

Wisdom from Proverbs 09 Teacher's Schedule and Games

(Assign your assistant's their roles and provide each member of your team with the material as early as possible so that they may learn their parts.)

Date: _____

TEACHERS PRESENT: _____

Topic: *Pride goes before a Fall.*

1. **Praise/Worship/Opening:** _____

2. **Lesson Teaching:** _____

Code Word Game:

Prior to class, prepare some tickets by cutting them in half (there should be identical numbers at both ends of the ticket). In a larger class you would want 4 bags with 10 tickets each to be handed out during the teaching of the lesson. Pick a Code word and announce it before the lesson teaching. During your sermon whenever you say the code word the first child in each section, which stands up and says "Amen" gets a ticket. At the end of the program make sure everyone has a ticket or two. You will want to prepare these tickets ahead of time. Draw some tickets for a few prizes. We give larger candy prizes. This keeps the kids at the edge of their seats during lesson time.

3. **Puppet Skit:**

Characters	Assistants
Satan (Lucifer):	_____
Angel Gabriel/God's Voice:	_____

4. **Skit:**

Characters	Assistants
Narrator:	_____
Susan:	_____
Friend #1:	_____
Friend #2:	_____

(Teacher should be the narrator and the other roles can be done by children recruited on the spot. No prior memorization required.)

5. **Object Lesson:** _____

6. **Cartoon Bible Story:** _____

7. **Memory Verse Games:**

THE LIMBO. Have 2 volunteers hold a pole horizontally. Play upbeat praise music. Jewish style praise music works really well. The children line up single file and pass under the pole. Then the volunteers holding the pole lower the pole an inch or two. The children make another pass under the pole. The volunteers again lower the pole and the children pass under it. As soon as a child cannot pass under the pole they are eliminated. They must not squat or turn their head to the side. The same rules apply as in the normal Limbo game. Before each pass under the pole, the children as a group must recite the memory verse.

SUMO WRESTLERS. Choose 2 teams of 2 people. One of the team members from each team puts on either overalls or very large men's clothing. The other member has 20 seconds to stuff their partner with as many balloons as they can. On the last round you may pop each balloon and count as you pop to determine which team had the most balloons stuffed.

8. **Review Game:**

TIC TAC TOE. Divide class into two teams (usually best boys vs. girls). Assign a spokesperson for each team who sit in chairs opposite each other. Toss a coin to see who starts first. Draw a tic tac toe square on the black board. Winner of coin toss gets first question. If the spokesperson with the assistance of his team mates correctly answer the question then they get their X or O placed on their desired square. If the question is not correctly answered, the opposite team has the same question posed to them - if they answer correctly, they choose which square they want and they continue with their own turn. You only get two turns in a row when you steal from the opposing team.

Props Needed Today:

- Songs Picked for Opening/Overheads
- Offering Bucket.
- Small Candy Treats for New Kids and Birthdays
- Code Word Tickets
- Prizes for Ticket Draw
- prepare Memory Verse papers to pass out

Puppets:

- See Schedule
- pin up puppet play in duplicate to back of puppet stage
- need small white robes for the puppets with Christmas garland for halos

Skit Props:

No props required.

Object Lesson Props:

3 toy construction type vehicles, (optional: 2 magnets, glue or 2 sided tape)

Story:

Arrange Cartoons in desired format.

Memory Verse Game Supplies:

Broomstick or long stick, upbeat music tape, 2 sets of overalls or large men's clothing, at least 40 medium sized inflated balloons

Review Game Supplies:

Blackboard & chalk

WISDOM FROM PROVERBS

Lesson 09

(A story based on Daniel 4)



King Nebuchadnezzar was the most famous king of Babylon and he wrote a letter to all the people of the world to tell them the great thing God had done for him.

"I Nebuchadnezzar was resting in my palace one day when I had a most scary dream.

I called all the wise men and magicians from the land to help me understand the meaning of the dream, but they couldn't figure it out.

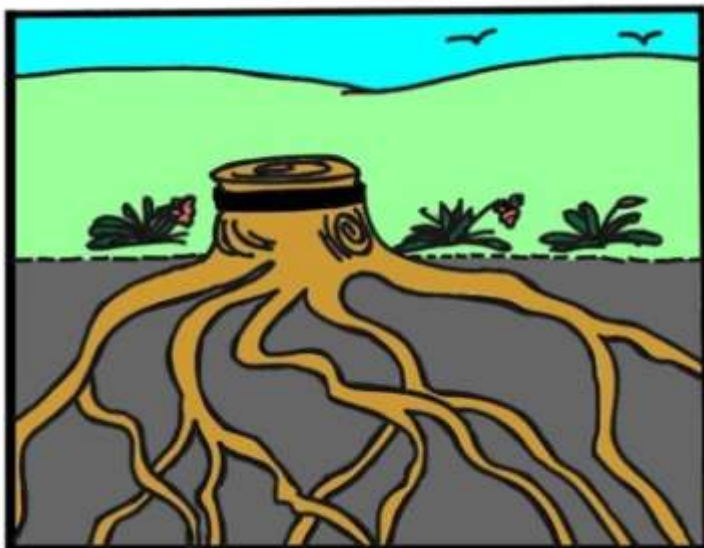
At last Daniel came. I knew he would be able to explain the dream because the Spirit of the Holy God lives in Daniel.





Daniel, in my dream I saw a huge tall tree that reached all the way in the sky. The tree was full of leaves and fruit and all the birds and animals came to live under the tree.

Then someone from heaven came down and said with a very loud voice, 'Chop this tree down! Cut off the branches. Throw the fruit away. Let the birds and animals get away from it.'



The voice continued, 'Leave the roots in the ground and put an iron band around the stump. Let him live in the field. Let him eat grass like the animals. Let his heart be changed from that of a man to that of an animal until 7 times (years) pass. God has decided this will happen so that all people will know that God is the boss and He decides who will be the rulers and he chooses the humble people.'"

"The tree is YOU!" said Daniel. "They will drive you away from people and you will live in the field with the animals. You will eat grass and you will be wet everyday from the dew. This will last for seven times (years) until you know that God is the boss and he gives the kingdom to whoever he wants. The stump means that after you know that God is the boss, then you will get your kingdom back.



King Nebuchadnezzar, I would advise you to stop sinning, do the right things and take care of the poor people, maybe then you will have a good life for a longer time," said Daniel.

One year later King Nebuchadnezzar was walking in his palace. "I built this great kingdom of Babylon by MY mighty power," he boasted. "It has to be great, because I am a great king!"

While the King was still speaking, the voice came from Heaven. "King Nebuchadnezzar, the kingdom has departed from you!"





At that very moment the king was driven away from people. He lived in the fields and ate grass like an ox. Everyday he got wet when the dew came down. His hair grew like eagles feathers and his fingernails were like bird's claws.

"I Nebuchadnezzar lived like that until the time was over and then my mind returned to me. Praise God!" I said. "He is the boss forever and ever and he is the king from generation to generation. Everybody on earth is nothing compared to God. He is the boss in Heaven and he is the boss on earth. No one can stop him!"



As soon as my mind returned to me, they brought me back to be the king again and my kingdom was even greater. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, extol and honour the King of Heaven! Everything he does is the truth and he always does the right thing. Those that are full of pride, He is able to bring them low (believe me, I know)."

Nebuchadnezzar learned the hard way that pride will bring a person down, but we don't have to learn the hard way. Let's keep humble hearts.



Tips to presenting an effective Lesson:

1. This is an OUTLINE for meditation.
2. Begin meditating upon lesson material early in week.
3. DO NOT READ this outline to the class.
4. Know lesson material well enough that you only have to glance over at the notes occasionally.
5. Ask God to give you ideas on how to add humour and interest to your presentation.

Wisdom from Proverbs

Lesson 9

Lesson Outline

Scriptures to Study: Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 13:10, Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 29:23, Ezekiel 16:49, Daniel 4:37, Obadiah 3, I Timothy 3:6, 1 John 2:16, I Peter 5:5-6, Ezekiel 28:17

Memory Verse: Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Central Truth: Pride is dangerous. We should always give glory to God for who we are, what we have and what we do.

Message to the Teacher: Most of us have had an experience where we walked in pride and ended up humiliated. If you have a humorous experience and feel comfortable sharing it, do it.

OUTLINE:

A. Even though God is the greatest power in the universe he is very meek and lowly in heart. (Matthew 11:29)

1. Jesus said that to see him was to see the Father.
2. God resists pride. If you want to be friends with God you must be humble.
3. Sometimes even Christians can have an attitude of competition and pride amongst themselves.
4. God will resist these attitudes.

B. Satan's pride led him to lead a revolt against God.

1. Satan thought more highly of himself than he should have.
2. He wanted the worship that God was getting.
3. He was not satisfied with the exalted position that God had given him.

C. Pride always comes before destruction.

1. King Herod was struck by an angel and he was eaten by worms so that he died, because he gave a speech and the people began to call him a "god". He accepted the worship. He should have honoured God. (Acts 12:23)

Tips for Good Puppetry:

1. Open and close the puppets mouth on every word syllable. Make sure the puppet's mouth is moving when you are talking.
2. Practice voices for a little girl, little boy, man, woman, old man, old woman, and devil.
3. Exaggerate all emotions.
4. Make sure the puppet is facing the kids. It is easy to forget the position of the puppet when you are concentrating on reading your lines. Make sure your arm inside the puppet is up tall and straight. People have the tendency to let their arm droop.
5. Puppets should enter and exit the puppet stage as if they are ascending and descending a set of stairs.

Wisdom from Proverbs**Lesson 9****Puppet Show**

Characters: Lucifer (Devil puppet with white robe and Christmas garland halo around his head), Angel Gabriel, God's voice

Setting: Heaven (pre fall of Satan)

(Prop or pin a mirror to the side of the puppet stage.)

(Lucifer and Gabriel enter.)

Lucifer: Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the wisest angel of all?

Gabriel: Lucifer, you don't have to ask the mirror that question. I could tell you the answer to that. You are Lucifer. You are full of wisdom.

Lucifer: *(very smug - high class accent.)* Yes I am aren't I? I am a wise guy.

Gabriel: Yes, you're a wise guy all right! God made you that way. He made you full of wisdom.

Lucifer: Ahhh!!!!!! Gabriel why must you always remind me that God made me!

(Lucifer turns back to the mirror.)

Lucifer: Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the goodest looking angel of all?

Gabriel: Why, you again of course! Look at you! Every precious stone is your covering; the sardius, topaz, diamonds, emeralds and gold, pure gold! Ain't nobody dresses like you Lucifer.

Lucifer: Yes, I am a classy guy aren't I? I'm the belle of the ball. I am something else to behold!

Gabriel: You are brilliant to look upon. God did make you beautiful.

Lucifer: There he goes again. How many times do I have to tell you, stop reminding me that God made me!

(Lucifer turns back to the mirror.)

Lucifer: Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the best musician of them all?

Gabriel: You again Lucifer! Ain't nobody has musical instruments like you!

Lucifer: Yes, I do play a mean melody don't I?

Gabriel: You have the talent Lucifer. God built your musical instruments right into your body on the day you were created.

Lucifer: Ahhh!!!!!! There he goes again, reminding me God made me. Okay, now since we all agree that I am the most smartest, I am the best dressed and I am the best musician, I think I should get a reward. I should have my own throne. I should be above all the other angels. In fact I should be the boss around here. I should be worshipped. Anyone as beautiful as me should be worshipped! I should have a throne just like God's. Let's make it happen!

Gabriel: What do you mean make it happen Lucifer?

Lucifer: God's going to have to push over and share his glory with me. I'm leading a revolt. I'm going to talk to all the angels and see who wants to be on my side. *(to Gabriel)* How about you? Will you come on my side?

Gabriel: Why should I come on your side Lucifer?

Lucifer: I'll give you greatness and riches and honour. Come on buddy. Come with me. It'll be great. No more worshipping God.

Gabriel: No more worshipping God? But I like worshipping God. And I don't need to be worshipped. I'm very happy the way God made me. I have a great job for him. I am his personal messenger. I wouldn't trade my life with God for anything. See you later. I'm outta here.

(Gabriel exits)

Lucifer: Come on let's start the revolt!

(God's voice is a booming voice through the microphone.)

God's Voice: Lucifer

Lucifer: Yes God.

God: I have heard your scheme Lucifer. You have said that you would ascend above the clouds. You have said that you would be like me. But you are not like me. I will not share my throne with you. You will not have a throne beside me! You are banished from heaven, you and all the angels who follow you. Out now! You are banished to the earth! You will be brought down to Hell!

(Make the sound of thunder and lightening. Shake a metal sheet.)

(Lucifer falls rapidly and slowly rises again. He has lost his white clothes and his halo.)

Lucifer: Rats!!! My plan backfired.

(Lucifer exits.)

Tips for Good Drama Presentation:

1. Never turn your back to your audience.
2. Be dramatic and always exaggerate every emotion.
3. Skits are in outline form and need not be memorized. Adlib if you wish. Just make sure the central truth is clearly portrayed.
4. Keep your eyes open at garage sales, and second hand shops for costume props. Good costumes add to the humour of the skit, and make the skit more memorable.

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Skit

(Teacher should be narrator and you can recruit kids on the spot to be the other roles. No prior memorization required. One way to make recruitment fun and fair is to do a quick audition for the speaking parts. Have 3 or 4 kids come up and ask them to say a line from the skit as that character. Then have the audience clap for the child they want to do the role. Loudest applause chooses the winner.)

Characters: Narrator, Susan, 2 friends

Narrator: Once upon a time there was a young lady named Susan.

(Susan enters.)

Narrator: She loved to sing. “La la la la la,” she would sing like an opera singer.

(Susan repeats the narrator.)

Narrator: One day Susan’s two friends came to visit and they had a special poster to show to Susan. The poster said that in two days the city was having a special celebration and they were looking for someone to sing the National Anthem. “The winner will sing on television!” shouted Susan’s friends.

(The friends repeat the narrator.)

Narrator: Susan’s friends wanted Susan to go to the auditions. They flatter Susan that she is the best singer of all. “You’re the best singer in the school,” they said.

(Friends repeat the narrator.)

Narrator: “You’re the best singer in the city,” they said.

(Friends repeat the narrator.)

Narrator: You're the best singer in the whole world!" they said.

(Friends repeat the narrator.)

Narrator: Well, Susan liked the attention and was carried away by all their flattery. She said, "Of course I will go to the audition, and I no doubt will win!"

(Susan repeats the narrator.)

Narrator: The two friends decide to leave so that Susan can practice. "Practice?" says Susan.

(Susan repeats the narrator.)

Narrator: "I don't need to practice. I have natural born talent!" brags Susan.

(Susan repeats the narrator and exits off stage.)

Narrator: THE NEXT DAY Susan returned to the playground to skip with her skipping rope.

(Susan enters and pretends she is skipping.)

Narrator: Susan's friends returned and can't believe that she is not practicing. "Practice?" said Susan. "I have natural born talent!"

(Susan repeats the narrator. All actors exit off stage.)

Narrator: THE SECOND DAY Susan played board games all day.

(Susan and her friends enter.)

Narrator: Susan's friends again were surprised that Susan was not practicing. "Practice?" said Susan. "I have natural born talent!"

(Susan and her friends exit off stage.)

Narrator: The next day was AUDITION DAY and it was Susan's turn to come and sing.

(Susan enters and stands in the middle of the stage.)

Narrator: Susan's friends came to cheer for her and they sat in the front row.

(Susan's friends enter and cheer.)

Narrator: Finally Susan's name was called by the announcer. She stood at the front, put nose in the air in high class fashion. Her hands were clasped in front of her at chest level just like an opera singer.

(Susan acts this out.)

Narrator: She opened her mouth and began to sing but suddenly her voice cracked.

(Susan acts this out.)

Narrator: Susan was terribly embarrassed but she cleared her voice and began again. But, this time she forgot the words!

(Susan acts this out.)

Narrator: Susan was so embarrassed! She tried again but had so many problems singing that she quit part way through the song. Then she ran out crying.

(Susan acts this out.)

Narrator: Susan's friends got up and ran to comfort her.

(Friends act this out.)

Narrator: "I was so foolish not to have practiced!" sobbed Susan.

(Susan repeats narrator.)

Narrator: "I sure learned my lesson. Pride goes before a fall," said Susan.

(Susan repeats the narrator.)

Narrator: And from that day on Susan always practiced and she kept a humble heart even though God had given her natural born talent. She went on to become the greatest opera singer in the world.

(Susan sings a short little bit of opera.)

Tips to performing good Object Lessons:

1. Read lesson early in the week.
2. Don't leave it to the last minute to purchase any items you need.
3. Know your lesson well enough that you only need to glance at the paper occasionally, if at all.

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Object Lesson

Supplies required: 3 toy vehicles (ie. big construction type trucks or bulldozers). One should be larger than the other two.

Teacher:

Jesus said that he is meek and lowly in heart. In fact the bible says that God resists the proud but gives grace or favour to the humble. To resist means to push away.

(Hold up the vehicle that represents God.) Here is God. He is all powerful, but he is still meek and lowly in heart. *(Put the vehicle back down on the table.)*

(Hold up the vehicle that represents the proud person.) Here is Mr. Proud. He thinks he is better than everybody else. He thinks he should get special treatment from God. He thinks God should just jump when he calls. *(Put the vehicle down on the table approximately 1 or 2 feet away from the God vehicle.)*

Mr. Proud gets it in his head that he is going to go and demand something from God. *(Push the Proud vehicle towards the God vehicle.)*

But what happens when he tries to get close to God. God resists him. *(The larger God vehicle pushes him away.)*

Here is Mr. Humble man. *(Hold up the smallest vehicle).* When he comes to God he knows that he really needs God in his life. He is so happy that God would be his father and his friend. When he asks for things, he asks nicely and politely. What happens when he tries to get close to God? God runs to him and pulls him up to his side. *(The God vehicle comes to the*

humble vehicle and pulls up beside him and they drive together.)

An Alternative Lesson:

Attach magnets unto the front of each of the toy vehicles. (*One place to obtain magnets is from old audio speakers.*) Make sure they are the same polarity so that when one magnet gets close to the other magnet it pushes the other vehicle away. As you push the one vehicle the other vehicle should move backwards without even being touched. There should be a space gap between the vehicles of approximately 1 inch depending on the strength of your magnets.

(Push the God vehicle toward the proud vehicle. Remove your hand from the Proud vehicle and the proud vehicle should go backwards as the magnets resist each other.)

Wisdom from Proverbs Lesson 9 Review Game Questions

(The rules for the review game are contained in today's Teacher's Schedule and Games part of the curriculum.)

1. What kind of heart does God have?
MEEK AND LOWLY

2. What kind of people does God push away?
GOD RESISTS THE PROUD

3. Why did Lucifer believe that he deserved to have a throne up beside God's?
BECAUSE HE WAS BEAUTIFUL, WISE AND AN EXCELENT MUSICIAN.

4. What happened to Lucifer when he led his revolt against God?
GOD KICKED HIM OUT OF HEAVEN.

5. Why, one day, did the people say Herod was a god and not a man?
HE GAVE A SPEECH THAT THEY LIKED.

6. Did Herod stop them from calling him a "god"?
NO HE DIDN'T. HE ACCEPTED THEIR PRAISE.

7. How did Herod end up dying?
GOD STRUCK HIM WITH WORMS AND HE DIED.
8. Finish the Verse: Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before _____.
DESTRUCTION
9. Finish the Verse: And a _____ spirit before a fall.
HAUGHTY
10. Why did King Nebuchadnezzar write a letter to all the people of the earth?
BECAUSE HE WANTED TO TELL THEM THE GREAT THING GOD HAD DONE FOR HIM.
11. What did the King see in his dream?
A GREAT TALL TREE.
12. What did the voice from heaven order to be done with this tree?
CUT IT DOWN
13. Who did Daniel say was the tree in the dream?
KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR
14. What advice did Daniel give to King Nebuchadnezzar?
HE SHOULD STOP SINNING, DO THE RIGHT THINGS AND TAKE CARE OF THE POOR PEOPLE
15. One year later the King was walking in his palace and talking to himself. What did he say?
I MADE THIS GREAT KINGDOM BY MY MIGHTY POWER.
16. After the voice came from heaven what happened to King Nebuchadnezzar?
HE WAS DRIVEN AWAY FROM PEOPLE AND HE WENT TO LIVE IN THE FIELD.
17. What did the King eat in the field?
GRASS
18. What was the King's hair and finger nails like?
FEATHERS AND CLAWS

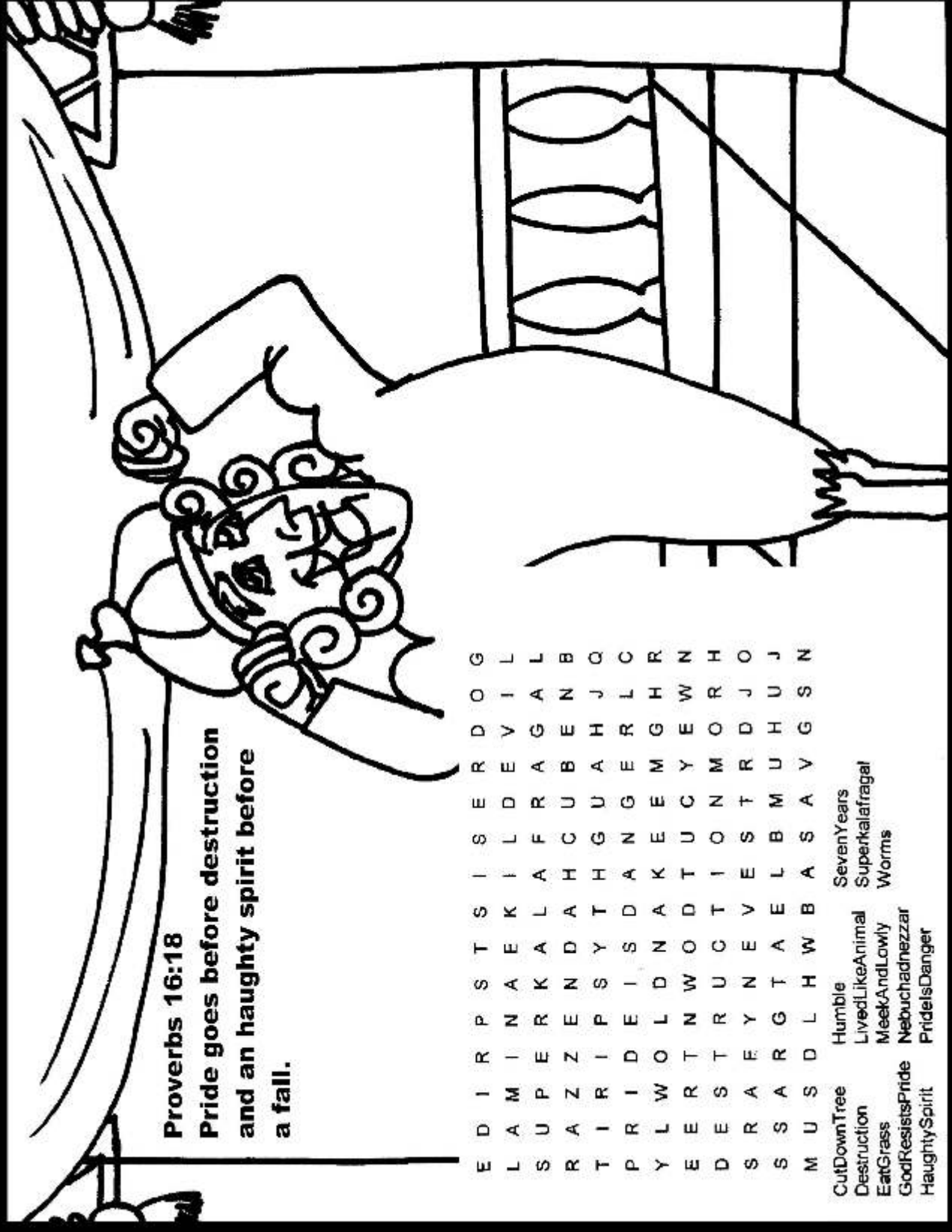
19. When the time was over and the king's mind returned to him, what did he say?

PRAISE GOD. GOD IS THE BOSS!

20. Did the King get his kingdom back?

YES

WISDOM 09 MEMORY VERSE HANDOUT



Proverbs 16:18
Pride goes before destruction
and an haughty spirit before
a fall.

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- CutDownTree Humble SevenYears
- Destruction LivedLikeAnimal Superkalaifragal
- EatGrass MeekAndLowly Worms
- GodResistsPride Nebuchadnezzar
- HaughtySpirit PridelsDanger