

INTRO TO THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Week 1

Props: Create a banner that says "Choose Wisdom!" Also put up the Bible character Solomon and popular wise phrases from Proverbs.

-SLIDE- Welcome (Start kid's countdown once all classes are present)

Hey kids! Welcome to kid's church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Today we're going to start a new series called Proverbs for Kids! You see, the book of Proverbs is full of wisdom and kids need that! Does anyone know what wisdom means? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, it's just a fancy word for good advice that leads to making good choices. And even though Proverbs was written a LONG time ago, the advice still applies to us today.

Today we're going to talk about who wrote the book of Proverbs in the Bible and why he did it. Who has heard of King Solomon? **(allow kids to answer)** Solomon was King David's son, you know, the guy who killed the giant Goliath! Now King Solomon was extra special because he was known as the wisest person on earth. So he wrote the book of Proverbs to share that wisdom with everybody else!

We'll talk more about this in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing.

-SONG- Unglued (3 min)

Good job. I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: The book of Proverbs gives us wisdom for life. (repeat)

-VIDEO- Proverbs 1 (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who wrote the book of Proverbs? (Solomon)
- The book of Proverbs can give _____ wisdom for life. (Anyone)
- True or False: Jesus helps us to live the Proverbs. (True)

Great job you guys! Solomon was wise because God gave him wisdom. But God didn't make Solomon the wisest person just so he could brag about it. God gave Solomon wisdom to share with all of us. The point of wisdom is to help us to make good choices so that we can honor God with our lives.

So, when we're faced with a choice to be nice to a friend or leave them out, we can remember what the Bible says about being a good friend and choose to be nice. That's wisdom!

As kids, there are a lot of ways you can use wisdom, and this memory verse tells you how. Let's all stand and read it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "These proverbs **(hands as book)** will give insight **(shield eyes)** to the simple, knowledge **(point at head)** and discernment to the young **(point out)**." Proverbs 1:4 **(Repeat)**

You guys are awesome! You probably don't hear the word discernment very much, but it means knowing the difference between right and wrong. This verse is telling us that the book of Proverbs helps us to know how to look at a situation and decide if it's the right or wrong thing to do. And guess what? We have someone who can help us to live out the proverbs. Who is it? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, Jesus does! When we put our trust in Jesus, he will give us the strength to make the wise choice in our lives. So make sure you read the book of Proverbs so that you can grow up wise, just like King Solomon!

Now let's stand together and sing one last song to God.

-SONG- We Are Your People (3 min)

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: The book of Proverbs gives us wisdom for life. (Repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)