

# Old Testament

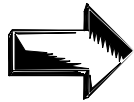
## Solomon's wise words Proverbs 3 & 31

### Younger Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

### Older Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:5-6



Teachers: This unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

### Welcome Time

Try helping the kids say the beginning books of the Old Testament. Keep practicing each week so that they will remember them (it will help you remember too!)

### Bible Storyc

***Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do NOT read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.***

Last week we talked about the book of Psalms. It is in the middle of a Big Bible (Old and New Testament). The book of Proverbs comes right after Psalms.

Proverbs kind of sounds like adverbs but it is not the same thing. Proverbs are smart little sayings to help people live right and make wise choices. God helped a king named Solomon write most of them. Wise men added a few others.

Proverbs shares tips on making friends, living in a family, money, doing right, caring for people, and following God. Let's look at some of them...

Proverbs 3 tells us about wisdom. What is wisdom? (being smart, making right choices, knowing what is right and doing it) King Solomon wrote this Proverb. When he became king, God told him that He would give him **WHATEVER** he wanted. Do you know what Solomon asked for? **WISDOM**. God was so pleased with his answer that He also made him very rich too.

Solomon is the perfect person to write this Proverb because he was the wisest man on the earth. He knew the right things to do.

What is the first thing Proverbs 3 says to do? (don't forget God's teachings and keep God's commands in your heart). That means we must remember them every day and **DO**

### Lesson Goals

**Know what a Proverb is**  
**Remember one of the Proverbs and do what it says**

them. We are supposed to know it in our hearts not just know it in our heads. Verses 5-6 are our memory verses this week. We must trust God with ALL of our heart not just part of it. We cannot depend on what we think is best—we must do it God’s way.

There is another Proverb that tells us to be busy doing good things and not be lazy and hang around the house. Proverb 6:6-11 tells about a little creature that works hard. What is it? (ant) Go outside and look at an anthill if you can (or wait until snack time). Look at the loads they carry. (Teachers—see an additional lesson on ants in this packet.)

Proverbs 12:6 says that we should ignore an insult. Solomon also helps us see that gossip is not good to do either. Gossip is saying something bad or embarrassing about another person. Proverbs 16:28, 17:9, and 26:20 tells us that we should not do it. Next time you hear someone gossiping, turn the conversation around by saying something nice about the person or try walking away from the conversation.

The very last chapter in Proverbs is chapter 31. This has some good things to say about a wife. This lady works hard for her family and they all love her. It says that her children love and bless her in verse 28. Do you know that it does not say what she looks like? This Proverb is trying to say that what is important is that a woman should love God (verse 30).

Proverbs 17:17 says that a friend loves at all times. Jesus is this friend. He loves you ALL the time. There is never a time that he does not love you. In fact, Jesus loves you so much that He died for you. He knew that if He took your place and died for you, then you could go to Heaven if you believe and trust Him. Now that’s a real friend! If you want to know how to ask Jesus to come into your life and be your best friend, talk to us about it.

**Learning Activities**

There are some Hands-on learning activities to help your kids understand and apply the lesson to life.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Try doing one of the verse activities to help the kids learn the verse. Challenge them to take it home and put it on their mirror or wall.

**Prayer Time**

Join hands in a circle and ask for requests. Be sure to pray for every one of the requests. If you forget, stop snack time to pray. Pray for our moms too.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Bring snacks that are easy to clean up. Have trash bags close by too. Go outside and look at ants if you have a chance.

Planning for Lesson 85  
Isaiah listens to God  
Isaiah 6:1-8

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
Solomon's Wise Words

A very long time ago, there lived a king named Solomon. He was king David's son. He loved God and wanted to rule the kingdom in a way that pleased God.

One day, God came to Solomon in a dream and told Solomon that He would give him whatever he asked for. King Solomon could have asked for ANYTHING! Do you know what he asked for? He asked God to make him smart so that he could rule the country in a way that pleased God.

God was so happy about Solomon's request that God gave him what he wanted AND God made him the richest man in the world.

Solomon wrote down words and sayings to help others be smart and live for God. They are called Proverbs. They are in the Bible. The Proverbs help us know how we should help others, love our family, work hard, trust God and behave.

Let's look at Proverbs 3:5. The Bible tells us that we should trust God with ALL our heart. God wants us to love Him and share Him with others.

Let's pray and thank God for loving us and tell Him how much we love Him.

Sing, "God is so good."

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
Solomon's Wise Words

Some of the older kids may want to try this idea. There are 31 Proverbs in the Bible and there are 31 days in most months. Try reading the chapter of Proverbs that goes along with what day it is. If you begin at the beginning of the month, you will have read all of the Proverbs by the end of the month! Help the kids to pick one important verse out of each chapter.

Make a list of good Proverbs to remember and memorize them!

Decorate a paper lunch sack and write the verse on it. Each day of this week, draw or write something that you are thankful for and put it in the bag. Next Sunday, share your thoughts with the class.

Our verse today is also from the Proverbs. Take time to really learn the verse and share how God can show us the way we should go (make our path straight).

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