

GOAL OF TONIGHT

Help students see how God's story intersects with their story and why that matters in their day-to-day life.

WELCOME & ICE BREAKER

To get started we are going to make some paper houses. Pair up(or 3's), grab some paper and tape and see what kind of house you can make in 5 minutes. Go!

BIBLE VERSES

Proverbs1:1-4, Proverbs 12:14-16

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

Tonight we are beginning a study on the book of Proverbs. Let's dive right in!

Read Proverbs 1:1-4 together and then answer these questions:

1. Who is the author of Proverbs?

2. What is the purpose/main point of the book of Proverbs?

3. What does that mean for you, personally? (hint: you should read it!!!)

Now, let's read something Proverbs has to say that could teach us something useful for our lives. Read together Proverbs 12:14-16. Now, answer these questions:

1. You just read a bunch of advice/wisdom about life. Which of these pieces of advice seems most important in the life of a middle school student? Why?

2. Which of these things is most difficult to do? Why?

- -control your words -work hard
- -Listen to others
- -Staying calm when insulted

3. How could reading this kind of advice from Proverbs every day help you out in life?

LEADER INSIGHT

Leaders - wisdom is a difficult concept to understand because it sometimes means doing what is right and not what is comfortable. You may need to pray about how you present this book of the Bible and these pieces of wisdom from Solomon to your students. We want students to want wisdom -even though it might be difficult. We are praying with you!

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

There are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs, so you may want to challenge your group to read through Proverbs in a month together!