

## **Summer Reading Assignment Catholic Biblical School – Year Four**

*The Wisdom Literature*  
by Kathleen M. O'Connor

Read the introduction to wisdom literature found on pages 13 through 85, and then answer the questions below. The remainder of the book contains commentaries on individual books that can be read as you study various Old Testament wisdom books throughout the year. In addition this book offers a brief reflection on wisdom in the New Testament (pages 185-192) which should also be read during the summer to give a broader context for the study of biblical wisdom literature.

1. After reading the Introduction (pages 13-22), name and describe three characteristics of market place spirituality that are important for wisdom literature.
2. From chapter one, identify and describe the principal elements of wisdom literature.
3. Name one similarity and one difference between wisdom literature and the books of the Torah.
4. From chapter two, what are the sources of proverbial wisdom?
5. Describe three characteristics of the wise person.
6. Do you have a favorite proverb from the Bible or elsewhere that helps guide your life? If so, what is it and why is it important to you?
7. What did you find most intriguing about the description of the Wisdom Woman in chapter three?
8. What is the most important thing you have learned so far about wisdom literature?