



**GET WISDOM:**  
*Go beyond the Gold!*

**Training our Children to be Wise about Micah 6:8**

A rich tradition has been established in GEMS throughout the fifty plus years that clubs have been meeting. At the opening or closing exercises of meetings, girls and counselors repeat an acknowledgment of the club aim, Micah 6:8, in unison:

**Club Coordinator:** "GEMS and GEMS counselors, what does the Lord require of us?"

**Counselors & girls:** "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly

with our God" (Micah 6:8).

That command to be activists for Jesus by acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God is not limited to the book of Micah. It's found throughout God's Book, the Bible, including the book of Proverbs that your daughter(s) has been studying all season.

She learned to **act justly** by taking action that helps set things right. Even at this young age, with your help and encouragement, she can speak up and make a difference in the lives of people in need.

She discovered that to **love mercy** is loving like Jesus who showed compassion at all times. Take

note of the ways you see her being kind, loving, and loyal. Let her catch that heart of love and grace in your own life.

She understands that **walking humbly with God** means to submit her life to Him and get rid of pride. Mother Teresa once said, "If you are humble, nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are."

Thank you for entrusting your daughter(s) to our club this season. Our prayer for your family is that you continue to get God's wisdom that will keep your feet on His highway of right living and keep you from bad choices that almost always come with painful consequences.

**Heart to Heart**

Have each family member tell about his or her day. Have a heart to heart with the members of your family, discussing these questions that relate to what your daughter has been studying at GEMS:

1. Have each person share a need or injustice in your community or around the world that breaks your heart. What one thing can you do to right this wrong?
2. On a scale of 1 (our family is saturated with love for another) to 10 (our family struggles to get along) how loving is your family toward one another? What steps can you take to forgive, love and extend grace to one another?
3. When you've succeeded at something you're proud of, how do you respond when no one else seems to notice what you accomplished?

**Family Fun**

**Call to Zambia:** One of the ways GEMS Girls' Clubs are acting justly is through *The Call to Zambia*. Their prayers and gifts of money and supplies are changing the lives of women and children in Zambia and transforming the hearts of girls and counselors in North America. Learn how your family can join them in acting justly by logging on to [gemsgc.org](http://gemsgc.org) and clicking on *The Call to Zambia*.

**Proverbs Point:** There is great joy for those who act justly—whether in Zambia or the place you call home (Proverbs 21:15).

**Soul Surfer:** Rent the movie, *Soul Surfer* (PG) and watch it together as a family. It's an inspiring true story of Bethany Hamilton who lost her left arm in a shark attack. Through her faith, family, determination, and courage, she overcame all odds to become a champion again.

**Proverbs Point:** No matter whom you are or what you're going through, everyone desires unfailing love (Proverbs 19:22). Be that channel of love to your family and all those you meet and greet each day.

**Humble Servants:** Choose a hurting, discouraged,

or grieving family in your community that your family can be secret humble servant agents to. Work together to plan and provide needed resources, hope, and encouragement. But remember, shhhhhhhh! It's a secret!

**Proverbs Point:** Did you know that humility grabs God's attention? God says, "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word" (Isaiah 66:2). God gives grace to the humble (Proverbs 3:34)!



**God's Word**

Your daughter is learning about the theme, *Get Wisdom: Go beyond the Gold!* These are some of the Bible verses she's been studying to teach her wisdom about Micah 6:8:

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy (Proverbs 31:8-9).*

*Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart (Proverbs 3:3).*

*Prides goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud (Proverbs 16:18-19).*

