WAYMARK 50

Meaning of Life & Love

Helping each other up

Companions can help each other when one falls.

Ecclesiastes 4:7–12

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

Why are companions better than lonely work?

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Ecclesiastes & Song
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Ecclesiastes 1-12
2. Song of Solomon 1-8

MAIN POINTS

- Good things are gifts from God but they cannot make us live forever (Ecclesiastes 2:24-26; 3:12-14).
- Remember your Creator and live in a way that honors Him (Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13-14).
- Life is better with people who help one another (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).
- Real love is patient faithful and more valuable than money (Song of Solomon 2:7; 8:6-7).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What did the Preacher learn from testing success and pleasure?
Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

2. What conclusion closes Ecclesiastes?
Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

3. What good gift from God can you enjoy today without demanding that everything go your way?
Ecclesiastes & Song

MEMORY VERSE / Ecclesiastes 3:1

Life includes different seasons and purposes that people do not fully control, so wisdom attends to the time before it (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11).

WEB

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:

KJV

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

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Ecclesiastes & Song
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 50 / Younger children

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER

ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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Ecclesiastes & Song
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Ecclesiastes 1-12
2. Song of Solomon 1-8

MAIN POINTS

- Created gifts can be enjoyed without pretending they provide permanent gain or control (Ecclesiastes 2:12-26; 3:9-14; 5:10-20).
- Reverence for God orders speech promises obedience and accountability before judgment (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; 12:13-14).
- Wisdom responds to uncertainty with faithful effort companionship generosity and timely action (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:10; 11:1-6).
- The Song portrays love as mutual patient persistent exclusive and impossible to purchase (Song of Solomon 2:7, 16; 3:1-5; 6:3; 8:4, 6-7).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What does the Preacher's testing show about lasting profit?
Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

2. How does the conclusion relate to the Preacher's long search?
Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

3. Are you asking success fun money knowledge or a relationship to make life feel completely secure? What would grateful and faithful enjoyment look like instead?
Ecclesiastes & Song

MEMORY VERSE / Ecclesiastes 12:13

The book's conclusion joins fear of God and obedience with the certainty that every work and secret thing will face judgment (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

WEB

This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

KJV

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

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Ecclesiastes & Song
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 50 / Preteen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

Meaning of Life & Love

Ecclesiastes & Song
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Ecclesiastes 1-12
2. Song of Solomon 1-8

MAIN POINTS

- Ecclesiastes distinguishes the genuine value of created goods from their inability to deliver lasting mastery or profit (Ecclesiastes 2:12-26; 5:10-20; 9:1-12).

- Human limits should produce reverent listening faithful obedience grateful enjoyment and readiness for judgment (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; 8:12-17; 12:13-14).

- Uncertain outcomes do not excuse passivity because wisdom still works gives diversifies and acts with strength (Ecclesiastes 9:10-18; 11:1-6).

- Song of Solomon gives both lovers active voices and presents love as patient reciprocal persistent exclusive and beyond purchase (Song of Solomon 1:1-17; 2:7, 16; 5:2-16; 6:3; 8:4, 6-7).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How can Ecclesiastes call work and possessions vanity while also calling enjoyment a gift from God?
Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

2. Why do time mortality and judgment change the way the Preacher tells people to live now?
Ecclesiastes 3:1-17

3. Which created good are you tempted to make responsible for your identity control or lasting meaning? How can Ecclesiastes help you receive it as a gift without making it ultimate?
Ecclesiastes & Song

MEMORY VERSE / Ecclesiastes 3:11

God makes His work fitting in its time while human beings remain unable to discover that work from beginning to end (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

WEB

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in their hearts, yet so that man can't find out the work that God has done from the beginning even to the end.

KJV

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

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Ecclesiastes & Song
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 50 / Teen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

Meaning of Life & Love

Ecclesiastes & Song
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Ecclesiastes 1-12
2. Song of Solomon 1-8

MAIN POINTS

- Created goods remain gifts but become oppressive when asked to yield permanent profit mastery or identity (Ecclesiastes 2:1-26; 5:10-20; 6:1-12).
- The limits of knowledge and control direct the creature toward reverence obedient action grateful reception and final judgment (Ecclesiastes 3:9-14; 5:1-7; 8:16-17; 12:13-14).
- Ecclesiastes answers uncertainty with companionship diligent work diversified generosity and action that does not wait for perfect conditions (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:10; 11:1-6).
- The Song's alternating voices present love through mutual desire praise patience belonging loss reunion exclusivity and value that wealth cannot acquire (Song of Solomon 1:1-17; 2:7, 16; 3:1-5; 5:2-16; 6:3; 8:4, 6-7).

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-17

3. Where has a created good become responsible for producing mastery identity or permanent gain? What concrete practice of reverence obedience companionship generosity or grateful enjoyment would restore its proper place?
Ecclesiastes & Song

MEMORY VERSE / Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

Ordinary food and satisfaction in labor are received from God's hand rather than manufactured by achievement alone (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25).

WEB

There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it is from the hand of God. For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?

KJV

There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God. For who can eat, or who else can hasten hereunto, more than I?

Meaning of Life & Love

Ecclesiastes & Song
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 50 / Adult

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER