

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Where do you most often go for information and instruction?
- Do you think you are wise? Why or why not?
- How can you grow in wisdom as a family?

Wisdom for God's People

Proverbs; Ecclesiastes; Song of Songs

STORY POINT: WISDOM IS FEARING THE LORD AND OBEYING HIS WORD.

God gave King Solomon wisdom to lead His people. People came from far away to hear Solomon's wise words. Solomon wrote thousands of wise sayings called *proverbs*. In the Book of Proverbs, Solomon said to love and worship God. He told people how to make wise decisions.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart," Solomon wrote in Proverbs 3:5. He also wrote other wise sayings like, "A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath," and "Even a young man is known by his actions—by whether his behavior is pure and upright."

Some people do not always listen to God's words. Solomon wrote, "Fools hate wisdom and instruction."

Solomon wrote another book in the Bible called Ecclesiastes. The Book of Ecclesiastes has wisdom for people too. Solomon wrote about money and work and how to live a good life.

Solomon also wrote a poem about love. This poem is called Song of Songs. Solomon wrote this poem to celebrate God's wise plan for love and marriage.



Christ Connection: Wisdom in the Bible shows us how to be like Jesus—in how we live, how we speak, and how we think. But wisdom cannot save us. Only Jesus, who perfectly followed God's wise plan, can rescue us from sin.

PROVERBS

ECCLESIASTES

**SONG OF
SONGS**

Poetry and Wisdom Books

How many words can you make using the letters in these Bible books? List them in the boxes. Then compare your list with friends.

Christ Connection Scramble

Unscramble the mixed-up words in today's Christ Connection.

_____ (MODWSI) in the Bible shows us how to be like
_____ (SSUEJ) — in how we _____ (VLEI), how
we _____ (PEKSA), and how we _____ (KNITH).
But wisdom cannot _____ (VEAS) us. Only Jesus,
who perfectly followed God's wise plan, can _____
(SCUERE) us from _____ (NIS).