

## **“Proverbs Live” - A00133 (Proverbs- How to Live)**

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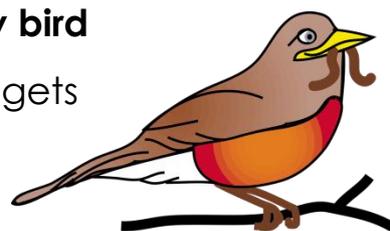


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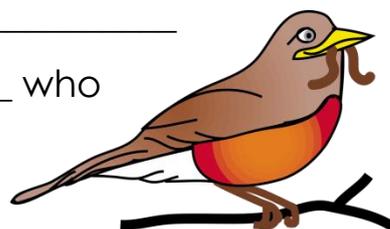


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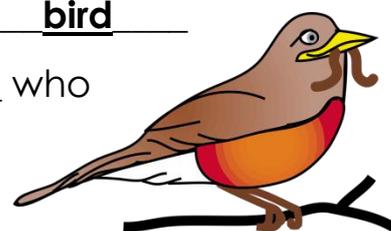


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