

author, Solomon, his history, position, a character, and why his counsels are worthy of notice. One who has tried pleasure and found it vanity can well counsel others.ILLUSTRATIONS. No need for me to taste poison if I have seen its effects on some other person.Show also the two foundation stones on which the proverbs rest. Vers. 7, 8. 1. The fear of the Lord; 2. Obedience to parents.Any philosophy of life which removes either of these sanctions will be sure to lead astray.Take, lastly, the warnings of the lesson against evil companions, robbery, etc.More needed now than ever, in the age of a literature which takes the robber as its hero, for example, Jesse James, etc. Two boys recently made a cave near New York, called it "Robbers' Den," and set up as highwaymen, but soon found themselves in prison.The detective stories of to-day are tending to make criminals, and the warnings of our lesson are needed by the young.

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Primary and Intermediate.

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LESSON THOUGHT. *True Wisdom.* To be taught: 1. What it is to be wise; 2. What it is to be foolish; 3. How we may learn the right way.

1. Talk about Solomon when he was first made king. Recall the Lord's question to him, "Ask what I shall give thee," and let children tell what Solomon chose. Was this wise? Speak of the riches that flowed into Solomon's hands, and the wisdom that flowed into his heart. Recall the fame of him that went abroad, and the visit that the queen of Sheba paid him. Forcefully teach that all of Solomon's wisdom and power and riches came from the Lord, and that he had them because he chose the Lord's way. Teach that God always gives heart-wisdom and heart-riches to those who obey him and walk in his ways.

2. Review the lesson on Solomon's sin. Tell what God said to him. See if children understand that it was through disobedience that Solomon fell into sin. Was he wise now or was he foolish? Print "Wise Solomon obeyed." "Foolish Solomon disobeyed." Do children sometimes obey and sometimes disobey? Yes, and so did Solomon. When children disobey they are often punished. Solomon was punished, and this showed him

how foolish he had been. So he tells his son to listen to him, and not to go in the way of sinners. Mark out two ways on the board, one straight, the other crooked. Tell that Solomon had tried both. Print above the straight way, "Honour, Strength, Happiness." Above the crooked way, "Dishonour, Weakness, Misery." Solomon knew what he was talking about by experience.

3. Call for Golden Text. How are we to know what the fear of the Lord is? What is the book of wisdom? Who speaks in this book? To whom? Show that our part is simply to obey. Read verse 8, and show that children must listen to parents and teachers and obey their words. Tell story of a child who found two stones. One was a precious stone though crusted over with dirt. The other looked prettier, but was worth nothing. He threw away the precious stone and kept the other. Why? He did not know its value. So people throw away precious things because they do not know their worth. If they ask God for true wisdom they will know what is good.

Blackboard.

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The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord. It is the gateway to the path of the truly wise. He who will not enter here can never walk in wisdom's way. Will not you (every scholar) enter this path to-day? "Cast in thy lot among us." "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not." "Walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path." Choose the better way—the way of wisdom and eternal life.

Lesson Word-Pictures.

What a royal brain, and how prolific of proverbs is that soil! As the king in his chariot whirls over the country, he stops to pick out of the very earth some thought of wisdom sparkling as a precious stone. From his throne he judges noisy contestants, and catches in their angry words the echo of some sharp maxim on the strifes of men. He