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# WISDOM OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PROVERBS 1; 3-4

## CHRIST CONNECTION

Solomon's proverbs encourage God's people to trust in the Lord. Jesus trusted in God His Father throughout His life on earth, all the way to His death on the cross for our sins. Jesus rose again and continues to lead us to love and trust God the Father.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What does God know? God knows everything.

## MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:7

# PREPARE



Take time to reflect  
on today's lesson.

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

God's gift of wisdom to King Solomon did not end with Solomon; he shared this wisdom through his proverbs. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 1:2 that these words were for learning wisdom and discipline, understanding insightful sayings, receiving instruction, and teaching the inexperienced. Through all the insight he gained as the wisest man on earth, he came back to this truth: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7).

What does it mean to fear the Lord? How can we know that we have true wisdom?

Fearing the Lord means honoring Him as holy and revering Him as God alone. Solomon recognized the folly of a life lived in his own strength and wisdom. He knew that pursuing the Lord through genuine trust and obedience is the only way to live a life that matters. He beckoned readers to trust in the Lord with all their heart and not depend on their own understanding. The proverbs reveal to us that wisdom is not a mere intellectual exercise. Wisdom is a Person, Jesus, and by trusting in Him we find salvation.

Many proverbs offer practical guidance for interacting with the world: avoiding peer pressure, pursuing the path of peace, and treating others fairly. However, all of the practical guidance is grounded in following God's wisdom above any earthly knowledge. Solomon wrote of the favor God's people experience when they cling to His ways above all else.

Consider your relationship to godly wisdom. Reflect on the seasons of life that have led you closest to the Lord and in obedience to Him. Remember God's generosity and kindness toward His followers: "Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

Invite kids to see the beauty of pursuing God's ways and trusting Him, both for the promise of His presence and the wisdom He provides in our everyday lives. Life everlasting begins when we come to faith in Him!

# WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

## OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or review the memory verse as a group!

## MEMORY VERSE

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

**Proverbs 3:7, ESV**

## MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's Memory Verse bin to review the verse with the kids. A hand motion video is also available to learn and review on your room's TV.

*Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on September 28!*



# LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

## WISDOM OF GOD'S PEOPLE

King Solomon wrote many proverbs. Proverbs are short sayings that give wisdom and help people live in ways that are right and good. By following these proverbs, people can gain knowledge and wisdom and receive guidance for life.

The book of Proverbs is filled with many of King Solomon's wise sayings. King Solomon taught people to fear the Lord and trust in Him. He said fearing God was the beginning of knowledge. He also wrote that it is foolish to hate wisdom and discipline.

Solomon said it is wise to keep God's commandments, for they will bring a long, full life. He taught about the importance of being loyal and faithful, and how this will give you a good reputation with God and people.

Another proverb Solomon wrote was, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding." Solomon said you should look to God in everything you do, and He will guide you. "Don't think of yourself as wise," Solomon wrote. "Instead fear the Lord and turn away from evil."

Solomon also said, "Honor the Lord with everything you own and with the first produce of your entire harvest; then you will experience great blessing."

Some of Solomon's proverbs were warnings, such as "Do not hate the Lord's instruction, and do not hate His discipline. The Lord disciplines the one He loves, just as a father disciplines the son he loves."

Solomon's proverbs show there are two ways to live: with God's wisdom or without God's wisdom. He wrote, "I am teaching you the way of wisdom; hold on to God's commands and don't let go for they are your life. Don't walk in the path of the wicked. Turn away from it for the wicked love violence, and their path is dark. But stay on the path of the righteous where light always shines brighter and brighter."

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# ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

## MAIN ACTIVITY

Evenly distribute the provided puzzle pieces to the kids. Tell them that each puzzle piece goes with one other piece. One side will have a situation on it, and the other side will have a verse from Proverbs. Match each situation with the verse that goes with it.

**Kinder adaptation:** Using the provided picture cards and scenarios, have kids decide if the scenario was wise or foolish and why. If time allows, create your own scenarios or have the kids come up with scenarios.

## CONNECT THE DOTS



Today, we learned how Solomon encouraged others to put their trust in God. True wisdom comes from God, and when we follow His ways and put our trust in Jesus, we also become wise.

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The Bible is so important because it's the Word of God! It's also a big book that's hard to understand sometimes, which is why we want to grow in our Bible skills! By growing in these skills, we can better understand God's Word and learn where to turn to find the truth of who God is and how much He loves us.

## BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

On the TV in your room, open the folder labeled "Emoji Game". Choose the level of difficulty you want to play, then open that folder. The object of the game is to have kids use the emojis to guess the Bible story. You can divide kids into teams or work together as a group!



# CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

## BIBLE STORY REVIEW

**Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.**

1. Why should we not trust and follow our heart?
2. Why do you think Solomon said we should not hate God's discipline?
3. Do you feel like there is an area in your life where you need God to help you and give you wisdom?
4. Does it matter who we follow or the friends we choose? Why?
5. What are some practical ways Christians can grow in wisdom?

## HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

## BEFORE YOU GO...

**Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:**

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!**