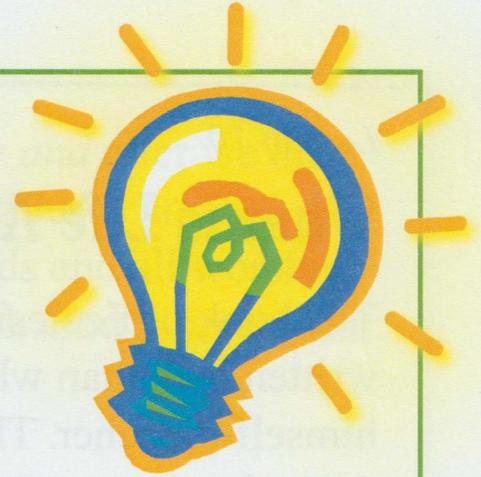


Lighting the Way



Parents' Page

Lesson 10

What Is Life All About?

Your child should understand...

True happiness – Seeing that God has set eternity in our hearts

Your child should be able to...

1. List five things the Preacher did to try to make himself happy.
2. Identify what God has set in our hearts and what that means.

Your child should be memorizing...

Ecclesiastes 12:13

“Have respect for God and obey His commandments. That’s what everyone should do.”

Please read to your child...

Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1:12-13, 17
Friday	Ecclesiastes 2:4-7, 9
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 2:24-26
Monday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 8
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 3:11-13, 22

What Is Life All About?

The book of Ecclesiastes was written by a man who called himself Preacher. This Preacher wanted to know what life is all about. He tried to learn everything he could from books. He tried

everything he could find to make himself laugh. He built great big houses. He also planted beautiful gardens and fruit trees. He had all the silver and gold and other treasures he could find. He bought

more and more animals and hired more and more people to take care of them. He was very rich. But still he was not happy.



Be ready to tell the class five things the Preacher did to try to make himself happy.

The Preacher finally realized that God has put something special in our hearts. It doesn't have anything to do with books or trees or houses or money. The Preacher tells us that God has put *eternity* in our hearts.

Eternity is a big word! It means "forever." For God to put eternity in our hearts means that what we really want is to know God and be with God forever. It means that our hearts really want something that we can't plant or buy or build by ourselves.

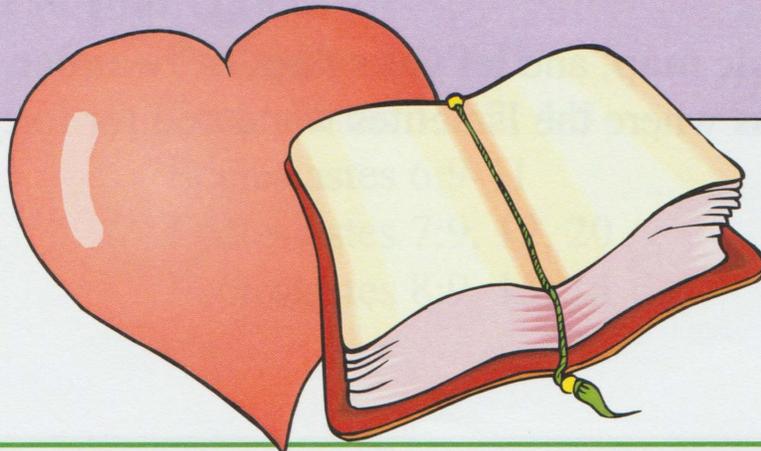
So God has given us a way to be with Him now *and* after we die. We can be with God *now* by loving and obeying Jesus and being part of His church. We can have Christian friends and all worship God together. Then when we die, we can be with God forever—for *eternity!*

Eternity—that’s what God has put in our hearts. We want to be with God and Jesus forever and ever. Nothing else will make us really happy. Books won’t do it. Houses won’t do it. Money won’t do it. Beautiful gardens and trees won’t do it. Only God can make us really happy forever!

**What has God put in our hearts?
(Can you write that big word in the blank below?)**

**Does “eternity in our hearts” mean that we want
to be with God forever and ever?**

**Can we be with God forever and ever if we
love and obey Jesus?**



What Is Life All About?

Memory Verse:

Practice saying your **memory verse** at least **3 times** with your mother or daddy and **3 times** by yourself.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

“Have respect for God and obey His commandments. That’s what everyone should do.”

Shine a Light on the Bible Facts



How many books are in **the whole Bible**?

(66) **Say them!**

Say **John 3:16** for **as many people as you can find who will listen!**

(“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”) NASB

Look at your **Bible map**, and **let your fingers “wander around”** in the **Wilderness** where the Israelites wandered for forty years.