

1st-3rd Grade Lesson Plan

Sunday, January 25

UNIT 12 | SESSION 5

WISDOM OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PROVERBS 1; 3-4

MAIN POINT / CHRIST CONNECTION: Solomon's proverbs encourage God's people to trust in the Lord. They also encourage readers to seek wisdom by fearing the Lord. Jesus trusted in God His Father throughout His life on earth, and he is also the wisdom of God to us. The more we trust and fear God, the wiser we become.

CATECHISM QUESTION : Q) What is Justification? A) It is God regarding sinners as if they had never sinned. ("Just as if I'd never sinned") (Zec 3:1-5; Rom 3:24-26; 4:5; 8:33; 2Co 5:21; Heb 8:12)

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: PROVERBS 3:7 - "Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil." (ESV)

Preparation

Lesson Context

This Unit: God gave Solomon great wisdom and made him king over His people. Solomon obeyed God and led the people in building the temple. Solomon learned that his own wisdom had limits, but God's wisdom is limitless. Solomon reminds us of our need for Jesus, the sinless King who is true wisdom.

Volunteer Huddle | 8:45 a.m.

Meet in the Threes classroom (first floor) for prayer and important info for this Sunday.

Prep Room | 8:50 a.m.

- Put out activity pages (in Activity Box) and markers (in Teacher Box) on desks.

- If you'd like, put music on the Spotify app on the Roku TV.
- You can push tables back or to the sides to make space in the center or front of the room for activities.

Fellowship Time | 9:00 - 9:15 am

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Greet families at the door as they arrive. Allow children time to engage with one another and catch up. Use this time to get to know your students and hear about their week. What was a good part/hard part or “yay duck”/“yuck duck” of their week? If you'd like a prompting question for discussion, you can use the one below:

SAY: *Do you know a wise adult? What makes him or her wise?*

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead children to choose a desk and give them **an Activity Page and markers** (in Activity Box). You can also give them blank paper to draw or some playdough (in Teacher Box) if you prefer.

SAY: *Today, we will learn about the book of Proverbs Solomon wrote and how these proverbs teach us to fear God and trust in Him.*

REVIEW CLASSROOM RULES

Post the **Rules Poster** (in Activity Box) somewhere in the room.

1. **Be kind and respectful:** to your friends and teachers. Raise your hand and wait to be called; speak kindly to one another; use words and actions that build up and do not tear down; etc.
2. **Have a heart of obedience:** Listen to your teachers' instructions and obey fully, quickly, and joyfully!
3. **Have self control:** Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself; keep all chair legs on the ground; no running or rough housing. Do not touch one another; let's not poke each other, hit, kick, etc.

Group Activity | 9:10/9:15 am

SOLOMON SAYS

Lead kids to play a game similar to “Simon Says” using commands found in Proverbs. Write down each of the following commands on a dry erase board or poster paper: **“Guard your heart”** (place your hand on your heart); **“Listen closely to my sayings”** (place hand behind ear); **“Don’t abandon my teaching”** (make an X with your arms); **“Turn away from evil”** (spin around). Practice the motions several times. Remind kids to only follow the command if they hear the phrase “Solomon says.” Play until only one kid remains.

SAY *As we hear our Bible story, we’ll learn about many proverbs or wise sayings Solomon wrote. Throughout the book of Proverbs we learn that we gain wisdom when we fear God and trust in Him.*

Lesson | 9:20 am

Ask students to return to their desks and pass out **Bibles** (in Teacher Box). Let them know of your expectations during the lesson: listening to the teacher, sitting quietly with hands and feet to themselves, etc.

1. Introduce the Lesson + Pray

SAY *Hi, kids! My name is [your name], and I am glad to see you. If you have a Bible with you, will you hold it up? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.] Today, we will be in the Old Testament book of Proverbs.*

King Solomon wrote many of these proverbs, and he wrote many of them to encourage young people to seek wisdom and turn away from foolishness. As we hear our story, we will see that we gain wisdom when we fear God and trust in Him. Let’s take a moment to ask the Lord to give us hearts and minds that desire to gain wisdom.

2. Catechism Question

Use the **Catechism Question** posters to review previous questions and learn the new one for this week (in Activity Box).

SAY: *Let's review our new catechism question:*

Q) What is Justification?

A) It is God regarding sinners as if they had never sinned.

Remember, God can regard us as if we had never sinned only if we have placed our faith in Jesus. When we trust in Jesus for salvation, his perfect righteousness is placed in our account and God sees us not as sinners but as righteous because he sees Jesus in us!

Let's review all of the catechism questions together:

Q) What is sin?

A) Sin is going our own way instead of God's way.

Q) What is righteousness?

A) It is God's goodness.

Q) Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever sin?

A) No. He was holy, blameless, and undefiled.

Q) What kind of death did Christ die?

A) The painful and shameful death of the Cross in the place of sinners.

Q) What is Justification?

A) It is God regarding sinners as if they had never sinned.

3. Using Bibles

SAY: *Today, we will be in the book of PROVERBS. Proverbs is in the middle of the Bible, right after the book of Psalms. There are 31 chapters in the book.*

1. *Is PROVERBS in the Old or New Testament? (Old)*
2. *Turn to the Table of Contents at the front of your Bibles and look under the Old Testament category to find the book of PROVERBS. Turn to that page number.*
3. *Once you've found PROVERBS, I would like you to find chapter 1.*

4. Tell the Bible Story

Open your Bible to **PROVERBS 1** and ask children to turn in their Bibles.

THE 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."

4. Christ Connection

SAY: Solomon's proverbs encourage God's people to trust in the Lord. They also encourage readers to seek wisdom by fearing the Lord. Jesus trusted in God His Father throughout His life on earth, and he is also the wisdom of God to us. The more we trust and fear God, the wiser we become.

Review & Video | 9:30 am

Bible Story Video

If you'd like, watch the **Bible lesson video** on the YouTube app on the TV (*YouTube account should be Fellowship Kids* (switch accounts on the top of the left sidebar if not) > go to Library on the left side bar > Choose Playlists on the top > choose your classroom).

Review the Bible Story

Invite children to **open their Bibles to PROVERBS 1:5-9.**

SAY - Let's review a section of scripture from our Bible lesson today. Please turn to **PROVERBS 1:5-9. Have a volunteer read the passage.**

1. **What does verse 7 say is the beginning of knowledge?**
 - a. *The fear of the Lord. To fear the Lord means to revere and respect him for his holiness and beauty, which leads us to obey and trust him.*
2. **What does verse 7 say that fool does?**
 - a. *A fool despises wisdom and instruction. They don't listen or follow wisdom.*
3. **Much of Proverbs is written like a father is writing to his son. What does verse 8 say to do with a father's or mother's teaching? What is their teaching like?**
 - a. *He says to hear and listen to his father's instruction and not to forsake, or to forget and reject, his mother's teaching. Verse 9 says that a parent's teaching is like beautiful jewelry and a crown!*
- 4.

Pray

Ask students if they have any **prayer requests**. Pray about what you learned in the lesson and for any requests.

Activity

A MONTH OF PROVERBS

Pass out the “A Month of Proverbs” printable for each kid. Distribute Bibles and pens to each kid. Share how the book of Proverbs has 31 chapters. Invite kids to label their calendar with the name of the upcoming month and number the days on the calendar. Then direct kids to go to Proverbs chapter 1 and choose a proverb from that chapter to write on day 1. Repeat, for the first 7 days on the calendar. Challenge kids to read a proverb a day during the next month.

SAY *Solomon’s proverbs encourage God’s people to trust in the Lord. We gain wisdom when we fear God and trust in Him. One way we can fear God and trust in Him is through reading the Bible. As we seek God through His Word and trust in Him with our hearts, we grow in wisdom.*

Memory Verse

Show the memory verse poster (in Activity Box). Open your Bible to **PROVERBS 3:7** and lead the kids to read the verses together. You can also write the verse on the whiteboard so that children can see it more clearly.

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

- PROVERBS 3:7

WRITE THE VERSE

Form kids into two teams. Provide the first kid on each team with a **dry erase marker** (In Activity Box), and on the shout of “Go” have them run to their dry erase board and write the first word of the verse. Then have them return to their team and pass the dry erase marker to the second person who will write the second word of the verse on the board. Continue down the line until the whole verse is complete. The team that finishes writing the verse correctly first wins. The teacher or assistant can stand at the white board with the memory verse poster to help kids remember the verse as they write.

SAY: *Solomon wrote proverbs for young people, just like you, to help them grow in wisdom. We all have the opportunity to grow in wisdom following Jesus and trusting in Him.*

Dismissal | 9:50 am

As parents arrive,

- Match the 4 digit code on the parent’s tag to the child’s tag
- Check out the child on the tablet by clicking the check box to the left of their name on the roster.
- **Give feedback!** Tell parents how the student did that morning.

Clean Up

- Wipe down tables if any messes were made with activities. [Magic eraser sponges can erase markings on desks.]
- Put teacher and activity items back in the Activity Box or Teacher Box.
- Place the TV remote in the white holder on the dry erase board.
- Return the small Activity Box, class tablet, and your lanyards to the check-in desk.