

Proverbs

Huddle 7: *Fear the Lord*



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...

- What is something you are afraid of?
- Do you think you fear the Lord? Why or why not?

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**.

Who can guess what book we are studying in this week? (Give time to guess) That's right, we are learning another verse from the book of Proverbs this week. What has been your favorite Proverb that we have learned so far? (Let kids answer) This week we are going to learn about fearing the Lord in Proverbs 1:7. It says, “*Fear of the Lord is the foundation of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline*”. Can everyone say it out loud with me again? (Repeat verse)

Just like our verse last week, we can look at this verse in two parts. The first part is: “*Fear of the Lord is the foundation of knowledge*”. What do you think it means to fear the Lord? (Give time for answers) Do you think it is like being afraid of the dark or spiders? (Give a little time) No, right? Fearing the Lord is a good thing. This type of fear in Hebrew is called Yare. It

means to stand in awe, reverence, respect, and recognizing the power and position of God and giving Him proper respect. We are called to obey God because He is wise and knows all things. When we do not fear Him and disobey Him we are telling God we know better than Him. Fearing the Lord helps us to trust Him and believe that His plan is the best plan.

Let's talk about the second part of the verse. "... but fools despise wisdom and discipline". Does anyone know what the word despise means? It means simply to dislike something very much. Do you dislike wisdom and discipline? (*Let kids answer*) Sometimes it can be hard to be corrected by your parents, teachers, or other adults, but they correct you so that you can learn from your mistakes. What do you think it means to be a fool? (*Not listening, being rude, being stubborn....*) Sometimes we can act like fools without even realizing it! Even though it can be difficult, listening to correction and discipline from adults and God helps us to become wiser Christians and more like Jesus. Just like God, your parents correct you because they love you and want what is best for you!

Let's pray and ask God to help us to fear Him and grow in Him.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Proverbs Owl

Supplies Needed:

- Different colors of construction paper
- Scissors
- Stick glue
- Markers or colored pencils

Have the kids pick a color for their owl and cut a half oval for the body and two triangles for wings. Then have them cut out strips of paper (or a smaller half oval) for the stomach where they will write Proverbs 1:7. Then have them complete the owl by adding a beak, feet, and eyes.

Alternative Activity

Proverbs 1:7 Coloring pages



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