



## LESSON 2 FOR LEADERS

### INVITATION

*We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...*

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray

**SCRIPTURE:** [Proverbs 2](#)

**WORD OF WONDER:** [From Proverbs 4:5](#)

Read [Proverbs 2:1–15](#).

“Go to bed, son. It’s OK to go to bed.” I wonder if I was the only kid whose mom told him not to finish his homework. I remember sitting at the kitchen table for hours, hunkered over a math book. In tears. I would reread the lesson and stare at the equation, but some nights the answer just wouldn’t come.

The risk of any endeavor is that you won’t find what you’re looking for. The athlete who falls short of a championship. The entrepreneur whose business won’t grow. The musician who can’t get the song to match the music in her head. How maddening!

But the search for godly wisdom isn’t like that. We are to search for it as we would search for hidden treasure. And when we do? “Your heart will become wise. Your mind will delight in knowledge” ([Proverbs 2:10](#)). Our efforts are never wasted on the pursuit of God—our time is never squandered—because God is a giver. God gives wisdom when we need it, whether it’s the knowledge needed to make good decisions or the understanding needed to help kids learn their place in God’s big story.

Each new day is an opportunity to seek God with our whole hearts. Will you seek Him today?

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**SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS**

**WHO?**

There are several collections of sayings in Proverbs, but Solomon is credited with writing [Proverbs 1:1–22:16; 25–29](#). Additionally, the “sayings of wise people” beginning in [Proverbs 22:17](#) are frequently attributed to Solomon.

**WHAT?**

[Proverbs 2](#) is phrased as parental advice to a son who is encouraged to seek wisdom until it is found. It presents a “two-ways” theology, where the father warns his child to walk the righteous path instead of following paths that lead to sin.

**WHERE?**

During Solomon’s rule, Israel was united as a single kingdom under one ruler. This would not remain the case, for as [Proverbs 2:22 \(NIV\)](#) warns, “the wicked will be cut off from the land,” which means losing access to the land promised to Abraham’s family

**WHEN?**

Solomon ruled in a time of prosperity for the nation of Israel. With God’s blessing, he oversaw construction of an ornate and richly appointed temple of God. The temple demonstrated God’s presence with His people.

**CONNECTING TO GOD’S BIG STORY**

[Proverbs 2](#) says wisdom is like a treasure that has been hidden and must be found. But the mysterious plans of God were revealed in the coming of Jesus, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” ([Colossians 2:3, NIV](#)).



## Curiosity

### LESSON 2 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

*Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.*

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### Digging for Treasure

**SUPPLIES:** baking dish or small bin, sand, small plastic jewels, plastic shovels or spoons, plastic beaded necklaces (optional), plastic coins (optional)

**Leader Tip:** Watch small children very closely around the jewels and coins, if using. Babies may gravitate toward the small objects and put them in their mouths. If you have a lot of small babies, consider putting the jewels or small pieces in disposable resealable bags so they won't be a choking hazard.

Place sand, small plastic jewels, and shovels or spoons into a baking dish or small bin. You can also add other small treasure items like beaded necklaces and plastic coins.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! I'm so glad you're here. Today we're going to learn that God's wisdom is as valuable as treasure! Wisdom is knowing what God wants us to do and how He wants us to live. Treasure is something that's valuable to us. Let's take turns digging in the sand for buried treasure!** Invite kids up to dig for treasure using their hands, spoons, or shovels. Be sure to put the treasure back and shake the bin to "rebury" it for the next kid.

**It looked like fun digging for treasure! Imagine if it were real treasure. We're going to learn today that we should look for God's wisdom like we would look for treasure and that God gives wisdom when we need it!**



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## Belief

### LESSON 2 EARLY CHILDHOOD

*Guide kids into knowing God more deeply, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.*

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### Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words:

**Dear God, thank You for each person in this room. Holy Spirit, reveal Your wisdom to each of us and help us make wise choices. Thank You for Your love and for giving us wisdom when we seek it. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### God's Big Story

Pull out the Bible

Ask: What is this? *The Bible*

Ask: Why is the Bible important? *Because it is God's word. Everything in it is true. It really happened.*

#### TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Read from Proverbs 2:1-5 & 10 below and/or use the script below. If you use the script, the pictures are included in your Belief bag.

My son, accept my words. Store up my commands inside you.

<sup>2</sup> Let your ears listen to wisdom. Apply your heart to understanding.

<sup>3</sup> Call out for the ability to be wise. Cry out for understanding.

<sup>4</sup> Look for it as you would look for silver.

Search for it as you would search for hidden treasure.

<sup>5</sup> Then you will understand how to have respect for the LORD.

You will find out how to know God.

<sup>10</sup> Your heart will become wise. Your mind will delight in knowledge.

#### Script:

You can help tell the story today! Look at these pictures I have. When I get to the part of the story that mentions each picture, you can help me by pointing to the correct picture.

Our story today is from the book of Proverbs. A proverb is a short saying that shares a truth that helps us live right. The book of Proverbs has lots of helpful advice to share so we can live the way God wants us to! Today's part of God's big story shows us how important wisdom

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is. Wisdom means knowledge and understanding. *Wisdom* helps us know what God wants us to do!

In [Proverbs 2](#), King Solomon tells us to listen to God. Can you find two pictures that relate to this? (Pause while kids find the correct pictures.) That's right! The picture of King Solomon and the listening ear. King Solomon says we should be willing and ready to hear what God wants to teach us! Are you ready and listening now?

King Solomon says we should ask God for wisdom and search for it the way we would search for lost treasure! What could we use to search for something? (Pause to give kids time to find the right picture: binoculars.) That's right! Binoculars could help us! If I were searching for treasure, I would search excitedly and quickly! That's how we should search for God's wisdom: with excitement and energy. If you knew there was treasure in your backyard, I bet you wouldn't stop searching and digging for it until you found it. Solomon says God's wisdom is just as important as treasure. Do you see a picture that relates to this? (Pause to give kids time to find the picture: the diamond.) That's right! The diamond is a treasure!

God is the One who gives all wisdom. When we search for it, we will find it and know how to live for God and how to respect Him. God will give us wisdom when we need it.

The book of Proverbs also says when we find God's wisdom, we will have wise hearts and joy in knowing God's plan for us. Do you see two pictures that remind you of this? (Pause for kids to find the two pictures: heart and smiley face.) Good! You found the heart and the smiley face. We know God's way is best, and wisdom helps us live the way God wants us to live and keeps us safe. Solomon says that people who don't put God first and look for His wisdom are foolish and wrong. We can go to God anytime we need wisdom, because God always gives wisdom when we need it!

### Word of Wonder

#### WORD OF WONDER

**Get wisdom and get understanding. Don't forget my words or turn away from them.**

— Proverbs 4:5

Encourage the kids to say the verse and do the motions with you.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **How is God's Word like treasure?**
- **Where can we find God's wisdom?**



## Identity

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*Create space for God to remind kids they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder.*

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#### Activity: Treasure Hunt

**SUPPLIES:** scissors (prep only)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [Jewel Hunt Question Sheet](#)

Before kids arrive, print the [Jewel Hunt Question Sheet](#) and cut out the jewels. Hide the jewels all over the room.

**Proverbs** says we should search high and low for God's wisdom like we would search for treasure. We're going to go on a treasure hunt! Let's pretend we're looking for real jewels. I have hidden some pictures of jewels around the room. When you find one, bring it to me. Help kids find all the jewels hidden around the room. Older kids can search unassisted, but little ones may need someone to walk with them and help them. Applaud and cheer when they find one to encourage eagerness in their hunt!

**That was fun! Good job finding all the jewels! Imagine if they were real. That's how excited we're supposed to be when we look for God's wisdom. Remember, God will give us wisdom when we need it. We just have to ask for it and always be looking for it!**

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### Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for giving us wisdom. Tell them to point to their head when you say the word *wisdom*.

**Dear God, thank You for giving us wisdom (*point to head*) and showing us how to live. Thank You for leading us with Your Holy Spirit in all situations. Help us remember to always turn to You and seek Your wisdom**

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*(point to head)*. **In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you search high and low for wisdom from God every day. May your ears be quick to listen to wisdom and your heart be quick to understand it. And may you always walk in God's good ways.