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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

PROVERBS 26-28



MONDAY

Read Proverbs 26:1-16

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- In verses 4 and 5, Solomon offers input as to the way we should interact with foolish people. In verse 4, he gives a compelling reason not to argue with a fool, whereas in verse 5, he gives a reason to go ahead and engage. What are these reasons, how do we balance the two?
- From verse 9- how might a fool misuse a proverb?
- As much as Solomon makes a point to warn about the destruction that folly can cause, he points out that to be wise in one's own eyes is to be worse off than a fool (vs. 12). What is the danger of self-determined "wisdom"?

He handles it hard, as if it were another kind of wood, and it runs into his hand. So do profane persons pervert and pollute the Holy Scriptures, to their own and other men's destruction. - John Trapp on verse 9

Kids Discussion Questions

- Several times in these 16 verses, Solomon warns against becoming wise in our own eyes. What does it mean to be wise in your own eyes?
- Why is it so harmful to be wise in your own eyes? (vs. 12)
- We can't find wisdom unless we realize we don't have it. Where can we go to find it?

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 26:17-28

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you from this passage?
- How is meddling in other people's conflict like grabbing a passing dog by the ears (vs. 17)?
- In verse 23, Solomon addresses disingenuous speech. He compares this to a silver covering on a cheap clay pot. Can you remember a time in which you said one thing but thought another? How is this like dressing a cheap pot with a silver covering?

If one wonders what it is like to take a dog by the ears, he should try it once. He will never try it again! It is the sure way to be bitten by the dog. There might be an exception to this in a small lap dog; but, "The dog in Palestine was not a domesticated animal; and to seize any dog was dangerous.

- James Coffman on verse 17

Kids Discussion Questions

- From verse 17, why might it be a bad idea to grab a wild dog by the ears? What does Solomon compare this to?
- In Solomon's day, it was common to dig pits and cover them with leaves to catch wild animals. In verse 27, he uses this to give us insight as to how we should interact with other people. What do you think Solomon means when he says, "whoever digs a pit will fall into it" (vs. 27)?

Sing

All Creatures of Our God and King
Francis of Assisi

Pray

For the widows and
widowers of Calvary.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING - FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
 O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WEDNESDAY

Read Proverbs 27:1-12

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- How would you explain Solomon's point in verse 6 when he says, "profuse are the kisses of an enemy"?
- What insight does Solomon offer concerning meaningful friendship in this passage?

The kiss of the apostate was a bitter ingredient in the Savior's cup of suffering." - Charles Bridges

Kids Discussion Questions

- What do you notice about Solomon's description of good friends in this passage? Hint: take a look at verses 6,9 and 10.
- The most famous verse in this passage is verse 6- especially the phrase, "faithful are the wounds of a friend." In what kind of situation might a good friend need to tell you something that's hard for you to hear?
- Real friends are concerned with each other's well-being. This involves honesty- even when it hurts. How has Jesus shown this kind of friendship toward us?

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 27:13-27

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- In verse 14, Solomon paints for us a portrait of a manipulator. What is his warning?
- You're likely familiar with Solomon's phrase, "iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (vs. 17). Practically, how can you do this for others at Calvary?

Hence the usefulness of Christian association, and hence also the evil of sinful company, for one sinner sharpens another to do mischief, just as one saint encourages another to righteousness.

- C.H. Spurgeon on verse 17

Kids Discussion Questions

- In Solomon's day, people would use iron tools (like an iron hammer) to sharpen iron swords. With this in mind, what does Solomon mean when he says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (vs. 17)?
- Solomon was the wealthiest man on earth but he was aware that the things we have won't last forever (vs. 24). If our money and things won't last forever, what will?

Sing

My Jesus, I Love Thee
William R. Featherston

Pray

For the other churches in
our community.

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

- WILLIAM R. FEATHERSTON

1 My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2 I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

FRIDAY

Read Proverbs 28

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What has stood out to you most from the book of Proverbs this week?
- What is meant by "the wicked flee when no one pursues" (vs. 1)?
- How does seeking the Lord permit us to understand justice (vs. 5)?
- How do we see the justice of God in the cross?

Adam knew no fear until he became a guilty creature. But if guilt brings fear, the removal of guilt gives confidence.

- Charles Bridges on verse 1

Kids Discussion Questions

- What has stood out to you the most from our time in Proverbs this week?
- Solomon tells us that those who seek the Lord understand justice completely (vs. 5). What is justice? How does seeking after the Lord teach us justice?
- How can we see the justice of God in the cross?

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!