

True Sayings of Solomon **by Patricia Middleton**

Cast:

Narrator (teacher)

God

Solomon

Narrator: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream during the night.

God: Ask for anything you want me to give you.

Solomon: God, you made me king but I'm only a child. I don't know how to rule people. Let me be able to tell the difference between right and wrong.

God: I am happy, Solomon. You did not ask to live forever or have lots of money but for understanding to do what is right. I will give you a wise heart and riches and honor. Obey my laws and I will let you live for a long time.

Narrator: Solomon was a wise ruler and wrote the book of Proverbs.

Kid #1: What's a proverb?

Narrator: A proverb is a true saying.

Kid #2: Like the five-second rule?

Narrator: More like the golden rule. Here, the other kids will share some proverbs with us.

(Have other students pick and memorize a verse of their choosing from the list below and recite it and the reference for the audience.)

Proverbs 1:2 Proverbs teach you wisdom and train you.
They help you understand wise sayings.

Proverbs 1:7 If you really want to gain knowledge, you must begin by having respect for the LORD. But foolish people hate wisdom and training.

Proverbs 3:7-8 Don't be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the LORD and avoid evil. That will bring health to your body. It will make your bones strong.

Proverbs 3:14-15 Wisdom pays better than silver does. She earns more than gold does. She is worth more than rubies. Nothing you want can compare with her.

Proverbs 3:26 The LORD is the one you will trust in.
He will keep your feet from being caught in a trap.

Proverbs 10:1 A wise son makes his father glad.
But a foolish son brings sorrow to his mother.

Proverbs 10:4 Hands that don't want to work make you poor.
But hands that work hard bring wealth to you.

Proverbs 10:12 Hate stirs up fights.
But love erases all sins by forgiving them.

Proverbs 10:19 Those who talk a lot are likely to sin.
But those who control their tongues are wise.

Proverbs 11:4 Wealth isn't worth anything when God judges you.
But doing what is right saves you from death.

Proverbs 11:8 Those who do right are saved from trouble.
But trouble comes on those who do wrong.

Proverbs 11:12 A person who has no sense makes fun of his neighbor.
But a man who has understanding controls his tongue.

Proverbs 11:13 Those who talk about others tell secrets.
But those who can be trusted keep things to themselves.

Proverbs 11:14 Without the guidance of good leaders a nation falls.
But many good advisers can save it.

Proverbs 11:16 A woman who has a kind heart gains respect.
But men who are not kind gain only wealth.

Proverbs 11:19 Right living leads to life.
But anyone who runs after evil will die.

Proverbs 11:22 A beautiful woman who has no sense
is like a gold ring in a pig's nose.

Proverbs 12:2 The LORD blesses anyone who does good.
But he judges any man who is tricky.

Proverbs 12:5 The plans of godly people are right.
But the advice of sinners will lead you the wrong way.

Proverbs 12:7 Sinners are destroyed and taken away.
But the houses of godly people stand firm.

Proverbs 12:10 Those who do what is right take good care of their animals.
But the kindest acts of those who do wrong are mean.

Proverbs 12:12 Those who do what is wrong want to steal from others.
But those who do what is right bear good fruit because of their deep roots.

Proverbs 12:16 Foolish people are easily upset.
But wise people pay no attention to hurtful words.

Proverbs 12:21 No harm comes to godly people.
But sinners have all the trouble they can handle.

Proverbs 12:22 The LORD hates those whose lips tell lies.
But he is pleased with people who tell the truth.

Proverbs 12:25 Worry makes a man's heart heavy.
But a kind word cheers him up.

Proverbs 12:26 Godly people are careful about the friends they choose.

Narrator: So you see, we can learn a lot from the proverbs of Solomon. Let's all say one together.

(All the students gather on stage to recite together.)

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight."