

Proverbs 1:20-33

Learner  
Session  
Guide

Focus Statement

With persuasive power and deep emotion, Woman Wisdom belts out God's timeless "standards" of wise living for the entire world to hear.

Key Verse

For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me  
will be secure  
and will live at ease,  
without dread of disaster.

Proverbs 1:32-33

## Are We Singing the Standards of Wisdom?

Focus Image



Wisdom raising her voice.

### Gather

#### Check-in

Take this time to connect or reconnect with the others in your group. Be ready to share new thoughts or insights about your last session. Share a "Proverb of the Day" from your readings and any other proverbs you happened to come across. Comments or questions from the last session or from your Homework or Enrichment activities are welcome at this time.

#### Pray

Adapted from Peter Mayer's song, "Ever Walk with Me Lord," based on Micah 6. (little flock music, 2009)

*O Giver of Wisdom,*

*A million voices surround me*

*How can I hear when You call?*

*When at last grace has found me*

*Will I recognize it at all?*

*Lift this song of sadness into gladness at Your feast*

*To hear Your voice is calling, come walk with me*



Notes

*Ever walk with me Lord  
Each night and day a rejoicing  
With kindness the harmony, justice the beat  
You've turned my footsteps to dancing  
Oh, Ever walk with me Lord  
Amen.*

### Focus Activity

Think about a time when you had to cry out a word of warning. What was the situation? Were you able to make a difference? Is there anyone in your life who is like the figure in the Focus Image? How is that a good thing?

### Open Scripture

Read Proverbs 1:20-33.

- What words or images stay with you?
- What is foolish in this passage? What is wise?
- Why does Woman Wisdom have to be so “out there”?

### Join the Conversation

#### Historical Context

Who is this Woman Wisdom? I don't recall hearing anything about her while attending Sunday school or confirmation class. Where did she come from? Why haven't I heard of her until now?

As a personification of God's wisdom, she can be found in any number of Bible characters, male and female, whose choices were in harmony with God's eternal will even if it meant short-term, personal losses.