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# **FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE**

**PROVERBS 23-25**

# MONDAY

## Read Proverbs 23

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about Proverbs 23?
- What is Solomon concerned about in verses 1-3?
- In what sense does wealth "sprout wings" (vs. 5)?
- What is the "stingy" man calculating in verse 7?

*Where riches hold the dominion of the heart, God has lost His authority.  
Covetousness makes us the slaves of the devil. - John Calvin*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- Solomon doesn't want his son to live for money because riches "sprout wings" (vs. 5). What does Solomon mean by this?
- Solomon tells his son to "buy truth" and not to sell it- and to buy "wisdom, instruction and understanding" (vs. 23). What do all of these have in common?
- How can you "buy" or find these?

#### **Sing**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Mary E. Byrne

#### **Pray**

For wisdom from your  
study in proverbs this  
week.

# BE THOU MY VISION - MARY E. BYRNE

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



# TUESDAY

**Read Proverbs 24:1-22**

## **Discuss**

### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you from this passage?
- What responsibility is given to us in verses 11-12?
- What is it that marks the righteous according to verse 16?

*The story of Esther is one wonderful example of someone who did deliver those who are drawn towards death. Esther's courage saved her people, even when it would have been easy for her to ignore her duty. - David Guzik on verse 11*

### Kids Discussion Questions

- Re-read verse 11. How has Jesus shown us verse 11 in action?
- Look at verses 13 and 14. How is wisdom like honey?
- In verse 12, Solomon says that if we pretend not to see people around us who are suffering, the one who keeps watch over our souls will know that we are only pretending. Who is he talking about?
- What should we do when we see people suffering?

### **Sing**

*How Deep The Father's Love*  
Stuart Townsend

### **Pray**

For the widows and  
widowers of Calvary.

# HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US - STUART TOWNSEND

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

# WEDNESDAY

## Read Proverbs 24:23-34

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- How can you apply verse 27 this week?
- What "instruction" was gained by Solomon's encounter with the overgrown field (vs. 30-32)?

*God has hidden every precious thing in such a way that it is a reward to the diligent, a prize to the earnest, but a disappointment to the slothful soul. All nature is arrayed against the loungers and the idlers. The nut is hidden in its thorny case; the pearl is buried beneath the ocean waves; the gold is imprisoned in the rocky bosom of the mountains; the gem is found only after you crush the rock which encloses it; the very soil gives its harvest as a reward to the laboring farmer. So truth and God must be earnestly sought.*  
-A.B. Simpson

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- Read verse 27 again. Why might it help to prepare before building?
- In verse 30-32, Solomon explains something about lazy men. What is he explaining? (Hint: read verse 30-31 - why is the man's field in such bad shape?)

#### **Sing**

*What a Friend we Have in Jesus*  
Joseph Scriven

#### **Pray**

Pick a family from Calvary to pray for.

# WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS - JOSEPH SCRIVEN

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

# THURSDAY

**Read Proverbs 25:1-14**

## **Discuss**

### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- What does Solomon mean when he says that it is a matter of God's glory to "conceal things" and that of kings to search things out (vs. 2)?
- What is Solomon's point in verses 6-7? (See also Luke 14:7-11)

*In all their searching, the scientist should still keep this humble remembrance: It is the glory of God to conceal a matter. What I see amazes me, but God has concealed even greater treasures of knowledge and wisdom in His creation (Romans 1:19-20).*

*- David Guzik on verse 2*

### Kids Discussion Questions

- Verses 6-7 are all about humility. What is humility?
- What example of humility is given in verses 6-7?
- How is Jesus the ultimate example of humility?

#### **Sing**

*Come Ye Sinners Poor and  
Needy*  
Joseph Hart

#### **Pray**

For wisdom to be  
granted to our governing  
officials.



# COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY -JOSEPH HART

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore!  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love and power.  
He is able, He is able, He is able,  
He is willing, doubt no more!

4. Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and mangled by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, Not the righteous, Not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

5. Agonizing in the garden,  
Lo! your Maker prostrate lies!  
On the bloody tree behold Him:  
Hear Him cry, before He dies:  
"It is finished!" "It is finished!" "It is finished!"  
Sinner, will this not suffice?

6. Lo! The incarnate God ascending,  
Pleads the merit of His blood;  
Venture on Him, venture freely;  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, None but Jesus, None but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

# FRIDAY

## Read Proverbs 25:15-28

### Discuss

#### Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What has stood out to you most from the book of Proverbs this week?
- At several points throughout this passage, Solomon attends to the theme of self-control. What verses on self-control stand out to you?
- How is a man without self-control like a city broken into without walls (vs. 28)?

*Being ruled by the desires of your body will murder your soul. - J.C. Ryle*

#### Kids Discussion Questions

- What has stood out to you the most from our time in Proverbs this week?
- Much of this passage is on self-control. What do we mean when we say self-control?
- What does verse 16 communicate about self-control?

**Sing**  
*Doxology*  
Thomas Ken

**Pray**  
For the children and  
youth of our church.

# DOXOLOGY - THOMAS KEN

1

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

2

Praise God the Father who's the source;  
Praise God the Son who is the course;  
Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;  
Praise God, our portion here below!