

INSTRUCTIONS FOR *PICTURES FROM PROVERBS*

FOR HOMESCHOOLERS or FAMILY DISCUSSIONS:

MONDAY:

1. Show the picture with the question. Give the chapter number from Proverbs where the answer can be found and have the older children find the verse for themselves.
2. Answer the question and explain the analogy.
3. Color the matching picture from the coloring book. (for younger children)
4. Post the picture as a daily reminder of the week's proverb.

TUESDAY: Memorize the verse.

WEDNESDAY: Read and discuss the Bible illustration.

THURSDAY: Review by answering the questions.

FRIDAY: Think of other examples from your own lives.

IN A CLASSROOM: *(Sunday School, Christian School, Children's Church)*

(Note: This set includes eighteen proverbs which can be taught one per week to complete one semester of school or one per Sunday to complete one-third of the calendar year.)

1. Ask the question which is in large print at the top of the card as you show the picture to the class. Do not announce the topic because it often gives away the answer.
2. If no one knows the answer, give the chapter number from Proverbs and have the students find the answer in their Bibles. When someone finds the answer, ask him to read the verse to the class. Explain the meaning of the analogy.
3. Ask the students to look for someone who illustrates this proverb as you read the Bible passage. Discuss their answers.
4. Ask the "REVIEW" questions from the back of the card.
5. Encourage the class to think of other illustrations of this proverb either from Scripture or from everyday life.
6. Memorize the proverb and display the picture as a reminder of the lesson.
7. Have the younger students color the matching picture from the Coloring Book.

AS A GAME *(for two teams):*

1. Select a leader and divide the rest of the players into two teams. The leader needs a chalkboard or paper and pencil to keep score.
2. Decide how many players from a team must have the answer before the team can score. (This number can be changed with each proverb, if desired.)
3. The leader reads the question which is in large print at the top of the card as he shows the picture to both teams. Everyone looks for the answer. If needed, the leader should give the chapter number where the verse is found.
4. When someone finds the answer, he puts his finger on the verse and quietly stands. The first team to have the designated number of players standing receives 100 points. The leader should check the answers of the winning team. If anyone has an incorrect answer, the score should be given to the other team.
5. The meaning of the proverb should be briefly discussed.
6. The team that ends with the larger score wins.

WISDOM

In the Bible God has revealed Himself to us so we can know Him and understand how to live pleasing to Him. The following is an explanation of how each one of us can know God personally. Then we need to study the Bible to know how God wants us to obey Him.

One of the reasons for which God created us is to be His friends. He wants us to walk with Him and enjoy Him every day. **“Enoch walked with God” (Genesis 5:24)**. But our sins have separated us from our God. **“Your sins have hid his face from you” (Isaiah 59:2b)**.

God says that everyone of us has sinned. **“All have sinned” (Romans 3:23)**. Any thought or action that does not please God is a sin. He created us. He gives us air to breathe, food to eat and water to drink, but we choose to rebel against what He has commanded us to do. This rebellion is sin. God is holy and must punish sin.

God loves us so much that He sent Jesus Christ (who is God the Son) from Heaven to suffer our punishment in His own body. **“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24a)**.

If we turn from our sins and trust Jesus' death on the cross as the payment for our sins, God gives us the power to become His children. **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God: even to them that believe on His name” (John 1:12)**.

The Bible teaches us about the many privileges which God's sons and daughters have. One of these is the sure hope that we will live with God in His home forever and ever. **“In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:2-3)**.

When a child of God dies, he goes directly into Heaven where Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father. **“Absent from the body, ... present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8b)**.

While God's children are living on earth, they have the privilege of asking God for wisdom anytime they need it. **“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5)**.

May God give you the grace to trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, for your salvation, if you have not already done so.