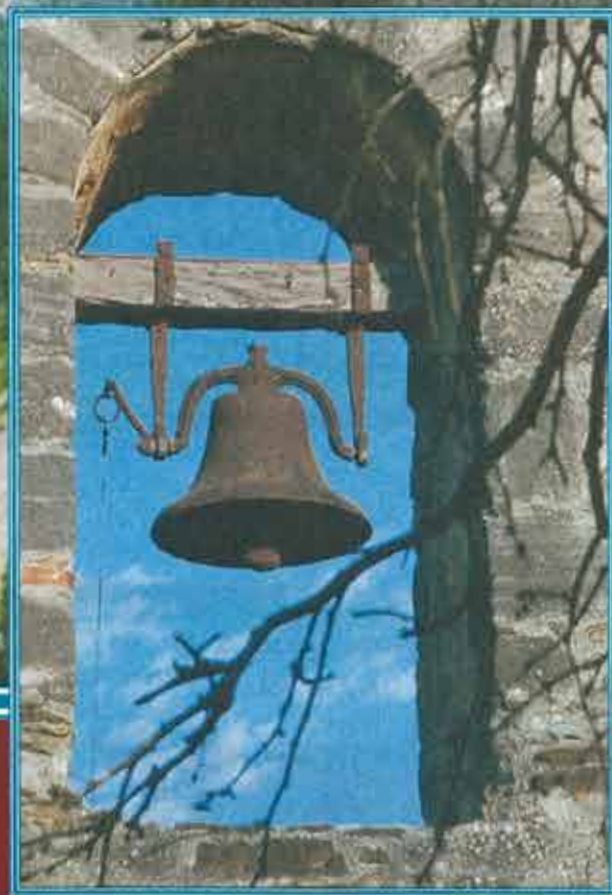


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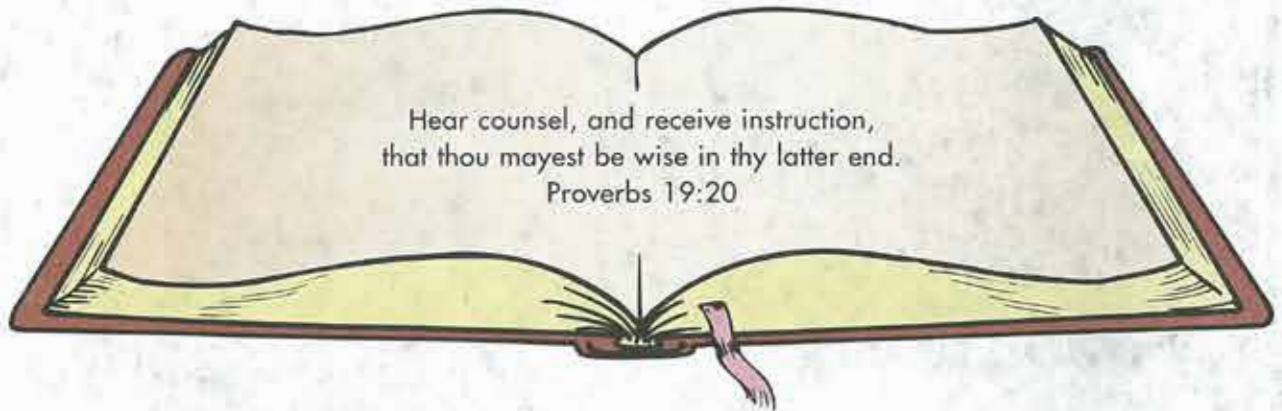
- To begin reading *Grandpa's Christmas Gift*
- To use confusing words correctly
- To learn new vocabulary words
- To learn how the focus of the setting can change in a story
- To learn to put things in order
- To learn to follow directions
- To use logic to figure things out
- To learn to write directions
- To learn to seek wise counselors with whom we can talk and to whom we are willing to listen

### Proverbs 19:20

In truth, it's always easy  
To hear the words of wisdom,  
But never, never easy  
To act upon that wisdom.

Seek counsel and instruction.  
God says therein lies wisdom,  
And only when we hear and heed  
Will we unlock that wisdom.

### Learn this Scripture Verse



### Proverbs 19:20



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Creative answers are encouraged throughout the PACE and should be evaluated subjectively. Suggested answers may appear in the Score Key. For dictionary activities, the Score Key reflects the use of the *Intermediate Thorndike Barnhart Dictionary*. (1993 ed.).

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Write Proverbs 19:20, our PACE Scripture verse, and read the following discussion.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### What Do You Hear?

"He listens, but he does not hear." "Everything goes in one ear and out the other." "She hears only what she wants to hear." Have you ever heard any of these expressions? Obviously, some people hear, but they do not accept or act upon what they hear. Our PACE Scripture verse challenges us, in fact it commands us, not only to hear (listen carefully) but also to receive (accept and act upon) counsel and instruction. Why? So we may become wise, that we can make right decisions, and that we may avoid problems in life.

So what exactly are "counsel" and "instruction"? The dictionary says "counsel" is *advice* and *the act of exchanging ideas; talking things over*. "Instruction," according to the dictionary, is *knowledge, lessons, directions*. In other words, hearing counsel means we talk as well as listen, and if we aren't willing to talk, we probably are not really listening. For certain, we will not gain the benefit of honest, correct, and Scripturally wise advice if we are not willing to talk as well as listen. Such exchange is a truly rewarding experience, and from it we will gain knowledge, learn lessons, and receive prudent direction. Do you know any wise counselors? Go to them, and remember—wise, Godly counsel and instruction may not always be what we want to hear, but it will always be in our best interest, and it will help us make right decisions.

Fill in the blanks with the correct answers.



- (2) When it comes to counsel and instruction, hearing is not enough; we must also \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ upon what we hear.
- (3) The admonition to "hear counsel, and receive instruction" is not a suggestion, it is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) Unless we receive as well as hear counsel and instruction, we cannot be \_\_\_\_\_, make right \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ many of life's problems.
- (5) Hearing counsel involves an exchange of ideas—both \_\_\_\_\_ and listening.
- (6) Wise, \_\_\_\_\_ counsel is always in our best interest.

Score this page.

Correct mistakes.

Rescore

You will read some interesting words in Chapters 3 through 6 of *Grandpa's Christmas Gift*. Use your dictionary and complete each definition with the correct word from the box. Then, noticing which words go across and which go down, fill in the puzzle.

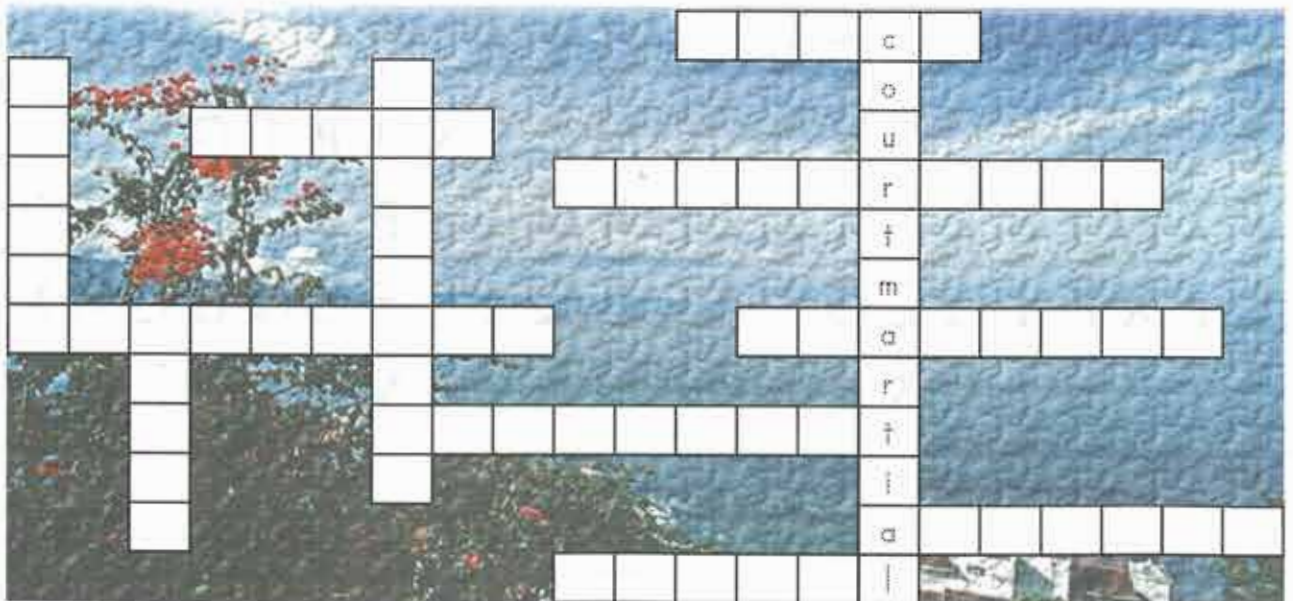
### Across

- (1) To go and get or bring is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) To say suddenly or without thinking is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ means not safe or secure; dangerous.
- (4) If something is \_\_\_\_\_, it is very funny.
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ means to strike or to beat.
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ weather is rough or stormy; severe, harsh.
- (7) To make lively or vigorous is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (8) To \_\_\_\_\_ means to determine by examination and careful study.

animate  
blurt  
court-martial  
diagnose  
fetch  
hilarious  
inclement  
lurch  
precarious  
prognosis  
pummel  
sleigh

### Down

- (9) A sudden leaning or roll to one side is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (10) A trial by a military court is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (11) A \_\_\_\_\_ is a carriage mounted on runners for use on ice or snow.
- (12) The \_\_\_\_\_ forecasts the probable course of a disease.



Now read Chapters 3 and 4, and complete the following activities.

(1) Where does the spotlight focus in Chapter 3?

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| a. It focuses on the laundry room.  | c. The scene is the Virtueson's car. |
| b. We see the emergency room scene. | d. The focus is on the ambulance.    |

(2) Explain Grandma and Grandpa's special gift-giving. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(3) After the Christmas Eve service at the country church, Grandpa reads the Christmas story out of (Luke 20, Matthew 2, Luke 2, Matthew 22) and (Mark 5, Matthew 1, Luke 10, Luke 5).

(4) Why would this Christmas be different for Ace? (Choose more than one answer.)

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| a. Grandpa might be in the hospital.    | c. Ace would not be getting any presents. |
| b. The family might not go to the farm. | d. Ace would not get to see Willie.       |

(5) In Chapter 4 the focus moves to the \_\_\_\_\_.

(6) Grandma Virtueson said Grandpa was in good hands. Whose hands did she mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



(7) "God has His hand on every person's life, Keith," added Grandma Virtueson. "It's just that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_."

(8) How did Keith respond to his mother's death? (Choose more than one answer.)

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| a. He handled it well. | d. He became disobedient and rebellious. |
| b. He felt angry.      | e. He felt alone.                        |
| c. He blamed himself.  | f. He knew it was his fault.             |

(9) It was (acceptable, wrong, okay, right) for Keith to make a deal with God.

(10) What were some of the possibilities Grandpa faced? (Choose more than one answer.)

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| a. Maybe he'd have to face a surgeon's knife.  | c. Maybe he would die.          |
| b. Maybe he'd spend Christmas in the hospital. | d. Maybe he'd never walk again. |

(11) No matter what happens, our lives are always in \_\_\_\_\_ hands.

## Read about Manny's homeland.

### Tropical Paradise

Imagine beautiful white sand beaches washed by the soft waves of the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Here and there tall palms sway gently in the warm, tropical breeze. An abundance of brilliant tropical flowers greet the visitor's eye, and beyond the inviting beaches, a long range of lush green mountain ranges beckon. Does such a place actually exist? Try the island country of Puerto Rico.

This tropical paradise is really a little bit of the United States in the Caribbean, because the island is and has been a U.S. territory since 1898. English, along with Spanish, is spoken there, the mail bears U.S. postage stamps, the money is U.S. currency, and Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens.

Modern malls and fast-food restaurants are common in Puerto Rico, but old Spanish influence is readily apparent as well, especially in architecture. A visit to San Juan, the capital, is a step back in history starting with the beautiful old churches and culminating with the battlements of the historic fort, El Morro, which still guards the natural harbor of San Juan.

No trip to Puerto Rico could be complete without a visit to El Yunque, the only tropical rain forest in the U.S. Forest Service, but take an umbrella because it rains, sometimes more than once a day and as much as 200 inches a year. The rain forest is also home to the tiny coqui (*kō-kē'*) frog, beloved native of Puerto Rico, and the preserve boasts about 240 varieties of trees and flowers. All these complement the lush foliage, waterfalls, and spectacular view from El Yunque Peak.

Puerto Rico is also unique because of its people. Although originally inhabited by Taíno Indians, no full-blooded Indians now live there. Present-day inhabitants are descendants of, or are a mixture of, those who have played a part in Puerto Rico's history. While the tiny island is crowded with people of blended races, its beauty and lore remain unique.

Facts do not always have to be stated for us to conclude, or deduct, that certain things are true. Given the information above, check (✓) the facts that are logically true about Puerto Rico.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) It never snows in Puerto Rico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Puerto Rico is surrounded by water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) All Puerto Ricans speak English.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4) Tourism provides much income for Puerto Rico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) Puerto Rico is a Pacific Island.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (6) San Juan is an old city.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (7) You can buy a hamburger in Puerto Rico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (8) El Yunque is the only mountain in Puerto Rico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (9) I might see a coqui frog if I visit Puerto Rico.



Read Chapters 7 and 8, and respond to the following.

(1) In spite of all that had happened to Grandpa, why was Ace able to sleep peacefully? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2) What can we learn about spiritual role models from the story? (Choose more than one answer.)

a. Anyone will do.

b. We can talk with them.

c. Every young person needs spiritual role models.

d. They can give wise counsel.

(3) Ace wants to help Manny find some \_\_\_\_\_.

(4) In Chapter 8, the spotlight turns to (Ace's home, the hospital, the farm, the school).

(5) Keith believes Grandpa will make a good (counselor, pastor, grandfather, roommate).

(6) The members of Harmony Chapel prepared the "Hospitality Apartment" because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(7) Why does Manny have reason to be happy?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

(8) What one thing hung like a cloud overhead to dampen Manny's spirits? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(9) Describe Dr. Harding and his attitude. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Read and fill in the blanks.

(10) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. Proverbs 19:20

Score pages 14, 15, and 16.

Correct mistakes.

Rescore.