



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 88

Wisdom from God

Proverbs 1:7, 2:1–6, 12:25, selected verses

We can learn practical wisdom from Proverbs to help us honor God by how we live. Choose the correct word to fill in the crossword puzzle for each blank. To learn more, look up each proverb and see what God's Word says!

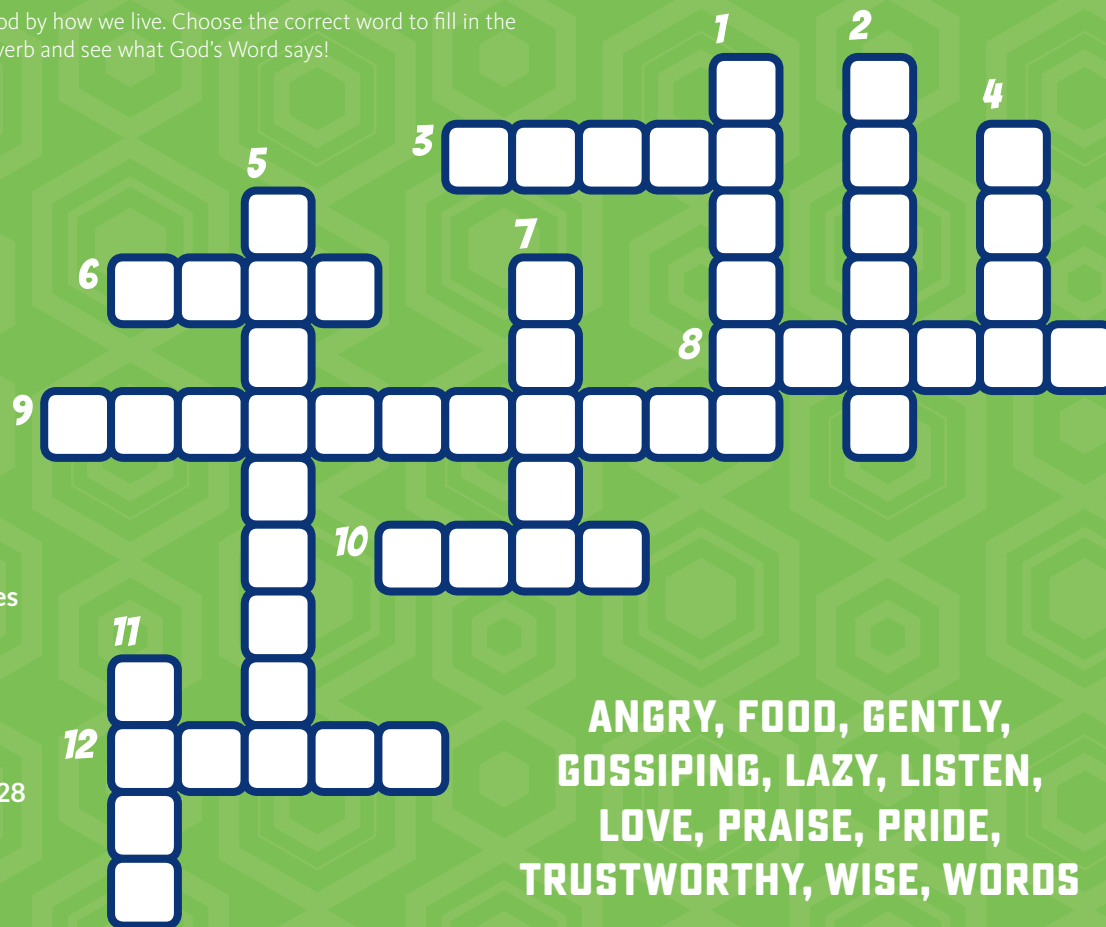
Name _____

ACROSS

3. _____ is destructive. Proverbs 16:18
6. Working hard will provide _____. Proverbs 12:11
8. _____ to your parents' teaching. Proverbs 23:22
9. A _____ person knows when not to talk about things. Proverbs 11:13
10. Being _____ pleases your parents while being foolish makes them sad. Proverbs 10:1
12. Don't be friends with an _____ person or you'll become like him. Proverbs 22:24–25

DOWN

1. Speaking _____ calms people down while speaking harshly makes people angry. Proverbs 15:1
2. Don't _____ yourself or brag about your accomplishments. Proverbs 27:2
4. Forgiveness shows _____. Proverbs 17:9
5. Lying causes trouble, and _____ ruins friendships. Proverbs 16:28
7. A wise person uses _____ to encourage others. Proverbs 12:18
11. A _____ person will go hungry. Proverbs 19:15



**ANGRY, FOOD, GENTLY,
GOSSIPING, LAZY, LISTEN,
LOVE, PRAISE, PRIDE,
TRUSTWORTHY, WISE, WORDS**

1. Gently, 2. Pride, 3. Angry, 4. Love, 5. Gossiping, 6. Food, 7. Words, 8. Listen, 9. Trustworthy, 10. Wise, 11. Lazy, 12. Angry



Unscramble the words to complete the verse.

If any of you lacks _____, let him _____ God, who _____ generously
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to all without _____, and it will be _____ him. **James 1:5**
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What You Heard *In the Word*

- True wisdom comes only from God. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
- Proverbs gives practical advice on many topics, including being a good friend, honoring and obeying parents, choosing words carefully, working hard, and being humble.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if you heard someone say he thinks the Bible is a good source of wise sayings, but it is just one source for truth? **What could you say to him?**

The Bible is more than a good source of wise sayings—it is God's Word. God inspired men to write what he wanted them to write. It includes the true history of the universe, teaching about who God is, wisdom for how we should live, and how we can have a relationship with God through his Son, Jesus. The Bible is the only source for true wisdom because wisdom comes from God. No one compares to God. When you read the Bible, you can get to know the one true God who created the universe. No other book ever written is like the Bible!



HomeWord *For Parents*

God gave Solomon a wise and understanding heart and inspired him to write most of the book of Proverbs. Proverbs gives general, practical truths for daily life. However, care should be taken while studying Proverbs to remember that all of Scripture must be applied before conclusions are drawn. For example, Proverbs 22:4 says, "The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life." What riches are intended here? Unfortunately, some people take verses like this and teach them as absolute truth about material wealth rather than as general, practical truths. We must be careful that our understanding of these nuggets of wisdom is applied alongside the whole counsel of God.

Solomon made it clear that it is the fear of the Lord that brings knowledge and understanding to the meaning of Scripture. He instructs us to seek wisdom and understanding from God, the source of all wisdom. The truths contained in God's Word are there, but we must be diligent to search them out, meditate on them, and apply them to our lives. None of this can happen apart from God's grace in our lives.

Proverbs teaches repeatedly that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7, 2:5, 3:7, 9:10). That same fear of the Lord, fear of his wrath and judgment, will lead us to Christ in whom we find all the treasures and fullness of understanding and wisdom (Colossians 2:2–3). As we set our minds on Christ and meditate on how he was the perfect example of wisdom, we begin to understand how to act in a way that will honor God. Ultimately, true godly wisdom will come in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. And this will happen only through searching the Scriptures in a way that will show ourselves approved to God (2 Timothy 2:15).