

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring The Book of Proverbs

where King Solomon wrote many wise sayings.

Find the passages together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



Discussion

Read: Proverbs 1 v 1-7

A question for adults to ask children

Why do you think Solomon wanted to write a book of wise words?

King Solomon had been given great wisdom by God, he knew that his wisdom was a gift and he chose to share it by writing his proverbs down so that others could read and learn from them.

A question for children to ask adults

What is the wisest thing that somebody has ever said to you, that you have always remembered?

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of wisdom that you gave to Solomon and the book of Proverbs which we can still read and learn from today. Thank you for all the good gifts that you give us to as well.

Help us to grow in wisdom and understanding as we read and study the Bible together. Thank you to all the people you have put into our lives who we can learn from to. We pray for the teachers in our own lives who help us to discover more about you.

Amen

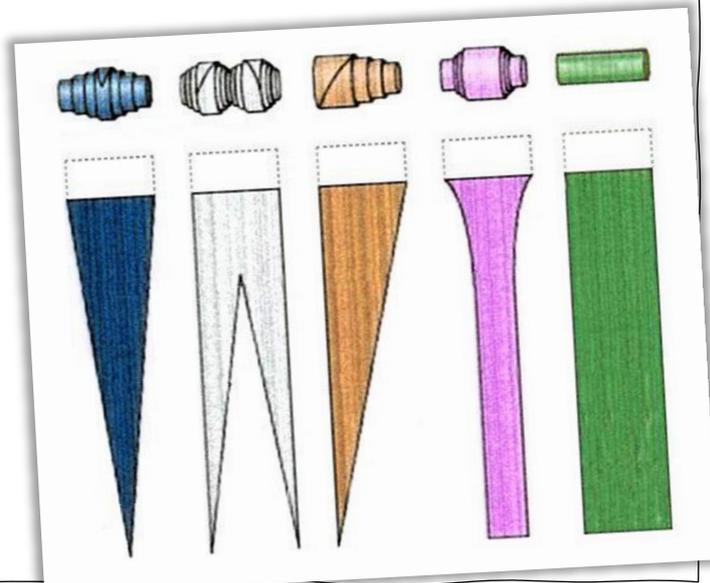
Family Activity 1

Read Proverbs 1 v 8-9

Make your own necklaces to wear, you could use any items you have around the house, dry pasta, beads or why not make your own rolled paper beads. You might like to write some of your favourite Bible verses or words of wisdom on to the beads.



You can make simple paper beads by rolling strips of paper around a straw, pencil or skewer. Use a dab of glue to hold the end of the bead in place. Here are some simple shapes you could try.



A verse to remember

Proverbs 2 v 6

Only the Lord gives wisdom; he gives knowledge and understanding.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.



Family Activity 2

Read Proverbs 2 v 1-8

These verses tell us to seek wisdom like a treasure. Pick an item to be your hidden treasure, take it in turns to hide the treasure in the room, everybody else should search for it. You could use temperature words e.g. Hotter, Colder, Warmer, Boiling, Freezing to let the searchers know how close they are.



Family Activity 3

Read Proverbs 3 v 1-10

These verses remind us that we should trust in God and let Him guide us. Set up a mini obstacle course using items from your house, take it in turns to put on a blindfold/scarf and be guided through the obstacle course.



Spider – Spiders build amazing webs connecting threads to objects and each other in intricate patterns. How does God want you to connect with Him and others this week?



Active Prayers and Questions

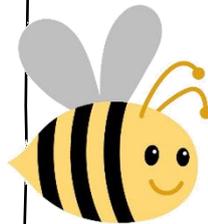
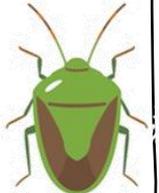
Proverbs 6 v 6-8

Proverbs 6 talks about the lessons we can learn from ants, why not go on a bug hunt together. Before you go ask God to speak to you through the animals you see just like He spoke to Solomon. Here are some ideas of prayers or questions to ask God based on some creepy crawlies you could find.



Ants – Ants work hard in teams, why not pray for all those in your family team or your church family.

Shield Bug – Why not pray and thank God for his protection. Who could you pray a protection prayer over today?



Bees – Bees carry pollen, spreading and sharing it between flowers. Who does God want you to spread and share his Good News with today? Who could you pray for that doesn't yet know God as their friend?

Caterpillars and Butterflies – Caterpillars undergo amazing transformations to become butterflies.

The Bible says in Romans 12 that we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds. What new wisdom might God want you to learn today? How does God want to transform your life? What exciting plans does God have for your future.



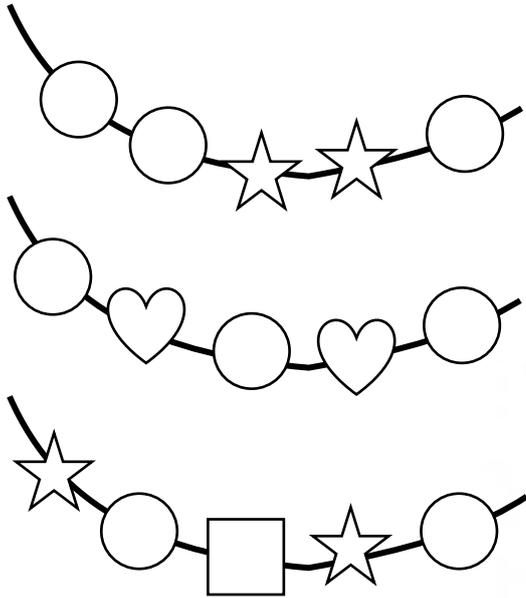
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PUZZLE SHEET

Proverbs says that the wisdom of your parents will be like flowers in your hair or a necklace around your neck.



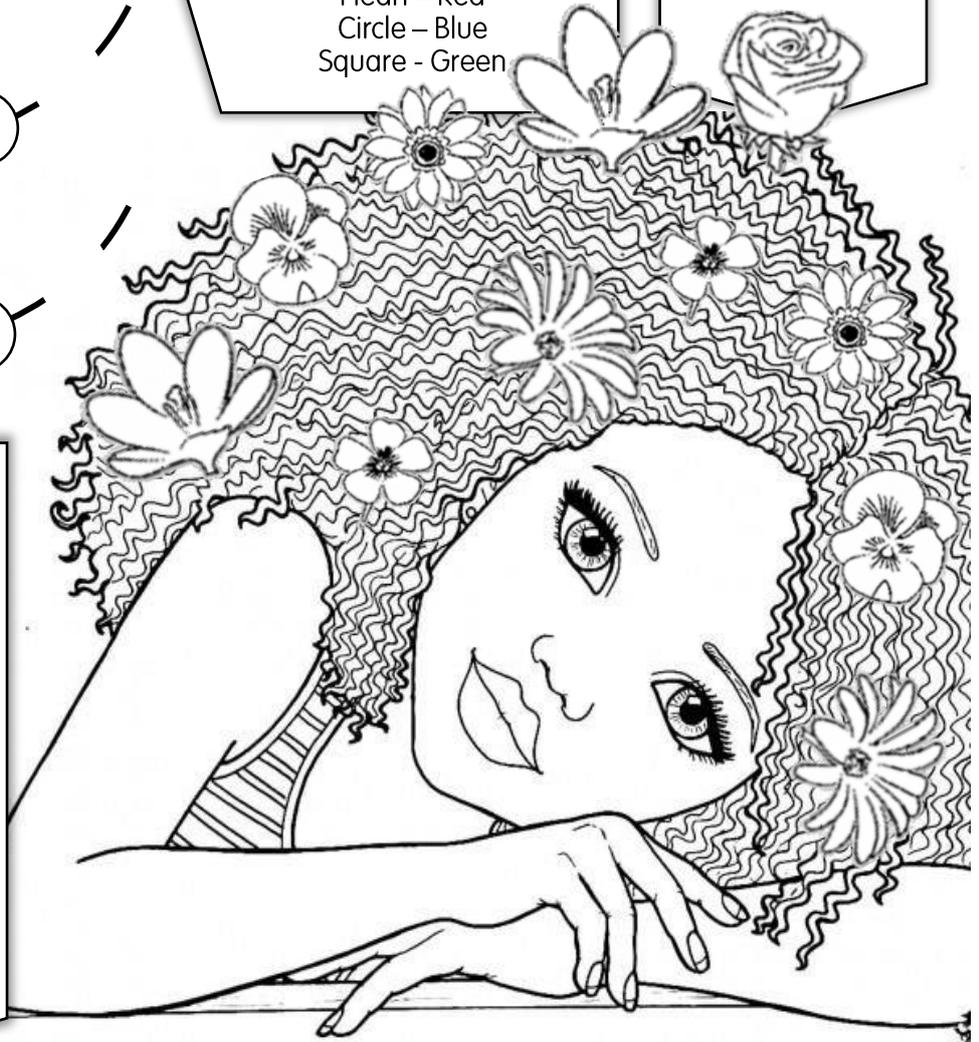
Can you fill the gaps in the necklaces to complete the patterns?

Colour the beads like this:

- Star – Yellow
- Heart – Red
- Circle – Blue
- Square – Green

Colour the matching flowers in the same colour.

Which flower does not have a pair?



Can you find all these words from Proverbs Chapter 1 in the word search below?

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| wise | knowledge |
| words | sense |
| Solomon | listen |
| self-control | learn |
| understand | good |
| honest | advice |
| fair | stories |
| right | riddles |

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When you have found all the words, reading from left to right circle the first 27 unused letters.

Transfer them below to reveal a hidden message about how King Solomon said we should search for wisdom.

