

PROVERBS

WORD/RS2 session for October 8th

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

1. To introduce the book of Proverbs.
2. To show that the Bible shows us wisdom, and also makes us into wise people.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. YouTube video

OPENING GAME.

If the youth stay in for worship, skip this. Only play one game

1. Two Truthers One Liar
2. Leg Goals

INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS

1. Ask the question: What makes us smart? How do you know that you're smart?
2. Watch the video.
3. Question: is being smart the same as being wise? Why/Why not?
4. Question: how is the book of proverbs useful to us today? *It's a stock pile of wisdom from throughout the years, its full of the rule of thumb for life's issues, its practical steps to living out life with God etc.*

EXPLORING

This section is all about the young people discovering the book for themselves. Do as much or as little of this that will help them learn from the book.

- Let the young people find wisdom about relevant issues to them. Let them peruse

the following:

- Jokes: 14:9, 8:8, 17:27
- Anger: 14:29, 15:1, 29:11
- Leading: 29:18/28:2
- Money: 3:9/22:7
- Friendship: 27:17/17:17/18:24/25:28
- Making Decisions: 16:9/3:5-6/15:22
- Understanding Sin: 5:21-22/8:33-36/6:16-19
- Serving: 17:17
- Happiness: 3:13-18
- Responding to having messed up: 28:13
- Being a good worker 10:26/14:23
- Dealing with difficult people: 12:16/14:16/20:22
- Let them write modern proverbs.
- Read Proverbs 1:7. What does it mean to fear the Lord? Is it right to fear the Lord?
- Read Proverbs 30 together. It gives a picture of someone who has read Proverbs well and taken it in. *Understands how little he knows. Wants God to provide for his needs. Acknowledges that there are aspects of Gods creation that are bigger and more complex than he knows. Repeats some of the proverbs because he understands their wisdom.*
- Scour Proverbs 31 together. The woman (Lady Wisdom) is a wise woman - how do we know that? Brainstorm/list what it is about her behaviour that shows that she is wise.

CLOSING POINT

Read James 3:13-18. Wisdom comes from God. It is good and brings us peace. Any kind of “wisdom” that brings us stress or jealousy or bitterness or pride or self-focus is not from God and won't give us peace.

James 1:5-6. If we want it, just ask.

PRAY TO CLOSE.