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Proverbs 3

Solomon wrote 3,000 proverbs. Some of them we have in the book of Proverbs.

Solomon wrote these proverbs, “My son don’t forget what I have taught you. Guide your heart to remember my commands. Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not rely on your own understanding. Include God in everything you do and He will make your paths straight. Do not think you are wise when you are not. Respect the LORD and turn away from evil. Honor God with the things you own. Do not hate God’s instructions.”

Solomon again spoke of wisdom as being like a person. He said that a person is happy when he finds wisdom and understanding because wisdom is more valuable than silver or gold. Wisdom is more precious than jewels.

Then Solomon said, “Don’t lose sight of wisdom. It will help you not to stumble. When you go to bed, you will sleep peacefully. Do not fear danger because the LORD is your confidence. He will protect you.”

Finally, Solomon reminded everyone that it is important to treat others right. He said that if it is in your power, you should not keep good from someone who deserves it. Do not keep things from your neighbor or plan to harm him. God is a friend of those who do what is right. The LORD blesses the home of those who do what is right. He gives grace to the humble.”

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Younger Children's Activity

Resources Needed: copy paper, colored construction, staplers, markers, small stickers, large, preprinted labels with Proverbs 3:5-6

Directions:

- Allow each child to choose a piece of colored construction paper and 2 pieces of copy paper to make a prayer/scripture journal.
- Fold pages in half to make a book and staple the spine.
- Allow each child to decorate the cover of their prayer journal with stickers and markers.
- Have the kids put the label on the first page of their journal.
- Talk with the kids about who they want to prayer for and write some names on the second page.
- On the third page write the text truth "We should trust the Lord."
- Leave the fourth page blank for the kids to add additional prayers.
- At some point, take a picture of each child and send to Susanna for Mother's Day activity.

Extra Activity: Good choice or Bad Choice pg 85 (Item 38, painters tape)

Older Children's Activity

Resources Needed: die cut flowers and stars on cardstock, pony bead, stretchy string, hole punch, bright colored sharpies

Directions:

- Give each child a die cut shape.
- Write loyalty on one side of the die cut and faithfulness on the other side.
- Have the kids string their die cut onto a long stretchy string and then add pony beads to either side of the die cut.
- At some point, take a picture of each child and send to Susanna for Mother's Day activity.

Extra Activity: Proverbs Draw and Guess pg 85 (Item 50)



GOOD CHOICE OR BAD CHOICE

Tools: Item 38: "Choices" (Printables), painter's tape

- Make two different paths with the painter's tape, one should be straight and another crooked.
- Ask kids to form a line. Tell kids that one of your lines represents a good choice and the other represents a bad choice. They will answer your question by running down the correct path.
- Read a prompt from the "Choices" printable. Kids must race across the path that they think is the best answer.
- Ask: "What should we do if we don't know whether something is a good choice or a bad choice?"
- Allow kids to share thoughts. Affirm suggestions of reading the Bible, praying, talking to a parent or trusted leader, or asking other Christian friends.
- Say: "God has given us His Word and people in our lives to help us make good and wise choices. Is it always easy to trust God and make a good choice? Sometimes it might be hard. But **we should trust the Lord**. God will always be with us to help us obey Him. We can trust Him because He is our Creator and is wise. He knows everything. And He wants us to trust Him."



PROVERBS DRAW AND GUESS

Tools: dry erase board and markers, Item 50: "Words from Proverbs" (Printables), bag, timer

- Cut apart the "Words from Proverbs" printable and place in a bag.
 - Form teams and let them take turns choosing a word and drawing it on the dry erase board for their teammates.
 - Each person has 1 minute and 30 seconds to draw their word, and the team must guess the word before the timer goes off. Encourage the person drawing to draw their word quickly.
 - If the team guesses correctly before the timer stops, their team gets a point.
 - If their team cannot guess it before the timer stops, the other team has 15 seconds to guess, and they will receive the point if they guess it correctly.
 - If neither team guesses correctly, put the word back in the bag.
- After each word is guessed, discuss what part of the story it came from.
- Say: "Our Text Truth says **we should trust the Lord instead of trusting in ourselves.**"
 - Conclude: "Let's say that again together to help us remember this truth."

1. Bennet lied to his mom about cleaning his room.
2. Hallie invited a friend to church.
3. Nolan played with his sister so his mom could make dinner.
4. Mary Elizabeth studied for her test.
5. Kenley did not listen to her dad's instructions.
6. Drew forgot to read his Bible.
7. Wes watched a TV show his mom didn't want him to watch.
8. Eli kept talking when his leader was talking.
9. Anna did her chores without her parents reminding her to do them.
10. Caleb tried to make up a new rule, so he wouldn't get out of the game at recess.
11. Jackson prayed to God when he was worried.
12. Abby rode her bike without her helmet.

HEART

NECKLACE

TABLET

STRAIGHT PATH

HAPPY

SILVER AND GOLD

JEWELS

BED

POWER

NEIGHBOR

FRIEND

HOME

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WE SHOULD TRUST THE LORD INSTEAD OF TRUSTING IN OURSELVES.

May 7



LOMBARD STREET

Located in **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**, Lombard Street is one of the most crooked streets in the world! It's a one-way street with eight hairpin turns, and the speed limit is just five miles per hour.

Around **2 MILLION TOURISTS** visit Lombard Street every year. But crooked streets are nothing new. People living in Bible times also dealt with challenging roadways. Their roads were rocky, bumpy, and difficult to travel.

Sometimes life can feel bumpy and difficult, too. **PROVERBS 3** tells us that if we trust in the Lord instead of in ourselves, He will make our paths straight. He will help us follow Him!

PRECIOUS JEWELS

Boron atoms give the famous Hope Diamond its beautiful blue hue. This **\$250 MILLION DIAMOND** is the most expensive jewel in the world!



PINK DIAMONDS

A pink diamond ring called **THE PINK STAR** is worth **\$71.2 MILLION**.



BLUE DIAMONDS

The **BLUE MOON OF JOSEPHINE** is a rare crystal blue diamond worth **\$48.4 MILLION**.



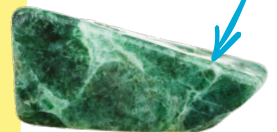
YELLOW DIAMONDS



The **L'INCOMPARABLE DIAMOND NECKLACE** is made from 407.48 carats of colorless diamonds plus a yellow diamond the size of an egg! It is worth **\$55 MILLION**.

JADITE

Jadite beads form the **HUTTON-MDIVANI NECKLACE**, which is worth **\$27.4 MILLION**.



The jewelry mentioned on this page is worth **\$452,000,000** in all. That's four hundred fifty-two million dollars! But as valuable as these items are, **Proverbs 3** tells us that wisdom is more precious than jewels.

BIBLE PASSAGE:
PROVERBS 3

MEMORY VERSE:
PROVERBS 3:7

MEMORY VERSE REVIEW

Fill in the missing words from this month's Memory Verse. Proverbs 3:7. Use your Bible for help. Based on the translation you use, some blanks may need multiple words. After you finish, find a friend and take turns saying the verse without looking at the words.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FEAR THE LORD?

wise in

own eyes; fear the LORD and

evil.

BLESSES

bles·es

1. To fill with or to give benefits
2. To make content, fulfilled, secure
3. To give joy, peace, harmony

Antonyms: cursed; troubled; condemned

The LORD blesses the home of those who do what is right. He gives grace to the humble.

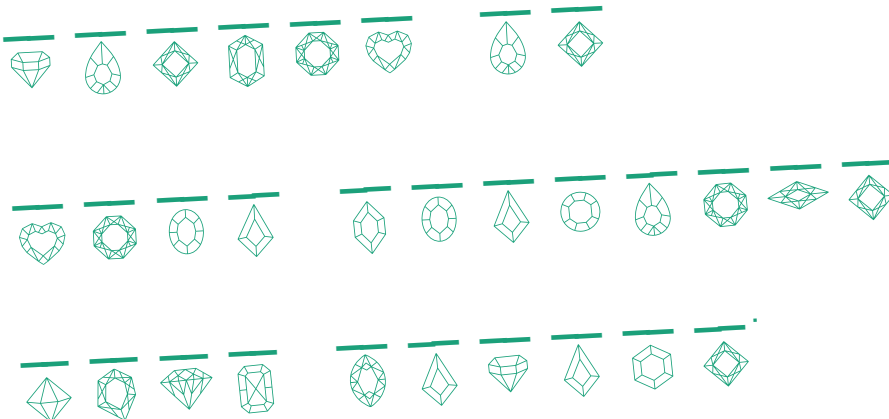
God is the source of blessing. Being His child and belonging to His kingdom is a blessing!



This is the birth certificate for a little girl named Catherina, born in 1789. It includes a poem from her parents. They asked God to give Catherina happiness and blessings, good health, and protection and comfort from Jesus.

A MESSAGE FROM SOLOMON

Use the code to reveal a message from Solomon. Then examine Proverbs 3 to see which verse this message comes from.



A = C = D =
 E = H = I =
 J = L = M =
 N = O = P =
 R = S = T =
 U = W =