

WEEK 1

Day 1

Read and discuss Proverbs 1:1–7.

Purpose and Theme

- ¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
² for **gaining wisdom** and **instruction**;
for understanding words of insight;
³ for receiving **instruction** in prudent **behavior**,
doing what is **right** and **just** and **fair**;
⁴ for giving prudence to those who are **simple**,
knowledge and discretion to the **young**—
⁵ **let the wise listen** and add to their **learning**,
and let the discerning **get guidance**—
⁶ for **understanding proverbs and parables**,
the sayings and riddles of the wise
⁷ The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of knowledge,
but **fools despise wisdom and instruction**.

Discuss each of the highlighted words and phrases in this passage that lead us toward the call of wisdom. How can these phrases apply to our daily lives? How can we begin right now to gain wisdom and discernment?

Today's key verse: “Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance” (Proverbs 1:5).

Pray together: Lord, we pray for the ability to listen to you so we will have greater discernment in our lives.

Weekly memory verse: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Proverbs 1:7).

Shared Journal Experience: Turn to the Shared Journal Experience for week 1, day 1, and share words of encouragement with each other.

SHARED JOURNAL EXPERIENCE

Week 1. Day 1

Write the start date of your journey: _____

Mom

What do you hope for on this journey with your son? Share a verse from Proverbs and why it is meaningful to you.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the response.

MEMORY VERSE

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

(Proverbs 1:7)

SHARED JOURNAL EXPERIENCE

Week 1. Day 1

Write the start date of your journey: _____

Son

What do you hope to learn on this journey through Proverbs with your mom? Write down a word to encourage your mom and share why.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE
*Let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance.*
(Proverbs 1:5)