



## K-I<sup>st</sup> Lesson

### Review

- Refer to Lesson 87 Flip Chart. In our last lesson, what building did we talk about that was a special place for people to come and worship God? *The temple.*
- Who built the temple? *King Solomon.*

Refer to Lesson 86 Flip Chart. Right. Solomon was the next king after his father, David, and he built the temple in Jerusalem.

When Solomon first became king, he asked God for wisdom so he could lead the people well. Solomon judged the case of the two women and the baby, using wisdom to figure out which woman was the real mother. People were amazed at the great wisdom God had given to Solomon. He was the wisest man who ever lived, and he wrote down some of the wisdom God gave him in the book of Proverbs.

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. The book of Proverbs is in the Bible. It is one of the books of poetry in the Old Testament and comes right after Psalms.

A proverb is a short saying that reminds us of how things usually happen in everyday life. Many people have made up their own proverbs. Listen to these and see if you can tell me what they mean.

- What does it mean when I say, “better safe than sorry”? *Allow discussion. It's better to follow*

*the rules to be safe. When we break rules, we might get hurt.*

- How about this one? “Practice makes perfect.” *Allow discussion. If we want to be good at something and do it perfectly, we have to practice it many times.*
- What does this mean? “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.” *Allow discussion. Eating good things like apples will help us stay healthy, so we won't get sick as much and need a doctor.*

These are proverbs, or sayings, that people have made up. But the proverbs in the Bible are different because they are from God. We know that God is wise. He knows right from wrong and does everything without mistakes. God's proverbs don't just explain things to us, they also give us wisdom so we can make good choices that please God. This is called godly wisdom.

### Seeking Wisdom

King Solomon wrote most of the book of Proverbs to teach his son how to have godly wisdom. When we read these proverbs, we can learn how to have wisdom, too.

#### Proverbs 2:4–5

Listen to what Solomon said about wisdom in Proverbs chapter 2. *Have the student bring up the Bible and turn to the sticky note. Read Proverbs 2:4–5.*

- How should we seek for wisdom? *Seek for it like silver.*
- How should we search for wisdom? *Search for it like hidden treasures.*
- That's right! If we knew there was treasure like silver or gold hidden nearby, would we ignore it or search really hard until we found it? *Search really hard.*

Yes! Most of us would search pretty hard for treasure like that. We just read in God's Word that we should search just as hard for wisdom. But how can we do that?

- Show the Lesson Flip Chart. See the path here to the treasure? What is the boy using to help him find the treasure of wisdom? *The Bible.*

The Bible is God's Word; it can help us stay on the right path.

- What does staying on the path of wisdom help the boy keep away from? What are all these things you see? *Vulture, skull, snake, scorpion, etc.*
- Are they good or bad things? *Bad things.*

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Right! These pictures remind us of bad things that we all do, sins like unkindness, or being mean to others, getting angry, and disobeying. But when we obey what the Bible says, it helps us stay away from sin, and that's being wise.

#### Proverbs 2:6

So, we know that God's Word can help us stay on the path to true wisdom. But some things in the Bible are hard to understand. Who is the one that helps us understand it? Let's see what the next verse says. *Read the verse.*

- Who gives true wisdom and knowledge and helps us understand it? *The Lord.*

Our memory verse talks about that. Let's say it together. *Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page and recite the verse together.*

- Wisdom doesn't come from me or you. Who should we ask for wisdom? *God.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. The Lord God is the only one who has true wisdom. That's why learning about him is so important. Solomon said wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. That means we need to start by believing what God says and show him respect and honor. When we do that, we'll be on the right path to the treasure of wisdom, which will help us make good choices that please God.

### Wisdom from Proverbs

The whole Bible is full of God's truth and wisdom, but the book of Proverbs is like a

treasure chest of wise sayings that help us make good choices. Proverbs talks about choosing good friends, listening to our parents, working hard, being careful of our words, and much more!

### Treasure Hunt

We're going to go on a treasure hunt to look for wisdom that comes from the book of Proverbs. Follow the Treasure Hunt instructions, reading and discussing the proverbs as you find each card. Lead students to the final treat at the end then continue with the lesson.

Great job hunting for treasure! Remember, these are only a few of the many proverbs found in the Bible. But they are all wise sayings because they are from God's Word. They can help us understand how God wants us to live each day.

Refer to the Flip Chart. As we read God's Word and grow in wisdom, we can find a lot of great advice in the book of Proverbs. Following this advice and doing what it says can help us keep away from sins like unkindness, anger, and disobedience. We can learn to be a good friend, honor our parents, be kind, and much more.

- But here's an important question to think about. If we obey the commands in Proverbs and do these good things, does that mean we'll automatically go to heaven when we die? *Allow discussion, reminding the students that good works do not save us, only faith in Christ saves us.*

We must remember that we are saved by God, not by what we do. Only Jesus can save us by his grace when we turn from our sins and trust in him. When we do this, we become a child of God, and we'll want to obey him and do what his Word says. God gave us a treasure of wisdom in his Word so we can love and obey him by making good choices every day.





Search for wisdom like treasure.