

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: Reuben Gorter - July 13 Addison Mutch - July 17 Easton DeJong - July 20 Liam VanLaar- July 22 James Systema - July 25 Halle Davalovsky- July 25	
2 minutes	Leader: Welcome, everyone! Today we remember that God is always with us and can always be trusted. Leader: <i>Trust in the Lord with all your heart...</i> Kids: We will trust You, Lord! Leader: <i>...and do not depend on your own understanding.</i> Kids: Your ways are better than ours! Leader: <i>In all your ways acknowledge Him...</i> Kids: We will follow You in everything we do! Leader: <i>...and He will make your paths straight.</i>	Bible

	Kids: Thank You for leading us! Leader: Sometimes life is confusing. Kids: We will trust the Lord! Leader: Sometimes we don't know what to do. Kids: We will trust the Lord! Leader: When we are happy... Kids: We will trust the Lord! Leader: When we are afraid... Kids: We will trust the Lord! Leader: Let's worship the God who is faithful, wise, and always worthy of our trust. Everyone: We trust in the Lord with all our hearts! Let's worship Him together!	
10 minutes singing	Your way is better - Forrest Frank	Video
	Trust in You - VBS song	
	Tell the story – Page 139	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions: 1. What does it mean to fear the Lord? 2. Who should we trust with our whole heart? 3. What two paths did Solomon write about?	
	Questions from kids video: Why does God tell us to fear Him? 2. How does fearing God help us see our need for	

	Jesus?	
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!	
2 minutes	God, thank You for leading us in Your wisdom and truth. Guide us on the path of righteousness through faith in Jesus. Help us share the gospel with others so they can find life in You. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-12; 4:10-19. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Wisdom of God’s People.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

WISDOM OF GOD’S PEOPLE

“**King Solomon wrote many proverbs. Proverbs are short sayings that give wisdom and help people live in ways that are right and good. By following these proverbs, people can gain knowledge and wisdom and receive guidance for life.**

The book of Proverbs is filled with many of King Solomon’s wise sayings. King Solomon taught people to fear the Lord and trust in Him. He said fearing God was the beginning of knowledge. He also wrote that it is foolish to hate wisdom and discipline.

Solomon said it is wise to keep God’s commandments, for they will bring a long, full life. He taught about the importance of being loyal and faithful, and how this will give you a good reputation with God and people.

Another proverb Solomon wrote was, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding.” Solomon said you should look to God in everything you do, and He will guide you. **“Don’t think of yourself as wise,” Solomon wrote. “Instead fear the LORD and turn away from evil.”**

Solomon also said, “Honor the LORD with everything you own and with the first produce of your entire harvest; then you will experience great blessing.”

Some of Solomon’s proverbs were warnings, such as “Do not hate the LORD’s instruction, and do not hate His discipline. The LORD disciplines the one He loves, just as a father disciplines the son he loves.”

Solomon’s proverbs show there are two ways to live: with God’s wisdom or without God’s wisdom. He wrote, “I am teaching you the way of wisdom; hold on to God’s commands and don’t let go for they are your life. Don’t walk in the path of the wicked. Turn away from it for the wicked love violence, and their path is dark. But stay on the path of the righteous where light always shines brighter and brighter.”

Christ Connection: Solomon’s proverbs encourage God’s people to trust in the Lord. Jesus trusted in God His Father throughout His life on earth, all the way to His death on the cross for our sins. He rose again and continues to lead us to love and trust God the Father.”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Look up: Invite kids to turn away and look up when you teach about turning away from evil. Remind kids that we must turn from sin and turn toward Jesus to receive forgiveness.

Dim the lights: Dim the lights when you tell how the wicked walk on dark paths.



2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY King Solomon wrote proverbs to help people gain wisdom to live their lives for the Lord. Solomon taught that we are to fear the Lord, because the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. What does it mean to fear the Lord? [Allow responses.] We don't fear God like we might fear spiders, heights, or the dark. Fearing God means we respect Him and recognize that His ways are best. Solomon encouraged God's people to be amazed by Him! Fearing God also means following God's commandments. God's ways lead us to eternal life.

Who did Solomon say we should trust with all our heart? [Allow responses.] Solomon instructed people to trust God with all their heart, being careful not to trust in our own understanding. Because we are sinful, we don't know best. We mess up, hurt people, and make bad choices. God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sin. When we trust in Jesus with all our hearts, we make the choice to follow His ways—not our own.

What two paths did Solomon write about? [Allow responses.] There are only two paths we can choose to follow: the path of the wicked or the path of the righteous. Those who love God and trust in Jesus walk on the path of the righteous. To be righteous means we have been made right with God because Jesus took away our sin.

Jesus trusted in God His Father throughout His life on earth, all the way to His death on the cross for our sins. He rose again and continues to lead us to love and trust God the Father. When we follow Jesus, we walk on the path of the righteous.

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY Do you believe that you need God because you are sinful and can't save yourself? The good news of the gospel tells us that God made the way for you to be saved from your sin. In His wisdom, God sent Jesus to pay for your sin on the cross. When you trust in Jesus, you will be saved! (Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 12, Session 5" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why does God tell us to fear Him?
2. How does fearing God help us see our need for Jesus?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY Orvil Reid was a missionary to the people of Mexico for 38 years. When Orvil retired at 68 years old, he made a goal to jog 550 miles from Atlanta, Georgia, to Richmond, Virginia. Orvil said, 'I would crawl from New York City to Los Angeles on my knees, if I knew one person would come to know Christ.' During his run, Orvil led services to share the gospel and gave demonstrations of his



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

physical strength. More than 340 people became followers of Jesus. He also ran to raise money for world hunger relief. ”

Discuss how God desires for every Christian to run the race of life with endurance and follow His purpose for their lives. Tell kids that many Christians may be led to go to another country to share Jesus with the world, but every believer is commanded to share the gospel wherever they go. Pray for missionaries serving in your church or for missionaries serving around the world. Ask God to give them wisdom to live lives worthy of the gospel.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Proverbs 3:7 together.

SAY “ Solomon wrote that we should fear God and turn from evil. When we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, we are fearing God rightly. ”

Write each word or phrase of the key passage on a sheet of paper, taping each paper to a spot on the floor. Instruct kids to take turns tossing a beanbag onto the papers, following the correct order of the key passage. When the beanbag lands on the paper, encourage them to shout that word or phrase.

Lead kids to sing “Fear the LORD (Proverbs 3:7).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “ God, thank You for leading us in Your wisdom and truth. Guide us on the path of righteousness through faith in Jesus. Help us share the gospel with others so they can find life in You. Amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



