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## Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of **"Solomon Thought about Life"** (Ecclesiastes 1).

King Solomon had everything—wealth, wisdom, and fame—yet he discovered that these could never give life true meaning. In Ecclesiastes, Solomon teaches us that without living for God's glory, everything is meaningless. Only by trusting Jesus and living for Him can we find real purpose and joy. Jesus gives our lives eternal value through His death and resurrection.

This message will inspire your child to grow in the love and light of Jesus. Reinforce the lesson at home by discussing the following points with your child:

- □ Solomon had everything, but still felt empty: Talk about how even the best things in life can't compare to knowing God.
- □ Life without God feels meaningless: Help your child understand that only God gives our lives lasting meaning and joy.
- □ Jesus gives true purpose: Remind your child that following Jesus brings hope, direction, and eternal life.

You might consider praying with your child, "God, help us to live for You and find joy in following Jesus every day."

Grace and blessings in Christ.

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## Solomon Thought about Life

## BIBLE PASSAGE: Ecclesiastes 1 KEY PASSAGE: Proverbs 3:7 BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *What does God know?* God knows everything about the past, present, and future.



Solomon was the richest man in the world. He was famous. He was wiser than any man who had ever lived. He was the most powerful person in all of Israel. Yet, Solomon realized that having all these gifts could never give his life meaning and purpose.

Solomon wrote a book called Ecclesiastes to teach this truth to other people. The book begins this way:

"Absolutely worthless,' says the Teacher.

'Everything is absolutely worthless.'

What does a person gain for all his hard work?

All his sweat and effort that he gives under the sun?

A generation of people dies, and another is born,

But the earth is pretty much the same as it has always been.

The sun rises and sets over and over, the same as it always has.

The wind rushes to the south, then to the north, and it's always turning in cycles.





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The streams all flow to the sea, but the sea is never full, and the streams keep flowing.

Everything is so tiring, more than anyone wants to say out loud. No matter what you see, you always want to see more.

No matter what you hear, you always want to hear more.

What has been before will be again.

What you do today, you'll have to do again tomorrow.

There is nothing new anywhere under the sun.

No one remembers the people who came before them.

And no one who will be born in the future will be remembered either."

Solomon wanted people to realize that no matter what we do on earth, none of it really matters unless we are living for God's glory. Knowing and serving God is what truly matters (Eccl. 8:12).

People spend their lives trying to get riches, power, and fame, but none of it lasts. Only a life spent trusting in Jesus as Savior and following Him will matter in the end. Jesus lived, died, and rose again so we could find purpose in Him and be with God forever.





Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



## **"The Kingdom Divided"** (1 Kings 11-13)



