

WISDOM OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PROVERBS 1; 3-4



CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus trusted in God and followed His plan to rescue sinners. When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Obey the LORD and do what is right. Proverbs 3:7

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

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- The book of Proverbs helps us know the right things and make good choices.
- Solomon showed people ways to know and please God.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS: King Solomon was very wise. He wrote or said short, wise sayings called proverbs. The book of Proverbs helps us know the right things and make good choices. Some of the things Solomon said were: remember and respect God—only unwise people ignore God; follow God's rules if you want to live a long, happy life; be kind to others; trust God with all your heart; stay away from what is wrong; and don't get mad when God corrects you—God corrects us because He loves us. In Solomon's proverbs, he showed people how to live in ways that please God.



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Proverbs 1. Show the Bible Story Poster as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

“Obey the LORD, and do what’s right,
Do what’s right, do what’s right.
Obey the LORD, and do what’s right.
That’s what God says to do.”

SAY “ Our key passage phrase says, ‘Obey the LORD and do what’s right.’ Jesus trusted in God and followed and obeyed God’s plan to rescue sinners. ”

2 MAKE A SCROLL

Write Seek God’s wisdom on brown pieces of paper (one per baby). Provide dot stickers, and assist babies in decorating their scrolls. Read the gospel gems as the babies decorate their scrolls.

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3 ROLL THE DICE

Gather a foam block. Slide the Bible Story Poster into a sheet protector, and tape it to the floor. Allow babies to roll the block on top of the poster. Point to and say what the block lands on in the picture, then read one of the gospel gems.

SAY “ Solomon taught that people should trust in God. Jesus trusted in God and followed His plan to rescue sinners. When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s Big Picture Card. Repeat the Christ Connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible Story Poster as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Proverbs 1. Show the Bible Story Poster as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card, and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 MAKE A SCROLL

Write Trust in God on a brown piece of paper (one per toddler). Allow toddlers to decorate their scrolls using markers, crayons, or dot stickers. Instruct toddlers to roll the short sides of their papers together and twist closed with a chenille stem. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ King Solomon taught that people should trust in God. Jesus trusted in God and followed His plan to rescue sinners. Can we trust in God too? Yes! When we trust in Jesus, He helps us know the right things and make good choices. ”

3 ACT OUT THE PROVERB

Read aloud each shortened proverb from the provided Bible story for toddlers. Lead toddlers in creating a motion for each proverb, and let them practice it with you. Suggestions include folding arms for "ignoring God," following someone around the room for "follow God," making a heart shape with hands for "trust in God with all your heart," and so forth.

SAY “ Solomon taught that people should trust in God. Did Jesus trust God? Yes! He followed His plan to rescue sinners. When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever. ”

4 FLIP THE CHOICE

Create a dice using a box. Tape three red papers and three green papers on the sides of the dice. Explain that when the dice lands on green, you say a right choice. When the dice lands on red, you say a wrong choice. When a wrong choice is said, suggest a way to "flip" the wrong choice and make it a right choice. Allow toddlers to take turns rolling, saying, and flipping choices.

SAY “ Solomon taught that people should know the right things and make good choices. Did Solomon trust in God? Yes! Jesus trusted in God and followed His plan to rescue sinners. Can we trust in Jesus? Yes! When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever. ”

5 DRAW WITH FEATHERS

Provide paper, artificial feathers, painting smocks, and cups of washable paint. Instruct toddlers to dip the ends of the feathers in the paint and draw hearts or simply “write” on the papers with the feathers. Explain that God corrects us because He loves us. Retell the story.

SAY “ Solomon wrote proverbs to teach people to trust in God. Jesus trusted in God and followed His plan to rescue sinners. When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: SHARE PROVERBS

Roll out a large brown sheet of paper on a table or wall. Write the proverbs from the Bible story on several strips of paper (one proverb per strip; one strip per toddler). Allow toddlers to glue their proverbs to the paper. When all strips have been added, roll the paper up like a scroll. Read the Bible story, including the proverbs from the scroll.

SAY “Solomon wrote or said short sayings called what? Yes, proverbs! Solomon’s proverbs are found in the Bible. Solomon taught that people should trust in God. Jesus trusted in God and followed His plan to rescue sinners. Can we trust in God? Yes, we can trust in God too!”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

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SAY “Our key passage phrase says, ‘Obey the LORD and do what’s right.’ Jesus trusted in God and followed and obeyed God’s plan to rescue sinners.”

3 MAKE A WISE CHOICE

Assign one side of the room “wise” and the other side “unwise.” Call out options for toddlers to make a choice and choose a side of the room that matches that choice. Choice suggestions include trusting or not trusting in God, listening or not listening to others, playing or not playing with a new friend, and so forth. Repeat and review the Bible story.

SAY “Who did Solomon teach us to trust? God! Jesus trusted in God and followed His plan to rescue sinners. When we trust in Jesus, we have forgiveness and life with God forever.”

4 FOLLOW THE RULES

Tape two paths of red and green papers to the floor. Instruct toddlers to follow the color path you say. Allow all toddlers to take turns following the paths, alternating colors and directions as they play. Congratulate toddlers on following your rules. Retell the Bible story.

SAY “Solomon taught that people should trust in God and follow God’s rules to live a long, happy life. Did Jesus trust in God? Yes! We can follow God’s rules and trust in Jesus too!”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s Big Picture Card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ Connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.