

8-Session Small-Group Supplemented Outlines

For use with *Proverbial Kids*® Lesson Plans for Parents

As you lead this study on Proverbs, you may want a companion commentary. *Be Skillful—OT Commentary on Proverbs*, by Warren W. Wiersbe, is an excellent resource. I have also referred to *Boundaries*, by Drs. Townsend & Cloud; *Revolutionary Parenting*, by George Barna; *Simple Life*, by Thom & Art Rainer; *Have a New Teenager by Friday*, by Dr. Kevin Leman; *30 Days to Taming the Tongue*, by Deborah Pegues; *I Come Quietly to Meet You*, by Amy Carmichael; and *The Love Dare for Parents*, by Stephen & Alex Kendrick w/Lawrence Kimbrough.

Introductory Session 1

Preparation: Obtain copies of this lesson plan book for all participants and encourage them to bring it to each small-group session. Copy & cut apart the **7 ABCs Bookmarks** on the last page.

Look up and review all Proverbs verses listed in the A lesson plan. Study & highlight Bible commentary.

See website for Power Point slides for ABC themes

Welcome & Ice Breaker—In pairs, create an ABC acrostic of concerns you have in parenting, for which you need wisdom. Briefly discuss.

Bible Verse—Share Proverbs 3:5-6 and James 1:5.

Prayer for Wisdom in Parenting

Introduction—See page (iv) to introduce this resource. Give each participant a copy of the **Bookmark** or list the 7 ABCs on a dry erase board. Read them aloud, noting the principles are applicable for children, teens, and adults.

Bible Time—Read aloud the **A-Accept Instruction** introduction on page (v).

Read aloud Proverbs 1:7. Point out that any structure needs a foundation. Reverent fear of God and His supreme power and might is the starting point for wise living. As parents, we are to model this reverence for God before our children. Also note that 1:3 refers to acquiring the godly character traits of righteousness, justice, and fairness—affirming that there are *absolutes* in God’s moral law which our kids need to be taught.

Call on volunteers with Bibles to find and read aloud the Proverbs verses referenced at the bottom of the righthand page in the plan. Discuss each. Supplement with Proverbs commentary. Share the **“God’s Parenting”** Bible Story and highlights from the other three stories.

Group Time—Divide into small groups to review the **A** lesson plan and determine possible ways to use it at home this week. Share with large group.

Character Books—Display the character books available for reinforcing the themes with their children. Read aloud *Little Jimmy and the Spoiled Rotten Banana*. **Coming soon to website: PK short story *Dexter’s Do-It-Yourself Disaster*. Share the Max Anders quotation from the Author Notes page.**

Challenge—Challenge each family to use the **A** plan at home this week and do the HOMEWork for Parents. Suggest participants hold each other accountable.

Conclude—Close in prayer for each parent to follow God’s lead in wise parenting.