

Proverbs

Huddle 4: *Timely Words*



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- Who thought about our proverb from last week? Did anyone see something tall last week that reminded them of the Lord being our strong tower? (*Cell tower, water tank, utility pole*)

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let’s all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out. Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (Pause) **TO OTHERS**.

What unit are we on right now? (*Proverbs*) What is a proverb? (*A short saying*) Is a proverb a promise in the Bible? (*No, a proverb is just a saying to learn by*) Can anyone tell me where the book of Proverbs is in the Bible? (*Old Testament, after Psalms, middle of the Bible when you open it up*) This week we are going to look at another verse in Proverbs. There is a lot to apply to our daily lives by just looking at one verse!

Our verse for this week is *Proverbs 25:11* and it says “*Timely advice is lovely, like golden apples in a silver basket.*” Does anyone have any idea what this proverb is telling us? What do you think it means when the verse says “timely advice?” Let’s think through what this

means as 1st-4th graders and how you can have “timely advice.” Who can think of things that you can say that are timely? Discuss the following:

- Being thankful – “Thank you for my food”
- Being hospitable – “Can I help you load the dishwasher?”
- Being respectful – “Yes, I will get my room cleaned right now”
- Being generous – “Of course you can borrow my toy, etc”
- Being remorseful – “I’m very sorry that I acted that way”

The Bible tells us that when we speak timely, and our words are covered in love, that it is like a gold apple. What would it be like to have a golden apple? Unusual? Rare? Special? Unique? That is how this proverb tells us we should speak. We want to do our very best to speak and act like Jesus if we want to follow Him.

Let’s pray and ask God to give us the right words at the right time.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Basket of Gold Apples

Supplies Needed:

- Basket printout (1 per child)
- Apple cutouts (1 set per child)
- Proverbs 25:11 printout (1 per child)
- Scissors
- Glue/tape
- Markers/crayons

Directions:

Allow kids to cut out the basket and apples from the lesson to the best of their ability. Ask them to write on each apple words that are “timely” like the Scripture says. Examples are given on the sample. Have them glue the apples into the basket. Glue the verse onto the front of the basket.



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