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"Let my TEACHING fall like RAIN...like SHOWERS on YOUNG PLANTS." (Deuteronomy 32:2)



Story: Solomon's Proverbs

Supplies Needed

You will need the following:

8 Sheets of Cardstock (8.5" x 11")
8 3 mil Laminating Film
24 Clear Velcro Dots

Directions

- Print pages 2-17 two-sided on cardstock. Laminate the pages.
- You will need to print out the gems from the student's Proverbs Booklet. Laminate them, cut them out, and then attach them to the appropriate pages of the story.
- Hold up the pictures while you read the story, attaching the gems as you talk about them.

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Psalm 148:5 930 Praise to Him from Creation PSALM 149

And "you waters above the heavens! Gen. 1:7

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For "He commanded and they were created. Gen. 1:1, 6
6 "He has also established them forever and ever;
He has made a decree which shall not pass away. Ps. 89:37

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
"You great sea creatures and all the depths; Is. 43:20
8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds;
Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;
9 Mountains and all hills;
Fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle;
Creeping things and flying fowl;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;
12 Both young men and maidens;
Old men and children.
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For His "name alone is exalted;
His glory is above the earth and heaven. Ps. 8:1
14 And He "has exalted the "horn of His people,
The praise of all His saints— Ps. 75:10 · Strength
Of the children of Israel,
A people near to Him.
"Praise the LORD! Heb. *Hallelujah*

PSALM 149

"PRAISE" the LORD! Heb. Hallelujah
"Sing to the LORD a new song,
And His praise in the congregation of saints. Ps. 33:3
2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
"Let them praise His name with the dance;
Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp. Ps. 81:2
For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;
He will beautify the humble with salvation.
5 Let the saints be joyful in glory;
Let them "sing aloud on their beds. Job 35:10
6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And "a two-edged sword in their hand, Heb. 4:12
To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
"To execute on them the written judgment—
"This honor have all His saints. Deut. 7:1, 2 · 1 Cor. 6:2
"Praise the LORD! Heb. Hallelujah

"Praise the LORD!" 931 Proverbs 1:12

PSALM 150

"PRAISE" the LORD! Ps. 145:5, 6
Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty "firmament! expanse of heaven
2 Praise Him for His mighty acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!
3 Praise Him with the sound of the "trumpet;
Praise Him with the lute and harp! cornet
4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
5 Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with high sounding cymbals!
6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
"Praise the LORD! Heb. *Hallelujah*

The Book of

Proverbs

THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To "perceive the words of understanding, discern
3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;
4 To give prudence to the "simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion— Prov. 9:4
5 A wise *man* will hear and increase learning,
And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their "riddles. Ps. 78:2
7 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. Job 28:28
8 "My son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother; Prov. 4:1
9 For they will be graceful ornaments on your head,
And chains about your neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice you,
"Do not consent. Gen. 39:7–10
11 If they say, "Come with us,
Let us "lie in wait to shed blood; Jer. 5:26
Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
12 Let us swallow them alive like "Sheol, Or the grave
And whole, "like those who go down to the Pit; Ps. 28:1

Before holding up picture:

What was Solomon known for? *(Wisdom and wealth)* Which one of these did Solomon say was more valuable? *(Wisdom)*

Hold up picture:

Solomon asked God to give him wisdom and Solomon became the wisest man to live. Solomon wrote down many wise sayings in the book of Proverbs. A proverb is simply a wise saying. The book of Proverbs begins with a father urging his son to listen to his instruction. Solomon says to seek wisdom as if it was treasure and that wisdom only comes from God (Prov. 2:1-6). Solomon also teaches that wisdom is more precious than gold, jewels, and riches (Prov. 8:10-11; 16:16). Today we're going to look at several Proverbs dealing with different topics. Each proverb is written on a jewel and we'll put them in our book of treasure chests to help you remember how valuable these proverbs are.

(Hand out booklets)

GOD

Hold up picture (attach gems to front with Velcro as you hand them out and read them):

Our first topic is **GOD**:

Prov. 1:7 *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."*
We can only receive truth and wisdom from God and anyone who doesn't want to learn from God's Word is a fool.

Prov. 15:3 *"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, watching the evil and the good."*
Can we hide from God? *(No)* Adam and Eve tried to hide from God in the garden of Eden when they sinned, but they couldn't. God sees and knows everything we do. God even knows our thoughts! It reminds me of the song, "Oh be careful little hands what you do," etc.

Prov. 15:29 *"The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous."*
When we do sin, we need to pray to God and ask for forgiveness – God will listen to our prayers wherever we are day or night. We can pray for others too – the sick, or those traveling – anything that we are worried about or need help with.

Prov. 16:9 *"The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."*
So many times I thought I had my life planned out, but something would happen and I'd looked back later and see that God had a better plan for me. It's not wrong to make plans, but we should realize that sometimes things don't work out for us because God wants us to take a different path in life.

SPEECH

Hold up picture (attach gems to front with Velcro as you hand them out and read them):

Our second topic is **SPEECH**:

Prov. 12:18 *"The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."*
Our words can be powerful. We can hurt someone's feelings like a sword cutting them, or if we use our words wisely, we can bring healing comfort, or encourage someone.

Prov. 12:22 *"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight."*
God hates lying. We sometimes think lying isn't a big sin – it's not like murder. But all sin is the same to God, even lying. God delights in those who are truthful.

Prov. 17:9 *"He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends."*
We should never gossip about someone. Talking about someone behind their back can really hurt friendships.

Prov. 27:2 *"Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips."*
Nobody likes it when someone is always bragging about things they are good at, or bragging about their possessions. Let someone else praise you.

FAMILY

Hold up picture (attach gems to front with Velcro as you hand them out and read them):

Our third topic is **FAMILY**:

Prov. 1:8 *"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching."*
Most children have good parents and children need to listen and learn from what their parents can teach them. Obey your parents and treat them with respect, but remember that only true wisdom comes from God – which means your parents could be wrong. Unfortunately, we will see this with Solomon in a later lesson.

Prov. 12:4 *"An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is like rottenness in his bones."*
A good wife will do everything she can to help her husband and build him up. We should choose our husband/wife carefully.

Prov. 13:24 *"Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them."*
Nobody likes to get disciplined or corrected when they do something wrong. But nobody likes spoiled kids that get away with bad behavior either. Discipline is necessary to teach children right from wrong and it's something parents do because they love their children and want them to grow up to be good citizens.

Prov. 22:6 *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."*
If parents train or teach their children at a young age, those children will remember that training as an adult. Your parents are training you to come to church every Sunday to worship God and hopefully you will still come to church when you are older.

FRIENDS

Hold up picture (attach gems to front with Velcro as you hand them out and read them):

Our fourth topic is **FRIENDS**:

Prov. 12:26 *"The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray."*
It's very important to choose our friends wisely. Hanging around with the wrong friends can influence us to do the wrong things. "Bad company corrupts good morals" (1 Cor. 15:33).

Prov. 17:17 *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."*
A true friend is going to stick with you through good times and bad. They should be someone you can count on when you're going through a difficult situation.

Prov. 18:24 *"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."*
When you grow up, your brother or sister might move away. But hopefully you'll have some good friends that you can rely on when you need help.

Prov. 27:17 *"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."*
You might not understand this one unless you've sharpened knives or scissors. We use something hard like iron or stone to sharpen our knives. This is saying that one man can sharpen another man. Our friends should be "sharpening" or improving us. We should learn from each other and point out things we're doing wrong so that we can get better. So don't get mad at your friends if they try to point out things you could improve on (anger, speech, laziness).

CHARACTER

Hold up picture (attach gems to front with Velcro as you hand them out and read them):

Our fifth topic is **CHARACTER**:

Prov. 16:18 *"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."*
Someone who is proud and haughty thinks they are better than everyone else. Often when someone starts to feel that way, something happens to knock them down and humble them so that they realize they aren't anything special.

Prov. 17:22 *"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones."*
Bad things happen to everyone, but how we respond to those situations is a choice we make. We can mope around and pout about things not going our way, or we can look at the bright side of things. We can chose to have a joyful attitude.

Prov. 22:1 *"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."*
This isn't talking about your literal name; it's talking about your reputation. What do people first think when they hear your name? If your parents say, "We're going over to Johnny's house for a play date." Do you think, "Oh no, he's so lazy and selfish."…or…"Yay, he's so nice and friendly." What kind of reputation do you want to have?

Prov. 29:11 *"A fool always loses his temper, but a wise man holds it back."*
If we don't want to be thought a fool, we must learn to control our temper.

MONEY

Hold up picture (attach gems to front with Velcro as you hand them out and read them):

Our last topic is **MONEY**:

Prov. 3:9 *"Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with your first-fruits of all your crops."*
The Israelites were instructed to tithe – which was to give 10% of all they had to the Lord. We aren't given an exact percentage in the New Testament, but we are instructed to give "as we have prospered" (1 Cor. 16:2). We also need to make sure we are giving with a cheerful heart (2 Cor. 9:7).

Prov. 11:28 *"Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf."*
If we put all our trust in money, we will fail. If we put our trust in God, we will thrive and grow like a plant.

Prov. 19:17 *"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done."*
We need to help the poor, and when we do that, God will know. God rewards those who help others, but the reward might not be immediate or even here on earth. Our ultimate reward will be heaven.

Prov. 28:25 *"The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the Lord will prosper."*
Greedy people will argue over money and cause more trouble. We just need to trust in God to provide and He will take care of our needs.



Hold up picture:

Solomon was the wisest man to live and there are many things we can learn from his proverbs, but Solomon was not perfect. Next week, we will learn about Solomon's downfall.