



Lesson
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BOOK OF PROVERBS

February 7 & 8

**GOD IS OUR
TEACHER**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: The book of Proverbs is in the Old Testament and focuses a lot on wisdom. Wisdom is knowing what's true and right and doing it. Proverbs shares that all wisdom comes from God and it's important to learn truths about Him in order to gain wisdom.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God is our teacher. It's important for us to read the Bible so we can know these truths about God and apply wisdom in our own lives.

Proverbs 9:10; 3:5-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Worship Night
February 11 @ 6:30 PM

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
The Arrogant King



KEY VERSE:

"The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

SALT

This month, we are practicing SALT — Serving And Loving Teachers. Teachers work hard to help kids learn, feel safe, and do their best. God calls us to show love by encouraging others.

In partnership with our ACTS ministry, we will decorate cookies, muffins, and donut cutouts and add kind words to help celebrate teachers at a special Teachers Conference in March. These will be turned into fun garland decorations to remind teachers how thankful we are for them.



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is our teacher!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: Bible

SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get one guess!

DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.

SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **God is our teacher**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Proverbs 9:10; 3:5-6!** (*Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below*).

CONNECTION: The Bible is a special book that God uses to teach us how to live and make good choices. God is Our Teacher which means He shows us what is right and helps us learn through His words in the Bible. Proverbs tells us to respect God and trust Him, because He knows the best way for us to go. Just like a teacher helps us learn at school, God teaches us through the Bible every day. God is Our Teacher!



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

God and us

2. What is the problem?

We need help from God to gain wisdom to know what is right and do it.

3. What will God do?

God has given us the whole Bible as a guide to learning truths that lead to wisdom, including the specific book of Proverbs that's full of wisdom.

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



MAKE: Bookmark

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: bookmark, string, crayons/markers



DO:

Pass out one bookmark per child. Allow them to color and decorate their bookmark. Have each child pick a string to attach to the top of their bookmark.



SAY:

God is our teacher! Did you know that God teaches a lot when we read His word (the Bible!)? Today we get to make a special bookmark to use in our Bibles.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Help Me Live in Step

SONG 2: My Hope is in the Lord



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you trust that God is your teacher who loves you and wants to help you do what is right!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God Statement here!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: “Help Me Live in Step” song in PowerPoint



SAY:

Wisdom is knowing what’s true and right and doing it. Proverbs shares that all wisdom comes from God and it’s important to learn truths about Him in order to gain wisdom. God is our teacher! We can read the Bible so we can know these truths about God and apply wisdom in our own lives.



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***God is our teacher! This means God shows us what is right and how to do it.***
 - ***Let’s take time right now to praise God for being our teacher as we sing this song. We sang it once already today, so use it as time to reflect on what God is trying to teach you right now!***
 - Invite kids to stand or take whatever posture of worship they would like to worship in. Remind kids this is a space to praise God and listen to Him.
 - ***God is our teacher, and we can trust that He will guide us through His Word, the Bible.***
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you trust that God is your teacher who loves you and wants to help you do what is right!

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

God and us

2. What was the problem?

We need help from God to gain wisdom to know what is right and do it.

3. What did God do?

God has given us the whole Bible as a guide to learning truths that lead to wisdom, including the specific book of Proverbs that's full of wisdom.

4. Why does this matter to me?

God is my teacher, and He wants us to trust Him with our whole lives as we grow in wisdom through reading His Word.

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can read the Bible daily to learn truths about God; I can pray and ask God to show me what is right and how to do it.



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents arrive after service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card and the weekly **Lesson Card**.