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GRADES
K-6

Printable Lesson Kit



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LESSON OVERVIEW



PROVERBS FOR KIDS MIGHTY MESSAGE

This lesson on the Proverbs will expose children to some of the greatest wisdom for daily living found in the Bible--the Old Testament Proverbs. Many were written by King Solomon, who was considered the wisest man in the world. Proverbs contains 31 chapters, each with 20 to 35 wise sayings. What we've done is make a list of the Top Ten Proverbs for Children based on which verses are most surfed in recent years.



How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Printable Craft
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Construction Paper
- Ribbon or string (for bookmark craft)
- Hole puncher (craft)
- Printable List "10 Proverbs for Kids", 1 for each student
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hard copy)

PROVERBS FOR KIDS

SCRIPTURE & LESSON

TOP 10 MOST POPULAR PROVERBS FOR CHILDREN (NIV)

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



POPULAR PROVERBS

1. Proverbs 1:10 My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them!
2. Proverbs 3:1-2 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in mind. For they will prolong your life many years, and bring you peace and prosperity.
3. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
4. Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.
5. Proverbs 3:34 He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and the oppressed.
6. Proverbs 10:1 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.
7. Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.
8. Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
9. Proverbs 15:32 Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.
10. Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Questions for Children about Proverbs

1. Which of these did you like the best? Let them say which and why it might apply to them. What are some ways we can put our favorite into practice this week?
2. The first proverb listed says this: My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them! It says 'sinful men,' but of course, this applies to children, too. What does the word 'entice' mean? **To influence you, especially to do something wrong; to encourage you in a wrong way; to put pressure on you.** Have you heard the term 'peer pressure?' It's amazing to think that even people 3,000 years ago had to face peer pressure. What are some things other kids might try to 'entice' you to do?
3. Proverbs 12:15 reads, The way of a fool seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. What does a fool not listen to? **Advice.** Today is known by some as a time when "everyone wants to talk but nobody wants to listen." What is the danger in that? **Nobody will be getting advice. All could become foolish.** If you could pick out three people you really trusted and would listen to regularly about how to live, who would they be? **Let students pick from parents, teachers, YOU, and their wisest friends.**



TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

A "proverb" is another word for "wise saying." The Book of Proverbs is in the Old Testament, just after the Book of Psalms. There are a lot of Proverbs there! Hundreds! There are 915 verses in the 31 chapters of Proverbs, though sometimes four verses or more will make up one proverb.

Most of the proverbs were written by King David's son, King Solomon. King Solomon was known as the wisest man in the world during his time. He lived around 3,000 years ago.

We live in a world that many a wise man would call "uncharted territory." Especially in America, we have so many freedoms that anyone can say anything and call it The Truth. Because someone has a strong opinion, does that make it true?

It IS hard to say what's right and what's wrong anymore. A lot of people are adopting a really dangerous perspective called "relativism." This means "what's true for you may not be true for me." Some things are ultimately true. We may not have all the proofs we need, but proof and truth are two different things.

Here is where the Proverbs come in. God has not left us without a compass or guide. He has given us thousands of Bible passages to determine right and wrong, and the Proverbs are a most straightforward example of them.

Let's play around with of the ones we learned today.



HOUSE UPON THE ROCK SNACK

This printable craft gives children several opportunities to pursue wisdom. It provides a chance for them to (1) look at all the Proverbs, (2) pick a personal favorite, and (3) write it out and thereby remember it better!



MATERIALS:

- **Bookmark templates (front & back)**
- **Coloring Utensils**
- **White Cardstock or Paper**
- **Construction Paper**
- **Pretty ribbon or twine**
- **Scissors**
- **Stick glue**
- **Hole puncher**
- **Pencil**



Make a copy of the bookmark templates for each child

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color in the front side of the bookmark as desired.
2. Study the list of Proverbs & pick a favorite.
3. Copy the Proverb onto the back template after "My Favorite Proverb:".
4. Cut the construction paper along the lines indicated by the teacher.
5. Use stick glue to mount the front and back of the bookmark together. (Tip: You can put a piece of colored construction paper in between if markers have bled through the paper)
6. Punch a hole through the mark indicated at the top of the bookmark.
7. Take a piece of ribbon 6-8 inches long and fold it in half. Put the loop at the center through the bookmark punched hole. Thread the ends through the loop and pull securely but not tightly (don't bend the papers.)
8. Read your personal favorite Proverb aloud for all to hear!

My Favorite Proverb: _____

My Favorite Proverb: _____

My Favorite Proverb: _____

TRUST IN THE **LORD**

WITH **ALL** your heart

AND LEAN **NOT** ON YOUR **OWN**

UNDERSTANDING

IN **ALL** of your **WAYS**

ACKNOWLEDGE HIM

AND **HE** WILL MAKE

YOUR paths

STRAIGHT.

- PROVERBS 3:5,6



WHISPER-DOWN-THE-LANE PROVERBS

One important aspect of being wise is being accurate! This game of whisper-the-proverb-down-the-lane will help students learn not to exaggerate or assume!



MATERIALS:

Complete List of Lesson's Proverbs (page 5)

INTRODUCTION

If we want to be wise, one thing we have to learn to do is listen hard for the truth. And to repeat the truth, we need to be accurate. Have you ever seen a story “grow” in school? For example:

“Allison’s mom got in a fender-bender outside of school and Allison sprained her wrist.” Two hours later, the story might be “Allison’s mom almost drove her car off the bridge, and Allison is in intensive care in the hospital and might die.”

How and why does this happen? People like to gossip. People like the attention they get when they exaggerate. People like to shock others.

When you intentionally exaggerate or change what you know to be true, which commandment are you breaking? Thou shalt not lie.

An exaggeration, if meant for attention or laziness or love of gossip, is a lie also! The Bible—Psalms, Proverbs, the Ten Commandments, and the words of Christ—encourage us to always tell the truth. Wisdom is acquired by truth, not by lies or exaggerations.

Let’s play a game where we can see how good we are at listening for the truth and repeating the truth.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Sit the class in a circle.
2. Pick a proverb from the Complete List. Start with a short one.
3. Repeat it to the student on your left by whispering it in her ear. Have students repeat the Proverb in a whisper to each student to the left. They can ask the student whispering to them to repeat it as many times as they need.
4. The student to your right should repeat aloud what he or she heard.
5. See how far it is from the original.
6. Repeat. Depending on your class’s ability, let the proverbs used be progressively longer, or, if students are really struggling, just do the first half or second half of each proverb.
7. Everybody wins when they can pass an entire statement without exaggerating.

CONCLUSION:

Let’s try to remember: When we hear something, listen carefully, and repeat it truthfully. That is the beginning of wisdom.



WORD SEARCH

Learning the Proverbs will make you wise. Below are all sorts of words having to do with the pursuit of wisdom. Think of what they mean and try to use them in your life (but find them in the puzzle first.)

R	A	C	H	A	L	L	E	N	G	E	I	R	J	N	C
H	A	Q	R	E	S	E	A	R	C	H	M	E	O	E	U
L	A	D	M	I	R	A	T	I	O	N	C	I	X	W	L
C	N	E	L	Y	E	Y	M	K	Q	N	T	J	D	L	T
A	I	Y	R	E	S	I	S	T	E	C	F	N	T	F	I
L	L	P	U	R	S	U	E	T	E	E	M	R	I	G	V
C	Y	S	L	S	F	P	S	L	V	T	O	H	Y	N	A
U	C	Z	D	W	V	I	F	R	D	F	T	J	E	V	T
L	D	A	B	Y	S	E	E	G	F	U	W	T	M	L	E
A	H	I	U	R	R	S	W	E	R	P	S	W	E	P	H
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V	S	J	B	B	K	K	N	M	L	A	O	Y	A	O	S
A	J	Q	U	E	S	T	I	O	N	N	P	E	T	S	T
K	D	I	L	A	C	C	U	R	A	C	Y	R	E	E	Y

Words to Find:

ACCURACY
PERSISTENCE
ADMIRATION
RESEARCH
TRUTH

PURPOSE
EFFORT
HONESTY
REFLECTION
PRAYER

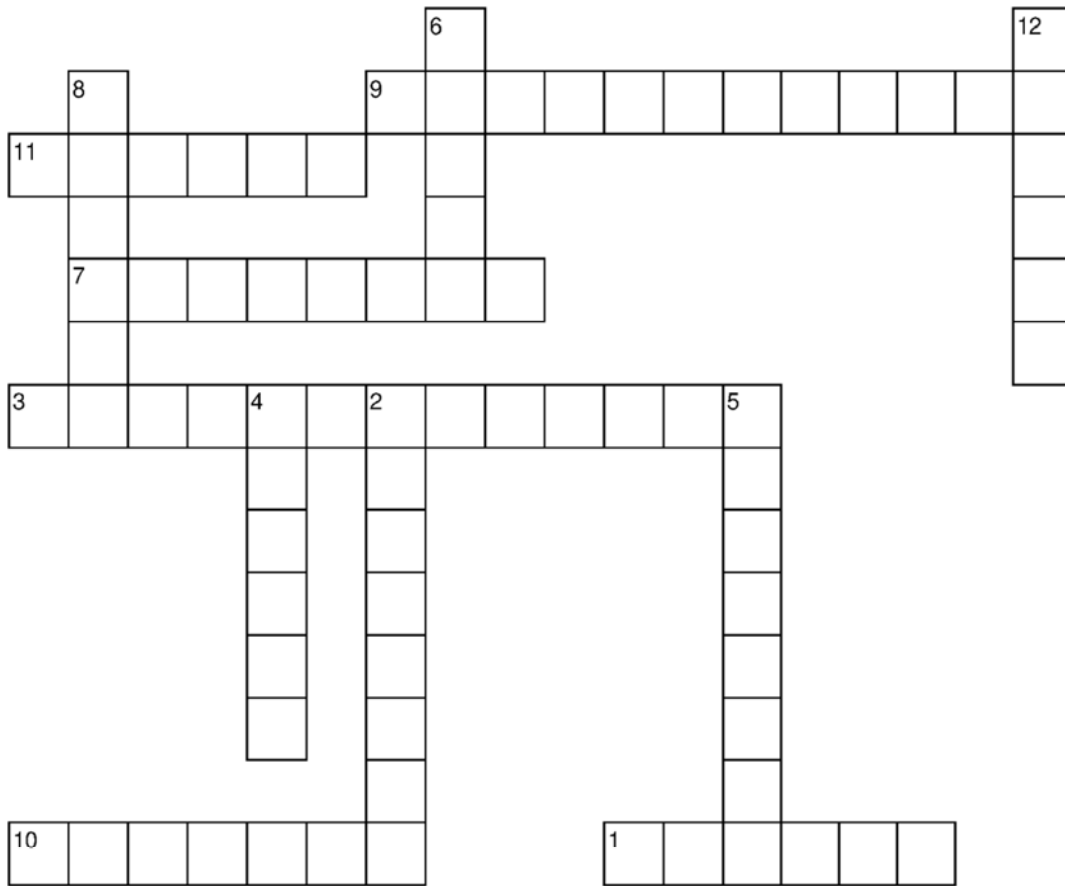
QUESTION
CHALLENGE
OBSERVE
CAUTION
RESIST

PURSUE
LISTEN
MEDITATE
CALCULATE
CULTIVATE



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use your proverbs At-A-Glance Reference Sheet (page 15) to fill in the puzzle below and learn more about this famous Bible book.



Across

- 1. Order of the Book of Proverbs in Bible books
- 3. Lean not unto your own....
- 7. Proverbs contains no stories or this
- 9. We are encouraged not to speak rashly or without seeing these
- 10. Proverbs was likely important in the education of these youths
- 11. Proverbs is often called "this" book

Down

- 2. Rather than covering a period, the Book of Proverbs is mean to be this
- 4. A wife of noble character is more valuable than these
- 5. The Proverbs is known for its wisdom and this
- 6. The sayings in Proverbs are often addressed to these people
- 8. We should do this when with parents, teachers, and elders
- 12. Follows this book in the Bible

PARENT HANDOUT



Scriptures to Read: Top 10 Proverbs

Proverbs 1:10
Proverbs 3:1-2
Proverbs 3:5-6
Proverbs 3:11-12

Proverbs 3:34
Proverbs 10:1
Proverbs 12:15
Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 15:32
Proverbs 16:18



This Week We Learned About ...

...all the facts about the Book of Proverbs as well as some of the most popular verses. The lesson exposed children to some of the greatest wisdom for daily living found in the Bible. Many were written by King Solomon, who was considered the wisest man in the world. Proverbs contains 31 chapters, each with 20 to 35 wise sayings. We also worked with list of the Top Ten Proverbs for Children based on which verses are most searched in recent years.



✓ Questions for Kids:

1. What kind of answer turns away wrath?
A. Gentle
2. What comes before destruction? **A. Pride**
3. Trust in the Lord and do not lean on what?
A. Your own understanding

✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

What does it mean to trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding? Describe a time you or someone you know had to do this.

Have you ever had anyone yell or speak unkindly to you? What was your reaction? Why do you think a gentle answer works to turn away wrath?

Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Proverbs 3:11-12



Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18

PROVERBS

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #20



AUTHOR: SOLOMON

is the primary author with others contributing



WRITTEN: 970-675 BC

Like Psalms, Proverbs was written for all eras to enjoy and was meant to be timeless.

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Is called “the wisdom book,” and is searched as much today as ever for wisdom and guidance in all sorts of dealings.

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. **Proverbs 3:5**

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. **Proverbs 31:10**

Important Points about the Book:

- Proverbs is known for its short instructions for living an effective life on earth. It contains no stories or theology, as many other Old Testament books do. It simply states wisdom for all to enjoy and use.
- Two strong principles emphasized in Proverbs include listening to those who have gone before us, such as parents, teachers, and older people in general. The other principle is having humility. We are encouraged not to speak rashly or without seeing the consequences of our acting arrogant.

Lookup: Proverbs 3:5-6. Write the verses down trying to use your own words.

Lookup: Proverbs 15:1. Write the verse down trying to use your own words.

The two proverbs above are extremely popular because their advice is needed so often. Think of a time and place you could use each and write them below:

Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Ask God to prevent you from blurting in anger or trying to understand things that are over your head or meant for God. Use your own words:



Use the Ten Proverbs presented in class to fill in the blanks of this quiz, or look them up in the NIV Bible.

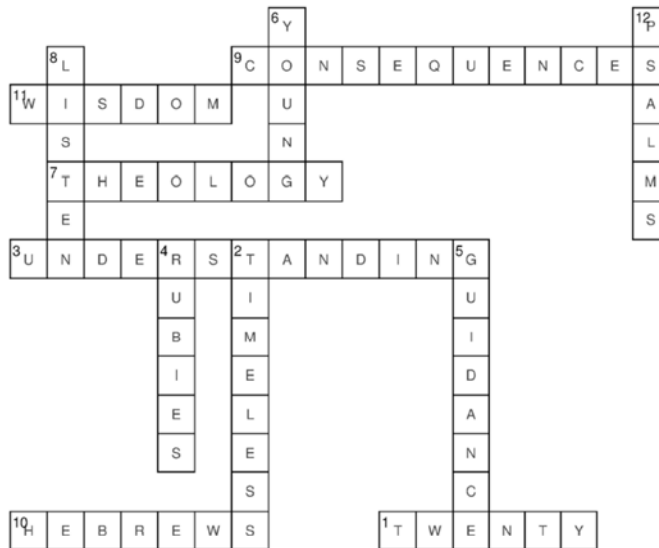
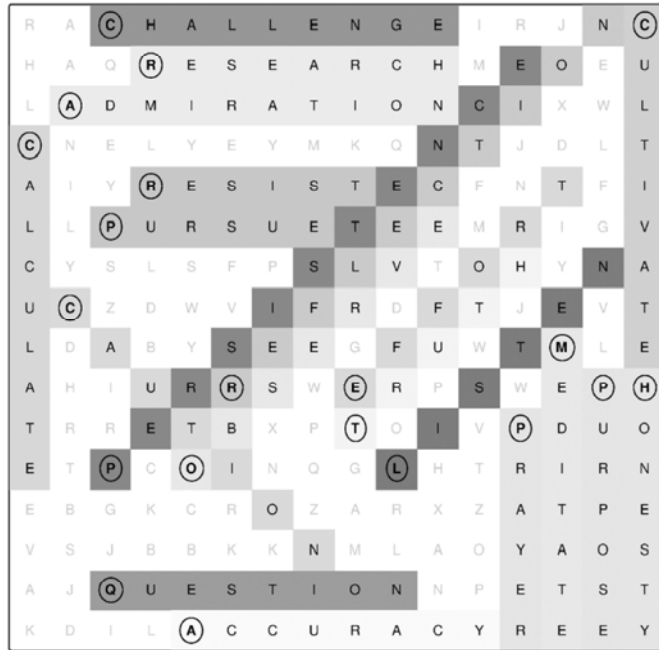
PROVERBS FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS

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2. Proverbs 3:1-2 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in mind. For they will prolong your life many years, and bring you peace and _____.
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WORDS TO CHOOSE FROM

- oppressed
- entice
- disciplines
- prosperity
- grief
- understanding
- fall
- correction
- wrath
- advice

ANSWER KEY



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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION TO

DATE

SIGNATURE

