

BELONG

Starter Questions: What's the best advice you've ever received? Did you take it? Why or why not? Ask your students if they would like to share their highs and lows from the week.

Become Challenge Check-In: Ask students how they allowed God to use them in their circle of impact this week. Celebrate any wins. Did they pray for them? Did they encourage someone struggling?

BELIEVE

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1–12

Main Idea: The Lord is worthy of our complete trust.

Focus Question: Who or what do I trust most?

Context:

Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, most of which were written or gathered by Solomon, the son of David and king of Israel. God gave Solomon extraordinary wisdom, and these proverbs were written to help God's people gain wisdom and learn to live in a way that honors the Lord. In the Bible, wisdom is more than knowledge or intelligence. It is seeing life from God's perspective and responding according to His truth.

Summary:

Solomon reminded his son that true wisdom begins with trusting the Lord. Rather than relying on human understanding, God's people are called to follow His instruction, honor Him in every area of life, and receive His loving discipline with humility. Because the Lord is faithful, wise, and loving, He is worthy of our complete trust.

Read Proverbs 3:1–4

- What do these verses suggest is the difference between someone who merely knows God's truth and someone who treasures it? *(Someone who merely knows God's truth may be able to repeat it, but someone who treasures it allows it to shape their heart, priorities, and decisions. Solomon wanted his son to value God's instruction so deeply that it became part of who he was.)*
- Why is it important that God's truth changes our hearts before it changes our actions? *(God isn't interested in outward obedience alone. He desires hearts that love and trust Him. When our hearts are transformed, our actions become the natural fruit of that inward change.)*

Read Read Proverbs 3:5–8

- What are some subtle ways we "lean on our own understanding" instead of trusting the Lord? *(We often lean on our own understanding when we make decisions based only on our feelings, experiences, or opinions instead of God's Word. It can also look like trying to figure everything out on our own rather than seeking God's wisdom through prayer and Scripture.)*
- If someone truly trusted the Lord with all their heart, what might be different about the way they live? *(They would seek God's wisdom before making decisions, trust His Word even when it's difficult, and submit every part of their life to His leadership.)*

Read Proverbs 3:9–10

- Why do you think Solomon connected honoring the Lord with the way we use what He has given us? *(The way we use what God has given us reveals what we value and trust most. Honoring the Lord with our resources shows that we recognize everything we have comes from Him and belongs to Him.)*

Read Proverbs 3:11–12

- What do these verses teach us about God's character? *(God's discipline flows from His love, not His anger or rejection. Like a loving father, He corrects His children because He wants what is best for them and desires for them to grow in holiness.)*
- How does knowing God's character change the way we receive His discipline? *(When we know God is loving, wise, and faithful, we can trust that His discipline is for our good. Instead of resisting His correction, we can receive it with humility, knowing He is helping us grow.)*

Read Colossians 2:2–7

- According to these verses, where is true wisdom found? *(Paul teaches that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in Christ. The wisdom Solomon pointed people toward is fully revealed in Jesus.)*
- If true wisdom is found in Christ, what does that mean for someone who wants to live wisely? *(Living wisely is more than following good advice. It begins with knowing and trusting Jesus. As we walk with Him, He shapes us through His Word and the Holy Spirit to live in a way that honors God.)*

Key Truth: Proverbs teaches that the Lord is worthy of our complete trust because He is perfectly wise. Colossians reveals that God's wisdom is fully revealed in Jesus Christ. Trusting the Lord is not merely following wise principles; it is trusting and following Christ, who enables believers to live wisely through the Holy Spirit.

Final Reflection

- It's easy to say we trust Jesus, but what do your everyday choices reveal about who or what you trust most? *(Trust begins in the heart before it is seen in our actions. The more we know Jesus and experience His faithfulness, the more our hearts learn to rely on Him instead of ourselves. Like a muscle, trust grows stronger each time we choose to depend on Him.)*

BECOME

Circle of Impact Challenge:

This week, let your trust in Jesus become visible. Think of one person in your Circle of Impact who needs encouragement. Pray for them, encourage them with God's truth, and let the way you respond to life's challenges point them to the One you trust.