



SERIES: PROVERBS FOR KIDS

# Be Wise

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## Lesson Overview

Today we're talking about proverbs. Proverbs is just a fancy word for good advice that helps someone make a good choice. There is a whole book in the Bible called the book of Proverbs. King Solomon, who was the wisest person to ever live, wrote this book to help people. He wanted people to have the wisdom to know right from wrong and to make good choices in their lives. Even though the book of Proverbs was written thousands of years ago, the advice applies to us today. And, even better news, when we invite Jesus into our hearts, he gives us the strength to live out the proverbs in our lives. He helps us to see the wise choice and gives us the strength to put them into practice.

## Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: What's the best decision you've ever made? Explain. What's a bad decision you've made? Explain.** (Tip: We're all faced with decisions everyday and we gather information in order to make a decision. But, we need to make sure we have good information so that we make good choices and avoid bad information that leads to bad choices.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: Wisdom is just a fancy word for having good information that helps you to make good choices. As Christians, we find our wisdom in the Bible. The Bible is full of information we need to know how to live for God. In addition, we have the Holy Spirit who helps us to live a wise life.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** What is wisdom? What book is full of God's wisdom? **4-5th:** Share some examples of wisdom we find in the Bible. How can you apply those to your life?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read [James 3:13](#). How do our actions prove that we are wise? Why is humility important to honoring God?** (Answer: We can have the right information in our heads but no one will know that until we act on it. Our actions will prove if we are thinking the right way or the wrong way. God wants us to be a light for him to our friends so we need to act in ways that honor God. Humility means to be humble and not to think of yourself as better than anyone else. We need to remember that our wisdom comes from God and he is the one that helps us to live a wise life.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson video.

### Big Idea

*The book of Proverbs gives us wisdom for life.*

### Key Question

*What is wisdom?*

### Memory Verse

*Proverbs 1:4 | These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young.*

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: WISE VS. UNWISE GAME

### Instructions:

- Put the phrases in a bowl or basket before class begins.
- Write the words "Wise" and "Unwise" on the whiteboard, side by side.
- Have kids take turns pulling out a phrase and have the teacher read it to the class. As a class, decide if it belongs in the wise or unwise column and tape it in the correct place.

### Supplies needed:

Phrase template (page 5, precut, 1 set per class), tape.

### Bonus Activity: "Bible Hangman"

**Words or phrases:** Proverbs, Wisdom, Be wise

## OPTION 2: TRUE OR FALSE GAME

### Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Read a statement from below to the class. First team to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer for a bonus point.
- Team with the highest score wins.

### Supplies needed:

Bells or ringers

### Statements:

1. Proverbs means bad advice (F)
2. David wrote the book of Proverbs (F)
3. We can learn from the book of Proverbs today (T)
4. Our memory verse is from Psalms (F)
5. Wisdom means acting on good information (T)
6. Jesus died for some of our sins, but not all (F)
7. The Bible is God's truth (T)

8. The book of Proverbs is in the OT (T)
9. Jesus loves you (T)
10. We should be unwise (F)

### Bonus Activity: "Find the book"

Have class get into pairs and give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT.

**Books:** Psalms, Luke, Titus



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Hey kids! Today we're starting a new series on the book of Proverbs. It's in the Bible! Specifically, it's in the Old Testament. Proverbs was written thousands of years ago, but it still helps people with their lives today. Even kids!

## The Book of Proverbs comes from Solomon

Have you ever heard that name before? Solomon was one of King David's sons. Not only that, he was the wisest man on earth! He had lots of smart things to share with people.

## The Book of Proverbs can give anyone wisdom for life

The proverbs are good for anyone at any time in history. It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, you will benefit from living your life based on the lessons in Proverbs.

Have you ever met someone who doesn't live their life with wisdom? They probably make lots of bad decisions! There's been lots of people in history that could use the wisdom in Proverbs!

## Anyone who knows Jesus can actually live the Proverbs

Wisdom is good for anyone, but people who know Jesus are the ones who really benefit. Do you know why? Because they're the ones who can obey the proverbs! It's one thing to know what's right to do. It's another thing to actually do it.

But Christian kids have something else that helps them to obey and follow God, the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit helps keep us strong when we run into bad things.

## Questions:

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?*
2. *What's the best decision you've ever made? Explain. What's a bad decision you've made? Explain.*
3. *Who wrote the book of Proverbs? Who was his Dad?*
4. *How do the proverbs help us?*
5. *How does Jesus help us to live a smart and good life?*
6. *Read [James 3:13](#). How do our actions prove that we are wise? Why is humility important to honoring God?*
7. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

## Bonus Questions: Use these passages to have more conversations this week.

1. *Read [Proverbs 14:12](#). Why is it important to stay on God's path rather than choosing our own?*
2. *Read [Philippians 4:8](#). What are some examples of good things we should think about?*
3. *Read [Proverbs 3:5-6](#). Who should we trust to lead us in the right way? Why shouldn't we trust in our own way?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzles.

**PUZZLE 17**  
**THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

Find the hidden words.



WISDOM

OBEDIENCE

BLESSINGS

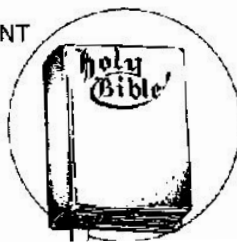
FAITH

CONTENTMENT

VIRTUES

FOLLY

SOLOMON



**Big Idea**

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**Key Question**

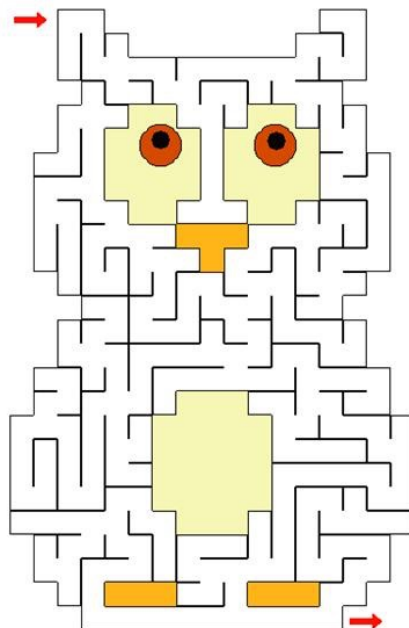
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**Memory Verse**

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<b>FORGIVE OTHERS</b>	<b>STEAL FROM A STORE</b>
<b>OBEY YOUR PARENTS</b>	<b>MAKE FUN OF FRIENDS</b>
<b>SERVE OTHERS</b>	<b>BE JEALOUS</b>
<b>PUT GOD FIRST</b>	<b>DON'T SHARE</b>