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# FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

PROVERBS 1-3



# MONDAY

## WHERE KNOWLEDGE BEGINS

**Read Proverbs 1:1-7**

### **Discuss**

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What is the purpose of the book of Proverbs according to this passage?
- What is the "the fear of the LORD" (vs 7)?
- How is the "fear of the LORD the beginning of wisdom" (vs 7)?

*The fear of the Lord is just the proper reaction of sinners to God's infinite holiness, or of creatures to God's infinite majesty. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we will learn truly to tremble before His great glory and burning purity, and see this as indeed the beginning of wisdom. - Eric Alexander*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- Proverbs is a book of wise sayings collected and written by King Solomon for his son. What does it mean to be wise?
- How is a wise man different than a man who knows many facts?
- Why would a father want his son to find wisdom?
- Solomon says the "fear of the Lord" is where knowledge begins (vs. 7). What does it mean to fear the Lord?

#### **Sing**

*Behold Our God*  
Soveriegn Grace Music

#### **Pray**

For wisdom from your  
study in proverbs this  
week.

# BEHOLD OUR GOD - SOVERIEGN GRACE MUSIC

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus:

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

# TUESDAY

## THE CALL OF WISDOM

**Read Proverbs 1:8-33**

### **Discuss**

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What warnings does Solomon give in verses 8-19?
- Starting in verse 20, Solomon describes Wisdom as a woman crying out in the street. How would you summarize her message?
- In verse 29 this theme of the fear of the Lord returns. How does Solomon show the relationship between wisdom and the fear of the Lord in this verse?

*The fear of the Lord tends to take away all other fears... This is the secret of Christian courage and boldness. - Sinclair Furgeson*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- Why is it important to listen to our father's instruction and our mother's teaching (vs. 8)?
- Remember that Proverbs was put together by Solomon for his son. Right after Solomon tells his son to listen to his parents, he warns him not to listen to another group of people. Who is that?
- Why should we be careful not to listen to these people?

#### **Sing**

*Before the Throne*  
Charitie Bancroft

#### **Pray**

For the widows and  
widowers of Calvary.

# BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE - CHARITIE BANCROFT

1 Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there,  
who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

3 Behold him there, the risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by his blood!  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

# WEDNESDAY

## THE VALUE OF WISDOM

### Read Proverbs 2

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What encouragement does Solomon offer in verses 1-5?
- What will it take to find wisdom according to Solomon?
- Where can we find it?
- What does the life of a wise person look like from verses 9-20?

*Job had asked, long before this, Where shall wisdom be found? Whence cometh wisdom? (Job 28:12, 20) and he had given this general answer (v. 23), God knoweth the place of it; but Solomon here goes further, and tells us both where we may find it and how we may get it. - Matthew Henry on verse 1-9*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- Solomon says that wisdom must be searched for like silver or hidden treasure (vs. 4). If you knew there was treasure hidden in your house, how long and how hard would you search for it?
- Where does wisdom come from? (hint: read verse 6).
- In this proverb, we see that wisdom is not only about what you know but also about how you live (vs. 7). What does it mean to "walk in integrity" (vs. 7)? Why is this wise?

#### **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

## TRUST IN THE LORD

**Read Proverbs 3:1-12**

### **Discuss**

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What leads to "favor and good success in the sight of God and man" (vs. 4)?
- Why are we not to "lean on our own understanding" (vs. 5)?
- What does it look like to acknowledge the Lord in all our ways (vs. 6)?
- What is Solomon's message concerning the Lord's discipline (vs. 11)?  
What does the discipline of the Lord look like in the life of his children today?

*While God is not pleased with my sin and may discipline me in order to turn me from destructive paths and practices, His love for me does not diminish in any degree. He gave himself for my sins in their entirety, so that I might have His love in its entirety... Accepting this reality of God's unchanging regard is necessary for us to make progress in the Christian life. - Bryan Chappel*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- Solomon tells us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts rather than our own understanding (vs. 5). What does it mean to trust "with all your heart"?
- Why should we always trust the Lord rather than ourselves?
- In verse 11-12 Solomon writes about discipline that comes from the Lord. Why do our parents discipline us? Why would the Lord do this and how can it help us?

#### **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

## BETTER THAN SILVER OR GOLD

**Read Proverbs 3:13-35**

### **Discuss**

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What has stood out to you in our study in Proverbs this week?
- How does Solomon show wisdom to be an attribute of God?
- What rewards does Solomon list for finding wisdom?
- Read verse 33. Considering what's revealed in the New Testament, how can someone be made righteous in the sight of God?

*To be justified means more than to be declared "not guilty." It actually means to be declared righteous before God. It means God has imputed or charged the guilt of our sin to His Son, Jesus Christ, and has imputed or credited Christ's righteousness to us. - Jerry Bridges*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- What is one thing you've learned from our time in Proverbs this week?
- In this proverb, Solomon shows that God is full of wisdom. In what ways has God shown his wisdom? (hint: for one example look at verse 19).
- Solomon tells us that the Lord blesses the righteous. How can we be made righteous before God? (hint: read 2 Corinthians 5:21).

**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!