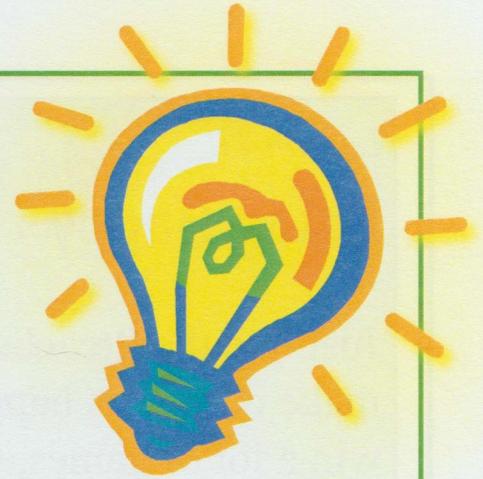


# Lighting the Way



## Parents' Page

*Lesson 11*

## Being Happy

### Your child should understand...

Contentment – Being happy with what we have

### Your child should be able to...

1. Identify what the Preacher in Ecclesiastes says is better to do than trying to get more and more money.
2. Describe what sometimes happens to a rich man.
3. Identify the fact that God gives us everything we really need.

### Your child should be memorizing...

Ecclesiastes 12:13

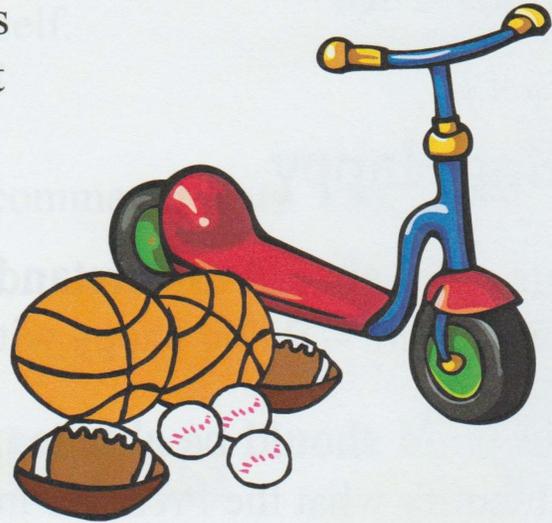
“Have respect for God and obey His commandments. That’s what everyone should do.”

### Please read to your child...

Thursday	Ecclesiastes 4:9-11
Friday	Ecclesiastes 5:1-2, 4-5
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 6:9-11
Monday	Ecclesiastes 7:9, 12, 20
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 8:9, 13, 15

## Being Happy

Just like the Preacher who wrote Ecclesiastes, sometimes we try to make ourselves happy with things. Sometimes we think if we just win a lot of games, this will make us happy. Or maybe if we have the best toys or clothes, this will make us happy. But these things really don't make us happy for long, do they? We always want more. We want to win more games and have more great toys and more nice clothes.



Wanting more and more and more and more means having more and more and more money. So a lot of grownups try to get more and more money because they think

that buying things will make them happy. But the Preacher in Ecclesiastes says that rich people are not happy just because they are rich.



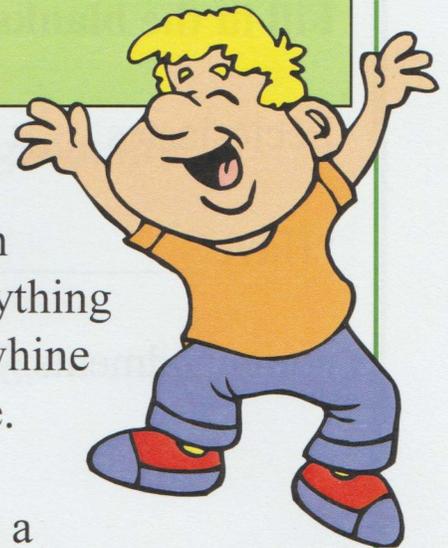
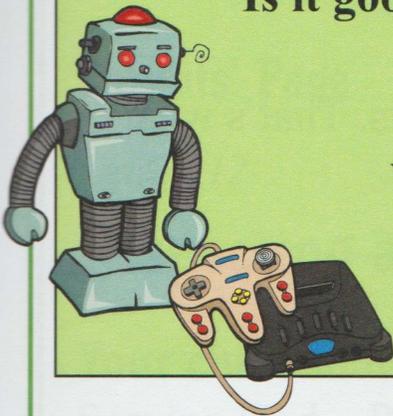
The Preacher says that some rich people seem to have lots of "friends" while they are rich. But the "friends" only want their money. If they lose all their money, their "friends" aren't really their friends any more.



**Are people always happy just because they have lots and lots of toys and clothes and money?**

**Is it good to always want more and more things and more and more money?**

**What sometimes happens to rich people and their “friends?”**



The book of Ecclesiastes tells us that being happy and content with what we have is much better than wanting more and more things. God gives us everything we really need. God doesn't want us to pout and whine about what He has given us or what we don't have. He says we should be happy with what we have. We thank God every day for His blessings. That is an important part of loving and obeying God.

**Who gives us everything we really need?**

---

**Does God want us to complain about what He has given us?**

---

**Instead of wanting more and more things and more and more money, God says it is better to be happy with what we**

---

## Being Happy

### Memory Verse:

Ecclesiastes 12:13

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

### Fill in the blanks in your memory verse:

Ecclesiastes \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

“Have \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ His  
commandments. That’s what \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_.”

## Shine a Light on the Bible Facts



What is the book of **Genesis** about?

(Creation, Flood, Tower of Babel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

**Say** the names of **Jesus’ twelve apostles**. Then, **sing** them!

(Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)

On your **Bible map**, put your **thumb** on **Mount Nebo**.