Proper 20B:

Woman of Valour

Storyteller: Hold out the unopened icon set for the children to see:

Do you know a Woman of Valour? her worth is far beyond that of jewels.

Proverbs 31:10-31

10 A truly good wife is the most precious treasure a man can find!

- 11 Her husband depends on her, and she never lets him down.
- 12 She is good to him every day of her life,
- and with her own hands she gladly makes clothes.
- 14 She is like a sailing ship that brings food from across the sea.
- 15 She gets up before daylight to prepare food for her family and for her servants.
- 16 She knows how to buy land and how to plant a vineyard,
- 17 and she always works hard.
- 18 She knows when to buy or sell, and she stays busy until late at night.
- 19 She spins her own cloth,
- and she helps the poor and the needy.
- 21 Her family has warm clothing, and so she doesn't worry when it snows.
- 22 She does her own sewing, and everything she wears is beautiful.
- 23 Her husband is a well-known and respected leader in the city.
- 24 She makes clothes to sell to the shop owners.

Untie the bow and show the first panel to the children:

Her husband has full confidence in her, and he lacks for no good fortune.

She does him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

Story Materials

Icon set

☐ Woman Of Valour

Unfold the next pair of panels, covering or folding back the third panel so that the children can focus on the second panel:

She makes beautiful things with willing hands. Like a ship that sails to far-away, she brings wonderful treasures.

Bring forward or uncover the third panel and show it to the children:

She gets up early in the morning and prepares food for the whole household. She saves her money, buys a garden, and works it with her own strong arms.

Unfold the next pair of panels, covering or folding back the third panel so that the children can focus on the fourth panel:

She works all day to earn money.
She works for her family at home:
She knits, sews, helps the poor
so that even in winter's cold all are warmly dressed.

Bring forward or uncover the fifth panel and show it to the children:

She cares for herself, with pretty clothes in nice colors. She takes pride in her family when they serve the community.

- 25 She is strong and graceful, as well as cheerful about the future.
- 26 Her words are sensible, and her advice is thoughtful.
- 27 She takes good care of her family and is never lazy.
- 28 Her children praise her, and with great pride her husband says,
- 29 "There are many good women, but you are the best!"
- 30 Charm can be deceiving, and beauty fades away, but a woman who honors the Lord deserves to be praised.
- 31 Show her respect praise her in public for what she has done.

Unfold the next pair of panels, covering or folding back the seventh panel so that the children can focus on the sixth panel:

Her workmanship is of the highest quality. Her customers value her work. She is strong and dignified and respected for her words of wisdom.

Bring forward or uncover the seventh panel and show it to the children:

She is a teacher, a role-model a care-giver, a mentor. To her family, she is loved and treasured.

Unfold the last panel

Her family blesses her and praises her: "Many people do good, but you are the best of all!"