

# Proverbs Match-Up Teacher Guide

## GAME DIRECTIONS

Divide class into teams of 2–3 students. Give each team a set of Proverbs Match-Up Cards. Have the teams spread out in the room in such a way that they have room to set up their cards. Have students place their cards face down on the floor or tables. Students will take turns flipping over two cards at a time, looking for pairs. A matching pair is the proverb card and the explanation card. If a student gets a match, he or she will keep the cards. Play will resume with the next student.

Finish game play by going over the proverbs and their subject cards with the class. Make sure you watch the clock. Don't be afraid to call students back to their seats even if they haven't completed matching all the pairs.

## ALTERNATE GAME IDEAS

- Play the game as a class by putting the cards on the floor or table.
- Save time by dividing each set of cards in half, so each team has only ten cards. Make sure each set has the five verses that go with their matching subjects.
- If you have a large class, give each person a card. When you say "Go," each person tries to find the person with the card that matches theirs.

PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 22:4 By *humility*  
and the fear of the Lord  
are riches and honor  
and life.

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 22:4 God  
rewards *humility*. Be  
*humble* before the Lord.

PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 13:4 The soul  
of a *lazy* man desires,  
and has nothing;  
but the soul of the diligent  
shall be made rich.

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 13:4 To work or  
not to work... God says  
don't be *lazy*.

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PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 23:22 Listen to  
your *father* who begot you,  
and do not despise your  
*mother* when she is old.

PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 10:1 A *wise* son  
makes a glad father,  
but a *foolish* son is the grief  
of his mother.

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 23:22 Listen  
to your *father*; love your  
*mother*!

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 10:1 Being *wise*  
can make your father glad.  
Being *foolish* can make  
your mother sad.  
Seek wisdom.

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PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 18:24 A man who has friends must himself be *friendly*, but there is a *friend* who sticks closer than a brother.

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 18:24 This is how I can make and keep good *friends*!

PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 28:26 He who trusts in his own *heart* is a fool, but whoever walks *wisely* will be delivered.

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 28:26 If I trust my own *heart* I am a fool. I should walk *wisely*.

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PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 11:2 When *pride* comes, then comes shame; but with the *humble* is *wisdom*.

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 11:2 Wisdom comes to the *humble*, not the *proud*.

PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 12:22 *Lying* lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal *truthfully* are His delight.

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 12:22 You shall not *lie* but speak the *truth* always.

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PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 25:11 *A word fitly  
spoken is like apples  
of gold in settings of silver.*

PROVERB CARD

Proverbs 15:1 *A soft answer  
turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word  
stirs up anger.*

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 25:11 *Say nice  
things to each other!  
It encourages.*

EXPLANATION CARD

—Proverbs 15:1 *Speak  
gently. Do not yell!*

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