



FAMILY STUDY

God's Advice

The book of Proverbs gives us wisdom, a skill set to live well. It is one of the most read books in the Old Testament. It is the third of the five poetic books and is the first book written by King Solomon. A proverb is a short statement that takes the place of long words.

Wisdom, Wisdom, Who's got the Wisdom?

Objectives:	Learn some of the Proverbs. Sharpen your memorization skills Gain insight into your own faith. Have fun with your family.
Number of Players:	2 or more
Length:	15 - 30 minutes
Set up:	Cut out each of the proverbs on the following pages and then cut each of the proverbs in half so that there are 2 parts for every proverb. (You don't have to use all of them. Just cut out the ones you want to use) Fold each in half and place them in a hat, stir them up good. Have everyone take turns drawing out a slip of paper until all the papers have been drawn. Prepare a score card with a column for each player. Write the name of each player as the title for their column. Choose one person to be the score keeper and the judge.
The Play:	First have everyone look at the slips of paper they drew to see if they have 2 parts to a proverb which makes a complete proverb. If anyone has completed proverbs, they should set them aside. Now the fun begins. Have everyone sit in a circle. Pick one person to go first. They should read one of their partial proverbs out loud. If someone thinks they have the other part of that proverb, they should raise their hand and then read their partial proverb. If it is a match, the person who raised their hand gets 5 points (the judge should be prepared with a Bible to settle any disputes). If it's wrong, the person who raised their hand loses 2 points. And, if wrong, this proverb is left unsolved and play moves to the next player (go clockwise around the room). The next player will read one of their partial proverbs...(play continues like this, reading, raising hands, points given or taken until all of the proverbs have been matched). Tally final score to determine the winner.

A wise man will hear and increase learning,	And a man of understanding will attain counsel. Proverbs 1:5
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,	But fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7
In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity;	And by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil. Proverbs 16:6
The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;	Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate. Proverbs 8:13
The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life,	to turn one away from the snares of death. Proverbs 14:27
In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence,	And His children will have a place of refuge. Proverbs 14:26
Go to the ant, you sluggard!	Consider her ways and be wise. Proverbs 6:6
How long will you slumber, O sluggard?	When will you rise from your sleep? Proverbs 6:9
A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep;	So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, and your need like an armed man. Proverbs 6:10-11
The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting,	But diligence is man's precious possession. Proverbs 12:27
A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl,	And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again. Proverbs 19:24
The lazy man will not plow because of winter;	He will beg during harvest and have nothing. Proverbs 20:4
Death and life are in the power of the tongue,	And those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:21
There is one who speaks like the piercing of a sword,	But the tongue of the wise promotes health. Proverbs 12:18



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Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression,	But a good word makes it glad. Proverbs 12:25
Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,	Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones. Proverbs 16:24
A perverse man sows strife,	And a whisperer separates the best of friends. Proverbs 16:28
A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;	He rages against all wise judgment. Proverbs 18:1
A friend loves at all times,	And a brother is born for adversity. Proverbs 17:17
A man who has friends must himself be friendly,	But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24
As iron sharpens iron,	So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. Proverbs 27:17
Who can find a virtuous wife?	For her worth is far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10
Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,	But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31:30

Discussion: Discuss with your family the ways that the Proverbs give guidance to life. Discuss how you have applied some specific wisdom you have found in Proverbs to a situation in your life.

How can you as a family offer encouragement to each other to follow the guidance found in God's word?

Prayer: Close in prayer thanking God for His provision, His unchanging and uncompromising word and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family. Bless His holy name!