

**GET WISDOM! Lesson 1:
BE WISE! HOLD GOD IN FEAR AND HE'LL DRAW NEAR.**

Proverbs 1:7

**“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.”**

Intro:

We're learning from the Bible book of Proverbs. What is a proverb?

Proverb is a fancy word for **good advice** that helps someone make a good choice.

Big Idea: IN PROVERBS WE FIND ADVICE OF EVERY KIND!

God inspired men like King Solomon to write these **wise sayings**. Solomon, who was the wisest person to ever live, wrote most of this book to help people. He wanted people to have the **wisdom to know right from wrong and to make good choices in their lives**. Even though the book of Proverbs was written thousands of years ago, the advice is good for us today.

And, even better news, when we trust and follow Jesus as King of our hearts, he gives us the strength to live out the proverbs in our lives. He helps us to see the wise choice and gives us the strength to put them into practice.



Learn about King Solomon's
dream & wisdom:
1 Kings 2:1-4 & 1 Kings 3:4-15

Video by the Gospel Project:
<https://youtu.be/jOtJ7oFUvFM>
Posted by Precious Lamb
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Read these verses from your Bible:

- **Proverbs 1:1-7** (especially verse 7)
- **Proverbs 2:6**

PROVERBS 1:1-7

(The International Children's Bible Translation)

¹ These are the wise words of Solomon son of David.
Solomon was king of Israel.

² They teach wisdom and self-control.
They give understanding.

³ They will teach you how to be wise and self-controlled.
They will teach you what is honest and fair and right...

⁵ Wise people should also listen to them and learn even more.
Even they can find good advice in these words...

⁷ Knowledge begins with respect for the Lord.
But foolish people hate wisdom and discipline."



- Look at verses 1-5, were we **born wise**? Or do we have to **become wise**?
- Look at verse 7. Where does **knowledge** and **wisdom begin**?
- What do fools do with wisdom?
- Look at verse 7. What does it mean to **RESPECT or FEAR God**?
Some Bible translations use the word FEAR. Some say RESPECT.
FEAR: Is there anything you are afraid of? Some people are afraid of going on fast rides at a theme park. Sometimes fear can be good. The Bible says we should have a *healthy* fear of God.

RESPECT: We sing a song "Our God Is an Awesome God."
Why is God awesome?
Does this cause you to respect Him?
Is this what it means to *fear* Him?

ACTIVITY FOR PRIMARY GRADES:

The banner at the top contains the text: **Read and Trace the Bible Verse**

Below the banner, the text of Proverbs 1:7 is presented in a cloud-like shape:

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Below the cloud, the text is repeated on a set of handwriting lines (top solid line, middle dashed line, bottom solid line) for tracing practice:

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ACTIVITY FOR UPPER GRADES:



FEAR GOD

Copy Proverbs 1:7 from your Bible:



Write the proverb in your own words:

Write words that describe God:

