

# Old Testament

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## Through the Old Testament in Two Years

### Part Two



Created for use with young, unchurched learners  
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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## Solomon Writes Words

Proverbs 3:1-6; 6:6-11; 12:6;  
16:28; 17:9; 17:17; 26:20; 31

### Memory Verse:

Everything in the  
Scriptures is God's Word.  
All of it is useful  
for teaching and  
helping people and  
for correcting them and  
showing them how to live.  
**(II Timothy 3:16 CEV)**

### Goals

1. Understand that God's Word tells us how God wants us to live.
2. Recognize that the Bible tells us we should work.
3. Learn that God's Word tells us not to gossip.
4. Understand that God says a good wife should be praised.

Last week we learned that David calls God his shepherd. As a shepherd himself, David understood that a shepherd must guide his sheep. He leads the sheep to green pastures and still waters so that the sheep may find rest, refreshment, and peace. God provides all that and more.

### Read the Bible

**READ: Proverbs 3:1-6; 6:6-8; 26:20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

### Begin with Prayer

The book of Proverbs comes right after Psalms. Proverbs are wise and sensible sayings to help people live right and make good choices. God helped a king named Solomon write most of them. Wise men added a few others.

Proverbs shares tips on making friends, living in a family, money, doing right, caring for people, and following God. Let's look at some of them...

Proverbs 3 tells us about wisdom. What is wisdom? (being smart, making right choices, knowing what is right and doing it) King Solomon wrote this Proverb. When he became king, God told him that He would give him **WHATEVER** he wanted. Do you know what Solomon asked for? **WISDOM**. God was so pleased with his answer that He also made him very rich too. Solomon is the perfect person to write this Proverb because he was the wisest man on the earth. (I Kings 3:5-14; 4:29-34)

What is the first thing Proverbs 3:1-6 says to do? (Don't forget God's teachings and keep God's commands in your heart). That means we must remember them every day and **DO** them. We are supposed to know it in our hearts not just know it in our heads. We must trust God with **ALL** of our heart not just part of it. We cannot depend on what we think is best—we must do it God's way.

There is another Proverb that tells us to be busy doing good things and not be lazy and hang around the house. Proverb 6:6-8 tells about a little creature that works hard. They store food for later. What is it? (ant) Go outside and look at an anthill if you can (or wait until snack time). Look at the loads they carry. They are busy little insects. Proverbs encourages us to "get up and stop sleeping," or we could lose everything suddenly. (Proverbs 6:9-11 CEV)

### Solomon Writes Words – Bible Facts

1. Solomon was the wisest man on earth.
2. Proverbs says we are to keep God's commands.
3. Proverbs tells us we should work hard.
4. Proverbs encourages us to walk away from gossip.

Solomon also helps us see that gossip is not good to do either. Gossip is saying something bad or embarrassing about another person. (Proverbs 12:6) Proverbs 16:28 tells us that "Gossip is no good. It causes hard feelings and comes between friends." (CEV) Proverbs 17:9 tells us to forgive our friends and encourages us not to keep talking about what they have done wrong. Proverbs 26:20 says, "Where there is no fuel a fire goes out; where there is no gossip arguments come to an end." (CEV) Next time you hear someone gossiping, turn the conversation around by saying something nice about the person or walk away from the conversation.

The very last chapter in Proverbs is chapter 31. It talks about a good wife. It says that a good wife works hard for her family. "Her husband depends on her, and she never lets him down." (Proverbs 31:11 CEV) "She gets up before daylight to prepare food for her family." (Proverbs 31:15) "She always works hard." (Proverbs 31:17 CEV). "She takes good care of her family and is never lazy." (Proverbs 31:27 CEV) Her children love and bless her. (Proverbs 31:28). Then the proverb says that beauty goes away. It fades away, "but a woman who honors the Lord deserves to be praised." (Proverbs 31:30)

Proverbs 17:17 says that a "friend is always a friend." Jesus is this friend. He loves you ALL the time. There is never a time that he does not love you. In fact, Jesus loves you so much that He died for you. He knew that if He took your place and died for you, then you could go to Heaven if you believe and trust Him. Now that's a real friend!

### Review

1. Who was Solomon? (Solomon was a king and the wisest man on earth.)
2. What does Proverbs say about God's commands? (Proverbs says we should keep God's commands.)
3. What does Proverbs say about work? (Proverbs says we should work hard.)
4. What does Proverbs says about gossip? (Proverbs encourages us to walk away from gossip.)

### Do You Know Jesus?

God wants to be our friend forever. That is why Jesus died for our sins. Because Jesus rose from the dead and is alive, we can have a personal relationship with God. (Romans 10:9-10) If you would like to know more, talk to your teacher about it.

### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for giving us His Word.
3. Ask God to help you follow His commands.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to follow His commands.

### Application

Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. (II Timothy 3:16) The Bible tells us how God wants us to live. We are to follow God's commands. We are told that we should work hard. The Bible tells us how to relate to others. It tells us not to gossip and encourages us to walk away from gossip. Where wives are concerned, God says a good wife should be praised. It is important to know and follow God's commands.

### Planning for Next Week

### Easter Lesson

# Preschool Lesson

## Read the Bible

**READ: Psalm 23:1-12 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

**Teachers:** Make traffic signs. Talk about how the Bible helps us know what to do.

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### Memory verse for younger children

God's Word... it is useful for showing [us] how to live. (II Timothy 3:16)

## Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Bring coloring pages of a Bible. Write the memory verse on the page.

•**Test your memory** — Fold a legal size piece of page into an accordion shape. Have the children color pictures of the key ideas from Proverbs. (wisdom, Word, work, words, wife) Let the children tell what the words represent.

•**Taste activity** — Make cookies in the shape of a “W” (to represent wisdom, Word, work, words, wife) or using icing to write a “W” on the cookies. Talk about the lesson.

•**Think about it** — Talk about how knowing God’s work helps us know how to live.

Talk about how God’s Word encourages us to walk away from gossip.

•**Touch activity** — Make a paper doll chain.

Proverbs talks about working hard. Make today a work day. You may clean your area or room. You may pick up trash outside. You may do something for someone else.

Make traffic signs. Talk about how the Bible tells us what to do and how to live.

•**Run and play** — Play “Red Light, Green Light”

Let the children create traffic signs on construction paper. Also ask the children to draw cars on the construction paper. Create a traffic area using the signs. Ask children to drive through the area. Remind them to obey the signs.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to obey His commands.

•**Sing** — Sing “Obedience,” “Wherever He Leads, I’ll Go,” “Thy Word,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids who did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the coloring page with memory verse to them. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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## Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

God's Word

tells us how

to live

## Word Search

S M P K R G B F F A T S D N A D O R  
E E R K S N D R A H K R O W P T F D  
S B R M S D A E A C A M M S N R L E  
B G E U T T N R F N D S H Y I E T M  
R R H R T O I A B I F E G E A A O D  
E K P I S S O G M F W T N N E O O E  
V E P D T G S E L M G D S R I O L P  
O M M I N O S P E H O F O G T Y R G  
R B O O L T B R N E A C E O I A A L  
P V R O D H D L A A I T R P G N R S  
C T M R W S E V D R O W S D O G M H  
S O E S E A I I O T D R O R P R C C  
N S S D S D L W B C E L B I S N E S

PROVERBS

WISDOM

GOSSIP

SOLOMON

SENSIBLE

COMMANDS

GOOD WIFE

GOD'S WORD

SAYINGS

WORK HARD

FRIEND

HEART





## Word Search

D M P R N F K H D F L J  
H E A R T B L M P H V Z  
B P N L G W S T F N D F  
R G M P W O R D C B R D  
T B Y F B F S T G K P D  
J C S W M P W O R K N B  
H R K G R N P W F B N P  
P S T B C O M M A N D S  
V B F R S W P K F B M D  
W A S O L O M O N G V T  
S B P L D B V F D B M D  
P R O V E R B S L F R D

PROVERBS

SOLOMON

COMMANDS

WORK

WORD

HEART

## Word Search

D M P R N F K H D F L J  
H E A R T B L M P H V Z  
B P N L G W S T F N D F  
R G M P W O R D C B R D  
T B Y F B F S T G K P D  
J C S W M P W O R K N B  
H R K G R N P W F B N P  
P S T B C O M M A N D S  
V B F R S W P K F B M D  
W A S O L O M O N G V T  
S B P L D B V F D B M D  
P R O V E R B S L F R D

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## Anagram

TYNGEEIVRH

CRTREIUSP

D'SOG

RDOW

FLUVES

CHGEAITN

NLPGEIH

RRTOECC

WNGOISH



## Anagram

EVERYTHING

SCRIPTURE

GOD'S

WORD

USEFUL

TEACHING

HELPING

CORRECT

SHOWING