

ECCLESIASTES 1:12-2:26

THE TWO KINGS OF HAPPINESS

A CCS Resource
for Parents & Carers



FOR OLDER KIDS
& TEENS



KEY POINT:

Nothing in life can give us lasting happiness because we die.



- What do you imagine your best and happiest life to be like?
- What do you think you need to do to have the happy life you want?
- How sure are you that doing this will give you the happy life you want?
- How sure are you having the life you want will make you ultimately happy?



PRAY for God's help as you come to His Word

READ [ECCLESIASTES 1:12 & 2:20-26](#)



1. Last week we met the Teacher who is teaching us what this world is like and how to live in it. What does the Teacher say about himself in 1:12? *He was the greatest king of Israel.*
2. What does the king aim to do and how does he try to do this? (1:13, 2:1-11) *He tried to be happy. He used wisdom; he tried to experience fun and good things; he even worked hard and used lots of money to have a good life.*
3. What does he say about it all in the end and why does he say this? (1:14, 2:17, 21) *It's like chasing after the wind because in the end we die.*
4. Have a look at what the king says about himself in 2:9-10. Why is it important for us to know that this great king wasn't happy even though he had the best life? *We live our lives trying to make our lives happy like this king did. If he couldn't do it neither can we!*
5. How does knowing he will die help the king live life the right way? (2:24-26) *He stops living life to please himself with the things of this world. Instead he lives to please God, who gives us the good things to enjoy.*
6. What does Jesus say he has come to do for us in John 10:10-11, 17-18, and how does he do this? *He has come to give us life to the full. He does this by dying for us and rising again.*
7. Why is King Jesus able to give us life to the full? *Because he deals with death by rising from the dead.*
8. In Luke 12v29-34, what does it look like for Christians to live to please God now?



1. How is knowing your life is mist the key to living the right way in this world?
2. How does this passage help you to have right expectations about your future plans?
3. What might it look like for you to live now for God's kingdom and enjoy the good things He gives you as a gift?



Thank God that King Jesus is able to give us life to the full. **Pray** and ask that He would help you know that life in this world is like mist. **Pray** that He would help you to live life to please Him and not yourself, and enjoy the good things He gives you as a gift.