



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 from the Bible.



Calvin Seibert is a professional artist who specializes in creating beautiful and intricate sandcastles. Using simple tools like plastic buckets, trowels, and his hands, Seibert turns piles of sand into geometric, architectural masterpieces. However, Seibert knows that no matter how detailed and beautiful his sandcastles are, they will eventually be washed away by the tide.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon was trying to show us that life without God can feel like we're just building sandcastles. We might try to find happiness in toys, games, or being popular, but those things don't last. Only God can give us true joy and purpose.

It's easy to spend all our time thinking about what new toy we want or how we want to be liked by all our friends. But Ecclesiastes reminds us to focus on what's important: knowing God, loving others, and doing good things that please Him. When we focus on loving God and helping others, life has meaning! The things we do for God will last forever.

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.

**Pray:** God, thank You for reminding us that real happiness and purpose come from You. Help us not chase after things that don't last but focus on what really matters—loving You and loving others. Amen.



The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



# Don't be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 3:7



Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.



## Mornings

Ask God to help you see things you and others can do for His glory. Ask for His help in chasing after those things today. Why is it important to pay attention to the things God is doing and asking us to do each day? How does seeing those opportunities help us to pursue the things that will last?

## **Evenings**

Praise God for sending Jesus to be the Savior and King who reigns forever and ever. Thank God for providing forgiveness and salvation for us that lasts forever. How does the eternal work of Jesus help us live for things that will last? How does the promise of eternal life remind us that our lives are meant for more than temporary things?



### For Fun

On a big sheet of paper, ask family members to draw pictures or write about things that make them happy for a little while (like toys, games, or snacks). Then, on the other side, draw things that last forever and make God happy (like showing kindness, loving others, and praying). Hang the sheet up in your kitchen or living room to remind your family that what we do for God is what really matters!

### To Serve

Work with church leadership to research the history of your church. Discover who the founding leaders and members were who faithfully worshiped God together when your church first began meeting. If these founding leaders and members are still living, write them notes of thanks for their faithfulness to the Lord's church. Pray together as a family, thanking God for your church and for new churches meeting around the world.