

CBC

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

PROVERBS 4-9



MONDAY

A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Read Proverbs 4

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- From verse 6, how can we heed Solomon's warning not to forsake wisdom?
- Verse 14 tells us not to "enter the path of the wicked." How do we balance this warning with the command not to judge in Matthew 7:1 (assuming you'd have to recognize the wicked to avoid joining them)?
- What is Solomon addressing in verse 26?

Certainly, in Matthew 7:1, Jesus did forbid judging in one sense... But for now, note that if you read through that same gospel of Matthew, you'll find that Jesus also clearly called us to rebuke others for sin, even rebuking them publicly if need be (Matt. 18:15-17; cf. Luke 17:3)... if we cannot say how a Christian should not live, how can we say how a Christian should live? - Mark Dever

Kids Discussion Questions

- Proverbs is a book of wise sayings collected and written by King Solomon for his son. In this chapter, he wants to make sure that his son listens to him. What are some reasons it honors God listen to our parents?
- In verse 26, Solomon tells us to "ponder the path of our feet," or to think before we act. Why is this important?

Sing

Ancient Words
Lynn Deshazo

Pray

For wisdom from your
study in proverbs this
week.

ANCIENT WORDS

- LYNN DESHAZO

1. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus:

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

2. Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

3. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

4. Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear

TUESDAY

WARNING AGAINST ADULTERY

Read Proverbs 5

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you from Solomon's warning against adultery?
- How does Solomon describe the "forbidden woman"?
- Is Solomon's approach to temptation in verse 8 different than how you typically respond to temptation? If so, how?

Sin aims always at the utmost; every time it rises up to tempt or entice, might it have its own course, it would go out the utmost sin in that kind. Every unclean thought or glance would be adultery if it could; every covetous desire would be oppression, every thought of unbelief would be atheism, might it grow to its head. - John Owen

Kids Discussion Questions

- This chapter is about a specific kind of temptation. What is temptation and where does temptation come from?
- Solomon reminds us that what we do is always seen by the Lord (vs. 21). How might this help us stand against temptation?

Sing

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
Edward Perronet and John Rippon

Pray

For the widows and
widowers of Calvary.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME -PERRONET AND RIPPON

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race

now ransomed from the fall,

hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every tongue and every tribe

responsive to his call,

to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4 Oh, that with all the sacred throng

we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

WEDNESDAY

PRACTICAL WARNINGS

Read Proverbs 6

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What is Solomon illustrating with his discussion on ants?
- What danger is there in loving sleep?
- Does anything stand out to you about the 7 "abominations" from verses 16-19?

Our bodies are inclined to ease, pleasure, gluttony, and sloth. Unless we practice self-control, our bodies will tend to serve evil more than God. We must carefully discipline ourselves in how we "walk" in this world, else we will conform more to its ways rather than to the ways of Christ. - Donald Whitney

Kids Discussion Questions

- Read verses 6-8. Why is it important that, like the ants, we get to work?
- One of the warnings Solomon gives in this chapter is that loving sleep can cause all kinds of problems. How might this happen?
- Though you may not work to provide food for your family yet, what kind of work do you want to do when you grow up?

Sing

Rock of Ages
Augustus Toplady

Pray

Pick a family from
Calvary to pray for.

ROCK OF AGES - AUGUSTUS TOPLADY

1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

2

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All could never sin erase,
Thou must save, and save by grace.

3

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

THURSDAY

THE BLESSING OF WISDOM

Read Proverbs 8

(Adults and Students Read Proverbs 7-8)

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- Looking at verse 12, what does wisdom have to do with prudence, knowledge, and discretion? How are these different?
- How did the Lord show his wisdom when he created the world (vs. 22)?
- What does verse 34 tell us about the search for wisdom?

The word of God is two-fold, and, in both senses, is wisdom; for a word without wisdom is of little value, and wisdom without a word is of little use. - Matthew Henry on Proverbs 8

Kids Discussion Questions

- Solomon says something interesting about wisdom in verse 11. Why would it be better to find wisdom than a pile of jewels?
- How did the Lord show his wisdom when he created the world (vs. 22)?
- Would you rather be wise or rich? Why?

Sing

I Need Thee Every Hour
Annie S. Hawks

Pray

That the Lord would
grant wisdom to our
governing officials.

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

- ANNIE S. HAWKS

1

I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior!
I come to Thee.

2

I need Thee every hour,
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh.

3

I need Thee every hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

4

I need Thee every hour,
Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill.

5

I need Thee every hour,
Most Holy One;
Oh, make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

FRIDAY

THE WAY OF WISDOM

Read Proverbs 9

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What is one thing that has stood out to you in the book of Proverbs this week?
- What is a scoffer and why would correcting a scoffer cause you harm (vs. 7)?
- Why would a wise man love those who reprove him (vs. 8)?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. How is the wisdom of God displayed on the cross?

Oh, that I might never be so void of love to my fallen brothers as not to give him a serious reproof, nor so void of love to myself as not to receive a serious reproof. - George Swinnock

Kids Discussion Questions

- What is one thing you've learned from Proverbs this week?
- In this proverb, Solomon tells us that wise men love those who correct them when they do wrong (vs. 8). Why would a wise man feel this way?
- A wise man is also always hungry to learn (vs.9). Why should we always be ready to grow in the way we understand the world?
- Why can we as Christians have hope even when we are not wise?

Sing
Doxology
Thomas Ken

Pray
For the children and
youth of our church.

DOXOLOGY - THOMAS KEN

1

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

2

Praise God the Father who's the source;
Praise God the Son who is the course;
Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;
Praise God, our portion here below!