

## FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE—MARCH 1, 2026

Today's Worship Guide looks very different, did you notice? What is left out from our normal Worship Guide? Can you remember? Draw some of these things below. Use the other side as a giant coloring page and watch in future weeks how it's used.

## Congregational Reading—Fill in the missing words below.

*Colossians 1:15-20*

He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were \_\_\_\_\_, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether \_\_\_\_\_ or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things \_\_\_\_\_ together. And he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to \_\_\_\_\_ to himself all things, whether on earth or in \_\_\_\_\_, making peace by the blood of his \_\_\_\_\_.

## Worship Team

Can you see the people in the pictures below on stage this morning? Draw their instruments and/or a microphone next to each picture. Who is missing from these picture? Draw them and their instruments.



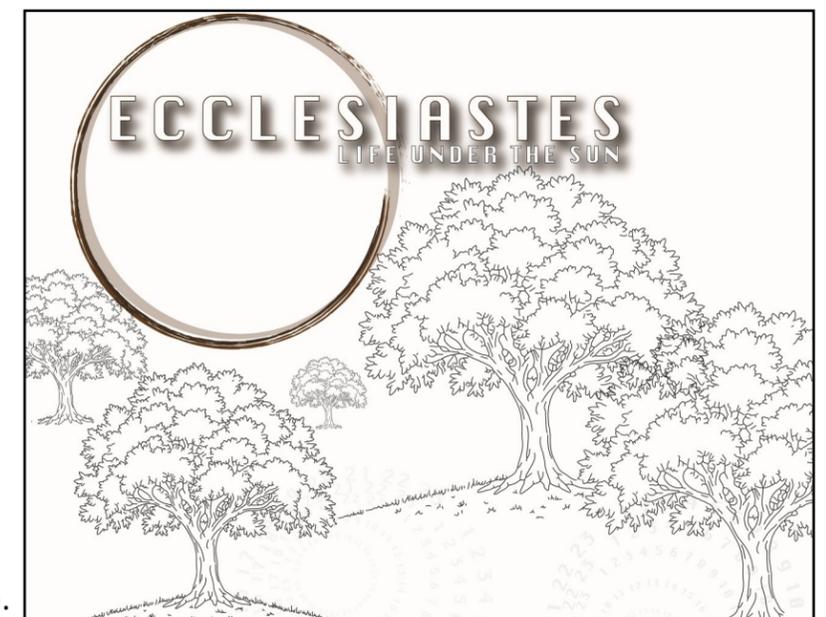
## What are the main themes of Ecclesiastes that Pastor Arnie talked about this morning?

Fill in the missing words below and color the picture.

Main Themes of Ecclesiastes:

1. Tragic \_\_\_\_\_ of the Fall
2. The vanity of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sin and \_\_\_\_\_
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ and frustration at work
5. The grateful enjoyment of God's \_\_\_\_\_ gifts
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Can you find pictures that represent any of these themes on the other side? Circle them.



**1:1**  
THE WORDS OF **QOHELET**, SON OF **DAVID**, KING OF **JERUSALEM**

HEBREW: ONE WHO GATHERS PEOPLE



"TEACHER"

DIFFERENT VIEWS ON AUTHORSHIP

- KING SOLOMON?
- ANOTHER DESCENDANT OF DAVID?
- ISRAELITE TEACHER USING A SOLOMON-LIKE PERSONA

**KEY POINT:** THE TEACHER IS DIFFERENT THAN THE AUTHOR

ANONYMOUS



TEACHER

# ECCLESIASTES



"HEVEL, HEVEL, EVERYTHING IS UTTERLY HEVEL"

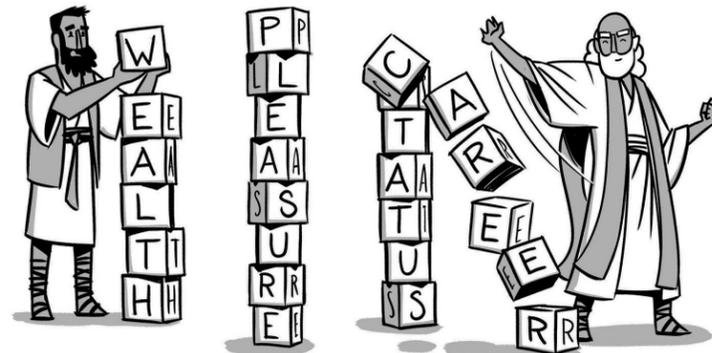
HEBREW: VAPOR, SMOKE → USED 38 TIMES

- 1 TEMPORARY, FLEETING
- 2 ENIGMA, PARADOX



## THE AUTHOR'S BASIC GOAL

TO LET THE TEACHER DECONSTRUCT ALL THE WAYS WE FIND MEANING & PURPOSE APART FROM GOD



## THE TEACHER (1:3 - 12:7)



1:1

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER

**1:3-11 TIME**

**1:2**

TIME WILL EVENTUALLY ERASE YOU, ME, AND ALL WE CARE ABOUT

**CAREER**

STRESS

AGE

LEAVE IT BEHIND

**PLEASURE**

MONDAY ALWAYS COMES

• WEALTH  
• CAREER  
• STATUS  
• PLEASURE

• WISDOM  
• FEAR OF THE LORD (SEE 9:13-18)

**HEVEL**  
NO GUARANTEES  
**ENIGMA**

HOW DO YOU LIVE LIFE IN THE MIDST OF HEVEL?

ACCEPT THAT ALL OF LIFE IS OUT OF YOUR CONTROL

THE GIFT OF GOD

FRIENDSHIP

FAMILY

GOOD MEAL

SUNNY DAY

## 11:7-12:7 DEATH

WISDOM

FOOLISH

RICH

POOR

**GONNA DIE**

**GONNA DIE**

THE GREAT EQUALIZER

12:8

## 12:9-14

### CONCLUSION & EVALUATION OF THE TEACHER



"OF THE MAKING OF BOOKS THERE IS NO END"

THE CONCLUSION: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDS - THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF HUMANS: FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY DEED INTO JUDGMENT. EVERY HIDDEN THING, WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL (12:13-14)

## THE AUTHOR (1:1, 12:9-14)

