



## Badge Requirements – A Note to Parents

As stated in the Introductory Letter to Parents (available on the Southview Baptist Church web site on the Kids/Parent's Update page), "it is our great desire that through this study [The Way of the Wise] not only will your child understand the difference between walking the way of the foolish and walking the way of the wise, but that your child will fear [reverence with awe and respect] the Lord and walk in all His ways." One strategy we use to this end is providing the incentive of children earning badges. There are four badges, and the requirements to earn them are designed as the means through which God can open their hearts and minds to the reality of and preference for walking the way of wisdom; walking with God. The four badges and requirements are:

- **Proverbs Reading** – Read the book of Proverbs marking each chapter off on the chart as it is read. You can print the chart on the Parent's Update web page, and we will always have additional copies in the classrooms.
- **Memory Verse** – Memorize 15 verses from the book of Proverbs, choosing the verses and writing each verse on the chart as it is memorized (this chart is also available on the Parent's Update web page and in the classrooms).
- **Reading: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis** – This can be read as a family, or with a parent, or the child can read it independently. We are providing a book for each child. Even if a child has read the book already or have seen a video version of it, the child must read (or re-read) the book. Children should be guided to watch for the two paths – the way of the foolish and the way of the wise – and some of the truths being taught weekly. This book was chosen for the contrast between the way of the foolish (Edmond is the prime example of walking in the way of the foolish) and the way of the wise and also because of its strong gospel message.
- **Putting Proverbs into Practice (to be introduced in Lesson 12)** – Select three verses from Proverbs to act upon. Write each verse at the top of the charts. Put each verse into practice eight times. On the appropriate chart, write down the date and the situation in which the verse was put into practice.

It is not only self-evident but biblically true that the responsibility and privilege of shepherding the hearts and minds of children to know Jesus Christ rests most heavily on parents. One reason this is true is because parents have more influence over their children and spend much more time with them than a church teacher. Therefore the process of discovering Jesus Christ as a child's most satisfying treasure usually does not happen in a classroom, but rather as parents interweave the truth in the day in and day out experiences of a child's life.

Your children will need help with completing the requirements for earning their badges; especially those children who are younger. The curriculum includes the badge incentive and provides the weekly parent take-home sheets in order to assist parents fulfill their high calling of raising their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We pray that these resources can be used by you for the glory of God.