

Proverbs

Huddle 5: Wise 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...

- Why do you think it is so difficult to listen to our parents?
- What might happen if we don't listen to our parents/teachers/coaches?
- Why do we want to learn to listen to adults?

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**.

We have now been studying a different proverb each week for a month. By now, every single one of you should be able to answer my opening questions. Ready for it? Who knows what I am going to ask? (Allow answers) 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!

This week's verse is *Proverbs 12:15 and it says “Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.”* Who knew that the Bible had the word “fool” in it? Who can describe to me what it means if you are called a “fool”? (Allow answers) Why would anyone want to be called this? Let's read the first part again very slowly. I want you to think really hard about what the verse is saying.... *“Fools think their own way is right...”* What does it mean “own way”? Can any of you give me examples of how you might go your own way? (School teacher telling you to do something, but you choose the opposite – parent say don't cross the road yet you do anyway, almost getting hit by the car you don't see) Do you all agree with me that a fool is someone that does whatever they want, whenever they want?

Now let's look at the second part of the verse. Let's read it slowly like we did earlier... *“but the wise listen to others.”* I didn't know a 2nd grader could be wise by listening, did you? Maybe you aren't as wise as an adult, but the Bible says you are wise by listening. Why is it so difficult to listen to others? (*Pride, stubborn, think I'm right and everyone is wrong, sin*)

Can you believe that it is very hard to listen to others even when you are an adult? We have to ask God to help us every day to listen to others to not be fools. We do this by praying and asking God to guide us.

Let's pray and ask God to help us listen to others in order to be wise.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Simon Says

Play as many rounds as you like of “Simon Says.” Remember our crafts/activities are chosen to go along with the huddle time, so remind the kids of what was talked about between rounds. Keep emphasizing and repeating the proverb discussed.



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