

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020



BIBLE STORY:

2 John; 3 John

BIBLE VERSE:

2 John 1:6

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Do what is good.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

We should walk in truth. (YK)

We are called to walk in the truth of Jesus. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Proverbs 31:10-16,23-31

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 22:19

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Song of Songs 2:15-17*

MONDAY: *Song of Songs 3:1-5*

TUESDAY: *Song of Songs 3:6-11*

WEDNESDAY: *Song of Songs 4:1-7*

THURSDAY: *Song of Songs 4:8-11*

FRIDAY: *Song of Songs 4:12-16*

SATURDAY: *Song of Songs 5:1-2*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study 2 John; 3 John; and Proverbs together as a family:



- **More letters from John.** The Books of Second and Third John are the two shortest books in the New Testament. These two short letters are similar in theme to the letter John wrote earlier and share the same encouragement to follow God and Jesus' example for righteous living. False teachers again were to be denied and believers were encouraged to walk in the truth.
- **Follow God.** John was excited that the people were choosing to follow God. As he did in his first letter, John encouraged the church members to continue to live in the love of Jesus. God showed His love by sending Jesus to die in our place for our sin and as believers we should desire to share that truth of Jesus' love with others with whom we have contact. Unfortunately, the churches were still being plagued by false teachers whose teachings had become more dangerous.
- **Living in truth.** John reminded his friends that the truth of Jesus is the truth in which people should live. John wanted the people to walk in love, or show others through their actions what God's love through Jesus looked like. When Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit came to guide believers and to bring conviction of sin. Following the leading of the Holy Spirit would help the believers walk in and share the truth with others.
- **Living exemplary lives.** John's messages to the church friends echo the words of Lemuel in Proverbs 31. Lemuel encourages believers to live exemplary lives, emphasizing characteristics that highlight this kind of living. These characteristics—honoring commitments, providing for family, influencing others for the kingdom of God, and living in a way that honors God—are all characteristics John shared with the churches and individuals to whom he wrote. Exemplary lives will be lives that honor God and assist others in coming to know more about Him so He will receive glory and honor.