

**Large Group Leader:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>What to Do</b>	<b>Materials</b>
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids  Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: Carter Vandorp (July 5) Annaleigh Guzman (July 9) Hally Jansons (July 7)	
2 minutes	<p>Call to Worship:</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Sometimes we wonder, "What is life all about?" <b>Kids:</b> God gives our lives purpose!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Is having lots of toys the most important thing? <b>Kids:</b> No! God is what matters most!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Is being the fastest or the smartest enough? <b>Kids:</b> No! We need God!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Solomon learned that everything on earth comes and goes. <b>Kids:</b> But God's love lasts forever!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> When we follow God, He shows us how to live. <b>Kids:</b> We will trust Him every day!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Let's worship the God who gives our lives meaning and joy. <b>Kids:</b> We worship You, God!</p>	Bible

10 minutes singing	I was made for this - Lifeway Kids	Video
	This is the day -	
	Tell the story – Page 119	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	<p>Questions from kids video:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do some people say they're Christians but they don't go to church?</li> <li>2.</li> </ol>	
	<p>Ask questions: See page 100</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After David died, who became the next king of Israel?</li> <li>2. What did Solomon ask God for?</li> <li>3. What else did God give Solomon?</li> </ol>	
	<p>Summer Scripture Bingo -</p> <p>Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!</p>	
2 minutes	<p>God, thank You for reminding us that You promise to live with those who trust in Your Son, Jesus. Help us turn from evil, and guide us to love others with the truth of the gospel. Amen.</p>	
1 minute	<p>Do the blessing with them:</p> <p>May the Lord Bless You and Keep you.  May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."</p>	



## LEARN the Bible Story

### 1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Ecclesiastes 1:1-11. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Solomon Thought about Life.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

#### SOLOMON THOUGHT ABOUT LIFE

**“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.

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).**

Christ Connection: People spend their lives trying to get riches, power, and fame,

#### STORYTELLING TIPS

**Use facial expressions:** As you read, invite kids to use facial expressions to describe how Solomon felt about life. This will help enforce that life without God is sad and empty.

**Change locations:** If weather permits, consider teaching the lesson outside. Prompt kids to look around at all God has made. Remind kids that all of this is meaningless apart from God who created it!



## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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. 🙏

## 2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

**SAY** 🗣️ God gave Solomon riches, fame, and wisdom. But Solomon wanted to remind people that all of these things would never be as important or as wonderful as God. What book did Solomon write to help people understand this truth? [Allow responses.] Through the book of Ecclesiastes, **SOLOMON TAUGHT THAT LIFE HAS NO MEANING APART FROM GOD.**

Solomon understood that everything on the earth is the same as it has always been. What are some things that happen in your life every day? [Allow responses.] The sun rises in the morning, and we wake up. The sun sets, and we go to bed. We eat, we play, and we do chores. Doing these activities without honoring God through them won't matter in the end. But when we do these activities for God, we know they will matter because they glorify Him.

What did Solomon say matters in life? [Allow responses.] Solomon said what matters most is knowing God and living for Him. Even though people are sinful, those who trust in Jesus will be forgiven of their sin and can live for God. 🙏

## 3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

**SAY** 🗣️ 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. Have you trusted in Jesus? Do you follow Jesus and live for Him? 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

## 4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 12, Session 3” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. How can we remember to serve the Lord as we go about our days?
2. How does following Jesus give our lives purpose?

## 5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

**SAY** 🗣️ Orvil Reid was a missionary to Mexico from 1938–1976. One way Orvil drew in crowds to share the gospel was through strong-man feats. One time, nine male students tried to pull an iron bar from Orvil's grip but could not succeed. Another time, Orvil challenged four men to bend his outstretched arm. During another feat, Orvil clasped his hands together and challenged 32 men to pull them apart. After these performances, Orvil would share the good news about Jesus. 🙏

Invite kids to perform some fun “strength-building” skills. Lead kids to do jumping jacks, arm circles, crab walks, and to lay on their stomachs while lifting feet, legs, hands, and head into



the air to see how long they can maintain the pose. Compliment the kids on their acts of strength.

Close in prayer, thanking God for sending missionaries like Orvil Reid to tell the people of Mexico about Jesus. Thank God for the purpose He gives Christians to tell others about Jesus.

**6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)**

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Proverbs 3:7 together.

**SAY** “ Solomon taught that earthly things don’t last. We know how to live with purpose when we turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. Now let’s explore this truth more in our key passage. ”

Write a word or two of the key passage on sticky notes. Place one sticky note on each kid’s forehead. Encourage them to work together to find out which word each person has. Instruct them to arrange themselves in the correct order of the key passage. Once the kids are lined up, help them recite the key passage from memory along with you.

Lead kids to sing “Fear the LORD (Proverbs 3:7).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

**7 PRAY (2 minutes)**

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

**SAY** “ God, thank You for providing us with what is lasting through your Son, Jesus. Help us be light in a dark world and share the meaning and purpose You offer with those around us. Amen. ”



