

FAITH AT HOME

September 6, 2020

Reflecting on Proverbs 2:1-11

Spend some time journaling or discussing with your family the following questions for reflection:

- Proverbs 2 encourages us to look to God for wisdom and knowledge. What other sources of knowledge are there in our world? How do they compare to wisdom and knowledge from God?



-The passage (in NIV specifically) references wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

Compare and contrast those terms. How might they be similar, how are they different?

-Why does acquiring wisdom or knowledge from God require such searching and commitment?

Examining the Passage

Work on your own or in your group to create an “If, Then List” from the passage. What does Proverbs 2:1-11 tell us to do, and what benefits does it promise us? For example: If we search for understanding as for hidden treasure, then we will understand the fear of the Lord.

Spend some time discussing your “Then” list. What does a life look like once these benefits are acquired? How do we recognize a person who has persevered in seeking God’s wisdom and knowledge and attained it?

Treasure in the Bible

Read Matthew 6:19-21 and Matthew 13:44-46. Discuss what these passages, together with our passage in



Proverbs 2, tell us about what God treasures and what spiritual treasures he encourages us to value. What other observations do you have about these passages?

Family Activity

Use this scripture to create a family “treasure hunt”. Print out the passage, cut into phrases, and hide them around the house. Your family can practice seeking God’s understanding as if for hidden treasure. You might simply hide the parts of the passage and look for them together, or if you would like to take the analogy a step further, you can create a “map” leading your family



members to the pieces of the passage. Once all pieces have been found, place them together to make the passage whole again.

After completing your “treasure hunt” talk about the idea of treasure. What do we usually think of when we think of treasure? Why are those things precious? What does it mean that God’s wisdom and understanding is like treasure to be looked for?