

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

BIBLE STORY:

1 John

BIBLE VERSE:

1 John 4:9

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God loves us, and we should love others.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God showed us His love when He sent Jesus to pay for our sin. (YK)

God revealed His love for us by sending Jesus to be the propitiation for our sin. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Proverbs 29:1-3,12-20

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 13:1

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Proverbs 31:1-9*

MONDAY: *Proverbs 31:10-20*

TUESDAY: *Proverbs 31:21-31*

WEDNESDAY: *Song of Songs 1:1-7*

THURSDAY: *Song of Songs 1:8-17*

FRIDAY: *Song of Songs 2:1-7*

SATURDAY: *Song of Songs 2:8-14*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study 1 John and Proverbs together as a family:



- **John, apostle of Jesus.** John was an apostle of Jesus. John had spent years with Jesus as part of Jesus' inner circle of three. Along with Peter and John's brother, James, these three men spent more personal time with Jesus than anyone else on earth. In his old age, John lived in Ephesus, one of the cities evangelized by Paul. While John lived in Ephesus he had plenty of time to write letters of encouragement to churches and individuals. The Book of 1 John is one of those letters written to churches that were experiencing something very common in John's day—false teaching.
- **Deny false teachers.** These false teachers were teaching that Jesus Christ did not actually live physically on the earth. Further, they taught that if Jesus did physically live on the earth, He was in no way divine. John helped the churches know that these teachings were not true as John, a man known by these churches, lived with and taught alongside Jesus. John knew that Jesus was both divine and physically lived on the earth.
- **God is always the same.** John encouraged the churches to face the false teachers with the truth the church already knew. John reminded the believers that Jesus never changes. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The truth which John preached to the churches was still the same truth, and if the church relied on the truth from God they could not be swayed by the false teachings infiltrating their congregations. John further encouraged the churches to live in love using the life of Jesus as the example. Because God loves us, we should also love others.
- **A disciplined life.** Wisdom from God is available to all people. Solomon, in Proverbs 29, assured the people that godly wisdom would lead them to produce godly followers. As John encouraged the churches to follow Jesus' example, Solomon encouraged believers to seek godly wisdom and be examples others would follow.