

# LEADER'S GUIDE

## PRESCHOOL AND TODDLERS

### BIG PICTURE:

PROVERBS

### BIG IDEA:

WALK ON THE WISE SIDE

### BIG POINT:

WE ARE WISE WHEN WE BUILD GREAT FRIENDSHIPS

### BIG WORD:

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART; DO NOT DEPEND ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. SEEK HIS WILL IN ALL YOU DO, AND HE WILL SHOW YOU WHICH PATH TO TAKE"

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NLT)



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### DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture PROVERBS. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Psalms, Proverbs, Parables - Wisdom for Life' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

## Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Know that we are wise when we build great friendships.
- Learn from king Solomon who made some good and some bad friendships.
- Discover that when we walk with the wise, we become wise.

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## KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

### THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. What kind of friends did king Solomon have?

King Solomon had some good friends, friends who gave him good advice and helped him build the temple.

But Solomon also made some not so good friends. God had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods. He didn't keep the Lord's command and married many women who worshipped statues instead of the one true God. Solomon's heart turned away from God and his wives led him astray. 1 Kings 11:4 (NIV) "As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been."

2. How can we be a good friend to others?

We can share, help, pray for, have fun with and care for others. A good friend is kind, encouraging and helpful. A good friend is a friend in the tough times and the good times.

3. Why is it important to build great friendships?

We want to have great friendships that help us grow closer to God and are a friend to our future. A bad friend might lead us away from the great plans God has for our lives. A great friendship doesn't just happen by accident. You need to build great friendships with the right people. Proverbs 13:20 (MSG) "Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces." Who we surround ourselves with is one of the most important decisions we can make.

## THE BIG ACTIVITY

**Purpose:** To help the children discover ways to build great friendships.

**Directions:** Give each child a 'Friends - People Chain' printed from the print material files. Help the children to fold along the solid lines and cut along the dotted lines to make some joined people shapes. Children can then colour them in, or even draw themselves with their friends.

**Explanation:** A great friendship doesn't just happen by accident. You need to build a great friendship. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) "Encourage one another and build each other up". You can either build a friendship with wisdom or tear it down by ignoring the wisdom found in God's Word. God's Word gives us wisdom for life. We are wise when we build great friendships, brick by brick on a solid foundation.

## PLAYTIME LEARNING ACTIVITY

Help the children trace around their own hand onto some coloured paper. Cut out the handshape and ask each child to share a way that they can be a good friend, writing what the child says onto the hand shape. Collect everyone's hand shapes and stick them on a wall.

Here's some ideas!

1. Encourage someone.
2. Pray for someone.
3. Give a gift.
4. Help them with something.
5. Ask them about something important to them.
6. Listen to them.
7. Hang out with a friend and let them choose your activity.
8. Share your lunch or toys with them.
9. Make a new friend. Be brave and say hello first.
10. Write a card or draw a picture.

## PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You that Your Word gives us wisdom for our life. Help us to build good friendships with people who are a friend to our future.

In Jesus name, Amen

### Supplies Needed:

'Friends - People Chain' page printed from the print material files, pencils or crayons, children's scissors.

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Coloured paper, pencils, scissors, tape or sticky tac.