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SERIES: PROVERBS FOR KIDS

# Wisdom From Animals?

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*Props: Put the words "Proverbs" and "Wisdom" in varying sizes and styles of talk bubbles.*

## 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

We're finishing our series called Proverbs for Kids! The book of Proverbs is full of wisdom. What is wisdom? (allow kids to answer) Right, good advice that helps us to make good decisions. We've learned the difference between a wise kid and not so wise kid. What makes wise kids smart? (allow kids to answer) Right, they listen and obey what God and their parents say. Then we learned that God lets us make choices. Does God want us to make good or bad choices? (allow kids to answer) Right, good ones! Good choices honor God. Last week we learned that wisdom can be your friend. How do you meet wisdom? (allow kids to answer) Right, your parents and teachers introduce you to her! Wisdom is an awesome friend who helps you to stay on God's path.

Today we're going to talk about animals. Who has a pet at home? What kind of pet? (allow kids to answer) Awesome! Well today, we're going to learn important wisdom from some special animals mentioned in the book of Proverbs.

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

## Song

*Unglued*

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

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:*

**We can gain wisdom from animals. (Repeat)**

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

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

- The ant teaches us to prepare for the \_\_\_\_\_. (future)
- The rock badger teaches us to be \_\_\_\_\_? (safe)
- True or False: The locust teaches us that we need friends. (T)

Great job you guys! You see, we can learn great wisdom from these animals (and insects). We've all seen ants hard at work digging or carrying stuff into their ant hills. They do that to prepare for the winter when food is harder to find. The rock badger knows how to avoid danger by finding a safe place to hide. Locusts stick together because they are stronger in a crowd than when they are alone. And the lizard, though not very cute, can find their way into beautiful places.

So why does this matter to us? Well, like an ant, we should prepare for the future, too, by going to school so we can get a job. Like the rock badger, we need to avoid the danger of going our own way instead of God's way. Making good choices helps us to stay safe. Like the locusts who stick together, we need to hang around with good friends who encourage us to honor God. And finally, the lizard teaches us that even though our sin doesn't make us very cute, when we accept Jesus into our hearts, we get to go to the best place of all, Heaven!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and read it together.

## Slide: Memory Verse

"Ants (wiggle fingers) - they aren't strong (limp arms), but they store up (pretend moving things) food all summer." Proverbs 30:25 (Repeat)

You guys are awesome! This verse is telling us to pay attention to the wisdom of the ant. God gives all of his creation wisdom to fulfill their purpose. So, be a wise kid by reading your Bible, listening to your parents and teachers, and make good choices!

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

## Song

*We Will Dance*

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

## Slide: Big Idea

We can gain wisdom from animals. (Repeat)

## Slide: Let's Pray

*Pray and dismiss.*