

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020



**BIBLE STORY:**

*Habakkuk*

**BIBLE VERSE:**

*Habakkuk 3:2*

**BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**

*God is great. (BT)*

*God is great and wonderful. (P)*

**KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*When life does not make sense, we can still trust God. (YK)*

*We are called to live by faith even when we do not understand God's plans. (OK)*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**

*Proverbs 5:3-11, 15-18*

**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**

*Proverbs 6:20*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**

**SUNDAY:** *Proverbs 15:1-11*

**MONDAY:** *Proverbs 15:12-22*

**TUESDAY:** *Proverbs 15:23-33*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Proverbs 16:1-9*

**THURSDAY:** *Proverbs 16:10-20*

**FRIDAY:** *Proverbs 16:21-33*

**SATURDAY:** *Proverbs 17:1-14*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Habakkuk* and *Proverbs* together as a family:



- **Who was Habakkuk?** Habakkuk was a prophet to Judah. He prophesied about the same time as the prophet Jeremiah very near the end of the reign of the good king Josiah. Josiah had been responsible for repairing the temple in Jerusalem and reestablishing temple worship. Josiah's workers had found a copy of God's Word and Josiah led the nation to follow God instead of the other gods people in Judah worshiped.
- **Questions for God.** Habakkuk, while he prophesied during a time of political and religious peace, was concerned that the same could also be said for Judah's neighbors. It seemed to Habakkuk that while Judah seemed blessed by God, so also did the evil nations around him. Habakkuk took the opportunity to direct his questions to God. No other prophet questions God like Habakkuk did. Though little is known about the man Habakkuk, we can see from his boldness that his relationship with God afforded him the courage to pose his questions without fear of retribution from God.
- **God hears and understands.** Habakkuk knew that God was listening and when Habakkuk posed a question, he waited for God to answer. God honored Habakkuk by answering all of Habakkuk's questions and telling Habakkuk that God had something planned that would amaze even Habakkuk. God assured Habakkuk that while it appeared to Habakkuk that God was blessing the evil nations around Judah, God indeed would one day allow disaster for them because of their evil deeds. Like Habakkuk, we can have confidence that when life doesn't make sense we can still trust God.
- **Consider the consequences.** The evil nations around Judah were content living the way they lived without honoring God. God told Habakkuk the same things that Solomon shared in *Proverbs 5*—continuing to make wrong choices would one day lead to bitterness and death. Choosing right will always honor God.