



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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Play Stations

SUPPLIES: baking dish or small bin, sand (or shredded paper or rice), plastic jewels, real or plastic coins, plastic beaded necklaces, plastic shovels or spoons, coloring utensils

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [Seeking God's Wisdom Coloring Sheet](#) (1 per kid)

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and briefly explain the play stations. Invite them to play at any of the play stations.

Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas of what we'll be learning about today?

Play Station: Treasure Hunt

Set-up: Fill a small bin or baking dish with sand (or shredded paper or rice) and hide fake jewels, coins, and plastic beaded necklaces in the sand. Put shovels or spoons in the bin.

Play: Encourage kids to dig in the sand to hunt for treasure. Be sure to put the treasures back in in the sand for the next kid to find.

Play Station: Seeking God's Wisdom Coloring Sheet

Set-up: Print one copy per kid of the [Coloring Sheet](#). Set out the Coloring Sheets and coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw what they would hope to discover inside a treasure chest if they found one.



9:00 Service

Belief

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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.

2 Let your ears listen to wisdom. Apply your heart to understanding.

3 Call out for the ability to be wise. Cry out for understanding.

4 Look for it as you would look for silver.

Search for it as you would search for hidden treasure.

5 Then you will understand how to have respect for the LORD. You will find out how to know God.

10 Your heart will become wise. Your mind will delight in knowledge.

9:00 Service

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 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

Say the Word of Wonder with the kids several times, demonstrating the motions for them and encouraging kids to join in.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

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



Faith

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Help kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own story.

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Craft: Treasure Chests

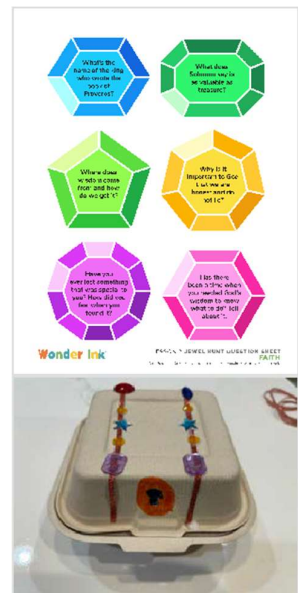
SUPPLIES: egg cartons or small boxes (1 egg carton per 2 kids or 1 small box per kid), scissors or utility knife (prep only, adult only), sticker jewels or plastic jewels and glue, glitter glue (optional)

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

Before the kids arrive, cut the egg cartons in half using sturdy scissors or a utility knife. (If using a knife, be sure to put it away afterward.) Prepare one carton or box for each kid.

To begin the activity, give each kid a half carton or a small box. Set out jewel stickers or plastic jewels and glue. **We're going to make treasure chests! Use the decorating supplies to decorate your chest. The more sparkly the better!** Allow the kids to use the decorating supplies to decorate their treasure boxes.

We learned today in God's big story that finding wisdom is like finding a hidden treasure. Where is treasure usually hidden? Allow the kids to respond. That's right! In a treasure chest! When you take this home, you can remember that God will give us wisdom, which is more valuable than treasure.





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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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Closing Activity: Where's the Treasure?

SUPPLIES: small plastic jewel or coin

Direct kids to sit in a circle. **I'm going to pick someone to be "It," and that person will go stand at the wall with his back to the group while I choose someone else to hide this jewel. If I give you the jewel, as you get to hide it in your hands. Everyone else will pretend to have it, but the person who's "It" will only get three tries to guess who really has it. You can point to other kids and say it is or isn't you, but you cannot say whether it's someone else or not. This is a pretend treasure, but we know Who and what the greatest treasure is! Wisdom from God is the most valuable treasure!**

Choose a kid to stand at the far side of the room with her back to the group. Choose another kid to hide the jewel and remind the rest of the group to pretend that they have something in their hands. Call the person who's "It" back to the group and have her stand in the middle of the circle. She will get three tries to guess who has the jewel. If she guesses right, she takes that kid's spot, and the kid who had the jewel will become the new "It." If she doesn't guess correctly, pick another kid to be "It," and the two kids will swap spots. Continue playing until most of the kids have left or there aren't enough kids left to play.

Closing Prayer

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

good ways.