOMC's *Table Talks* publication. For more details, check: vomcanada.com/TableTalkChina25



Template for Snake Head

