

Days 120-126 - Readings: Whole Bible

Day	OT	Wisdom/NT	Family Focus
120	Jdg 18-19	Pro 16-17	Proverbs 17
121	Jdg 20-21	Pro 18	Proverbs 18
122	Ruth 1-4	Pro 19	Ruth 2
123	1Sam 1-2	Pro 20	1Samuel 1
124	1Sam 3-4	Pro 21	1Samuel 3
125	1Sam 5-6	Pro 22	1Samuel 5
126	day off		

Tips:

- The book of Ruth is set in the days of Judges. Ruth shows how God continued to offer hope and redemption to other tribes in spite of chaos which often characterized Israel (Jdg 21:25).
- Ruth was a Moabite who met the God of Israel, lost her Jewish husband, and married Boaz as her “kinsman redeemer” (Deu 25). Ruth pictured Gentiles today who accept Jesus as their Jewish Redeemer and get “spiritually engaged” (2Cor 11:1-4).
- The book of 1Samuel records how Israel became unified under a human king after rejecting God as their king. Israel’s first king was Saul (tall, good-looking, and popular, but without heart or character). Israel’s second king was David (young, unknown, and inexperienced, but with a heart for God). David pictured Jesus, another relative unknown from Judah who became king.
- Proverbs compares the heart and actions of “the wise” (i.e. those who continually pursue God’s wisdom) and “the fool” (those who rely upon human intellect and intuition). Notice how “the wise” and “the fool” are often characterized by opposing qualities:

the Wise	humble, calm, diligent, discerning, forthright, patient, truthful, generous, listening, discrete, kind, righteous
the Fool	proud, angry, lazy, simple-minded, flattering, rash, dishonest, greedy, scoffing, gossiping, hardened, wicked

Look for this:

120. What the tribe of Dan took by force from Micah (Jdg 18); How relational peace is more valuable than riches (Pro 17)
121. How the last verse of Judges summarized the book (Jdg 21); How it is foolish to speak on a topic before listening (Pro 18)
122. What Boaz did for Ruth because of her faithfulness (Ruth 2); What happens if you stop getting instruction (Pro 19)
123. What Hannah prayed for and gave fully to the Lord (1Sam 1); What happens if people become wealthy too quickly (Pro 20)
124. How a child needed help to recognize God's voice (1Sam 3); What is more acceptable to God than our sacrifices (Pro 21)
125. How Dagon (a false idol) bowed down before the ark (1Sam 5); How a group experiencing division can restore peace (Pro 22)