

How to Listen to a Sermon
Ecclesiastes 1:1-10



Today's Bible passage tells us that everything in this world is 'meaningless.' What does Pastor Tom say is a better translation of this Hebrew word?

What are some weekly rhythms that help you stay connected to God?

What was your favorite song today?

Name one interesting thing you did this week.

Prayer requests:

Name. _____

Today's Bible Passage: Ecclesiastes 1:1-10

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

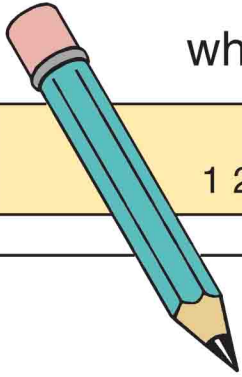
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The words of the **Teacher**, son of **David**, **king** in **Jerusalem**: "**Meaningless! Meaningless!**" says the **Teacher**. "Utterly **meaningless! Everything is meaningless.**" What do **people gain** from all their **labors** at which they **toil** under the sun?

Generations

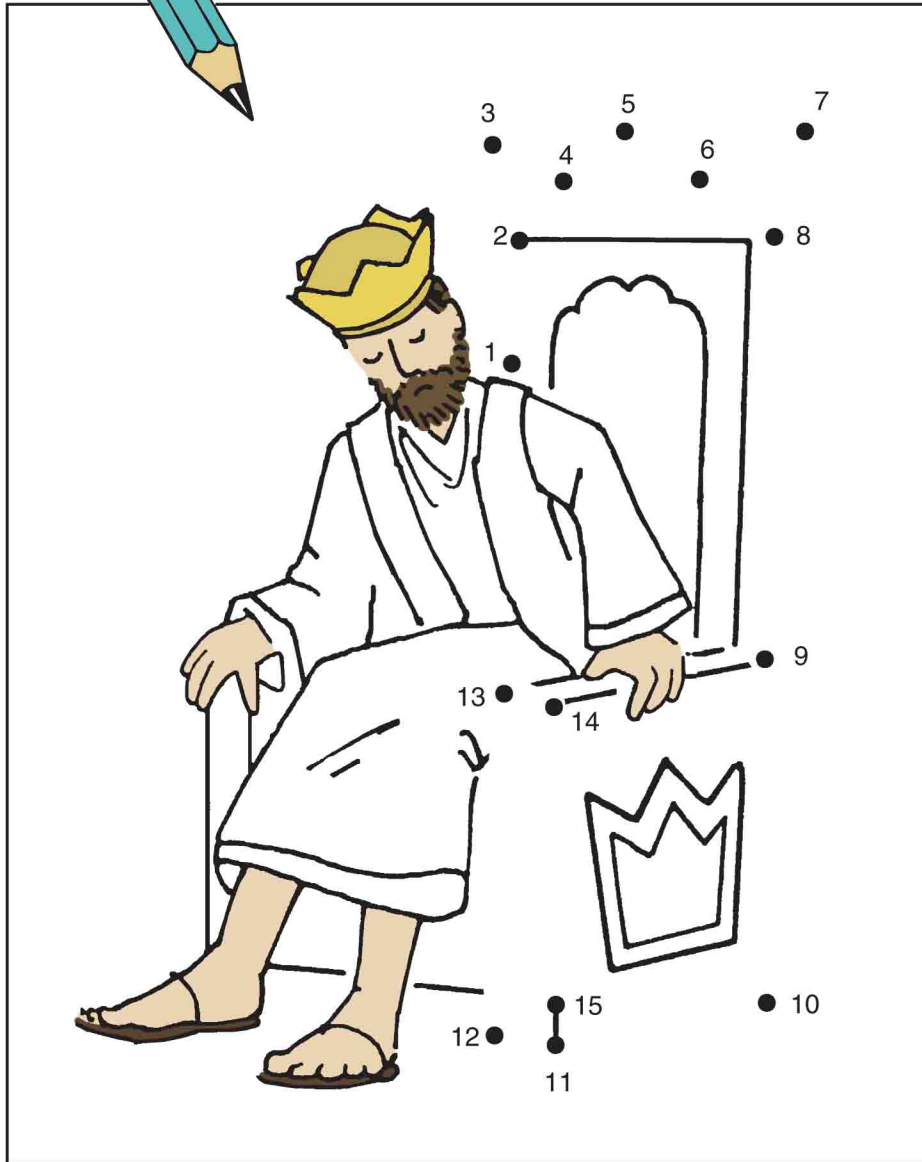
come and **generations** go, but the **earth remains forever**. The sun **rises** and the sun **sets**, and **hurries back** to where it **rises**. The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. All **streams** flow into the sea, yet the sea is **never** full. To the place the **streams come** from, **there** they **return again**. All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye **never** has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. What has **been** will be **again**, what has **been done** will be **done again**; **there** is nothing new under the sun. Is **there** anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new"? It was **here** already, long ago; it was **here** before our time.

For without God,
who can find enjoyment?



Connect the dots.

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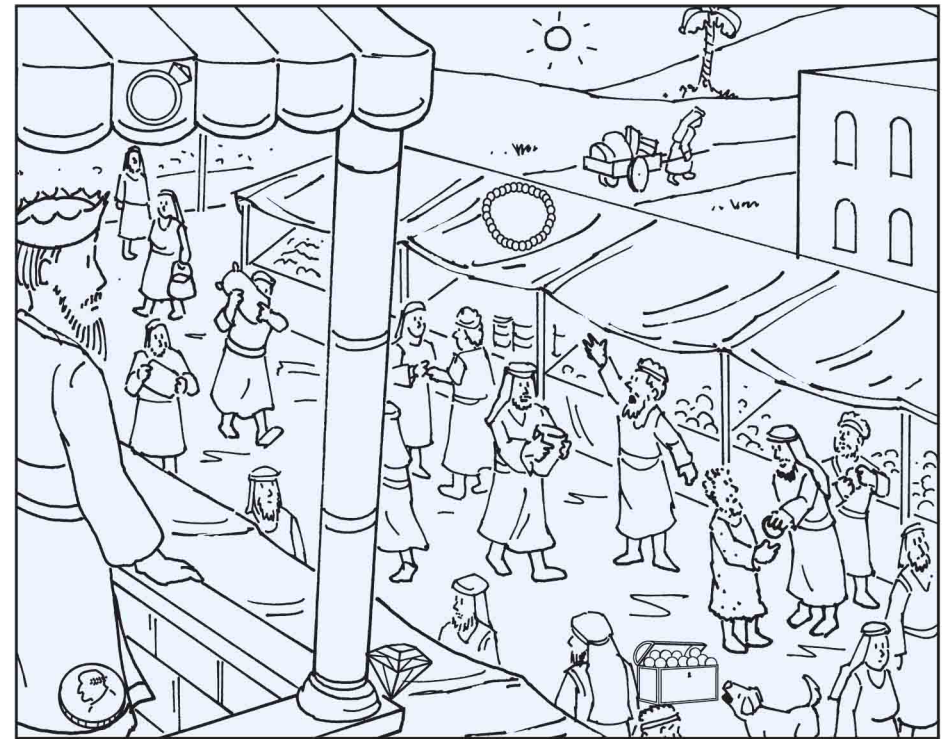
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Trying to Understand Life

A teacher who was a king studied life.

Find these objects hidden below.

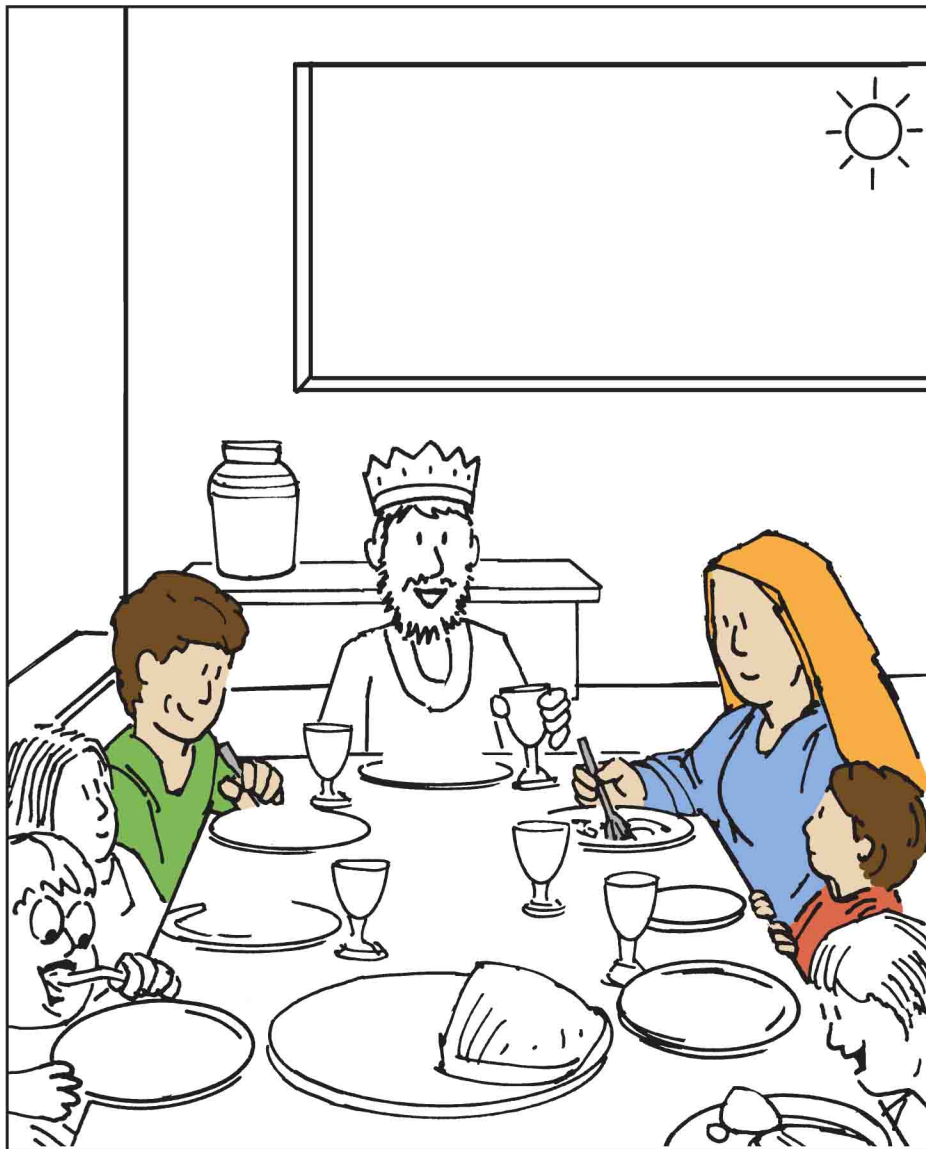


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The teacher decided that people can do nothing better than to eat, drink and find satisfaction in their work.



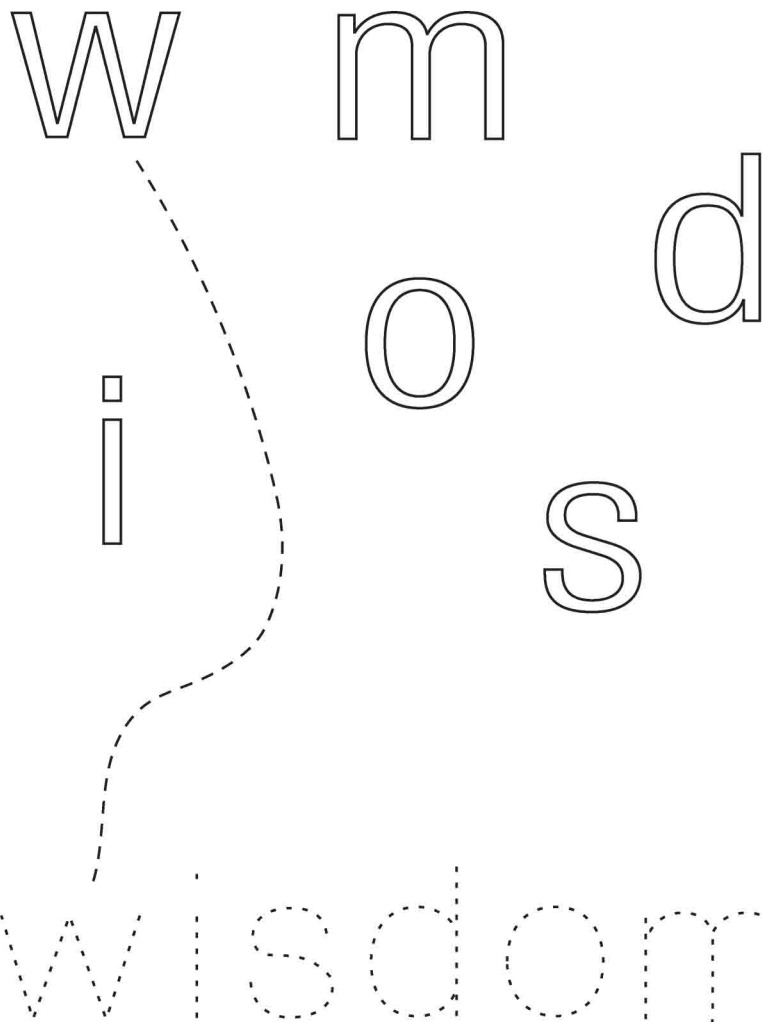
Finish the picture. Add food.
Draw an outside scene
in the window.

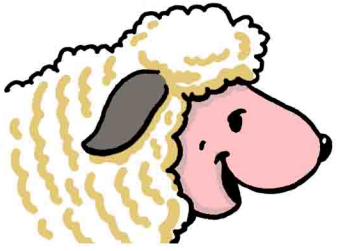


God gives wisdom,
knowledge and happiness
to those who please Him.



Match the letters.
Trace the letters of the word.

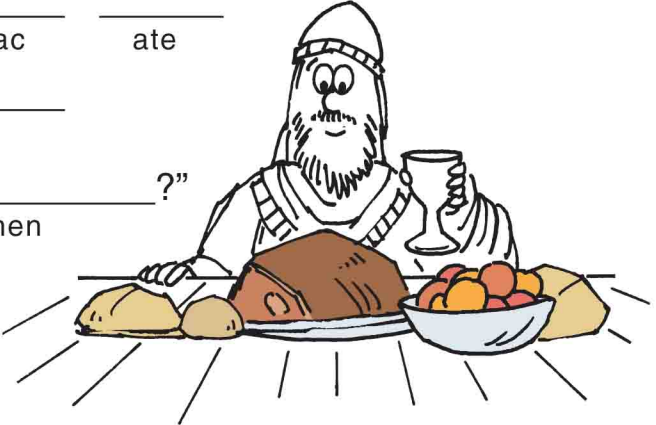




What does the Teacher say about daily life?

Unscramble the words and read the Teacher's message.

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 _____ ormf _____ het _____ adhn _____ fo _____ doG _____:
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Trying to Understand Life

A teacher who was king in Israel decided to study wisdom. What did the teacher learn?

Find 11 hidden letters in the picture. Unscramble the words and put them in the correct spaces to read the passage.



“With much wisdom comes much _____; the more knowledge, the more _____.”



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What things did the Teacher notice have never changed, since the beginning of the world?

Fill in the missing letters in each of the partial statements. Then match the beginning of each observation with its ending. Hint: They are missing the same letter.

1	2	3
Gener__tions come __nd gener__tions go ...	The __un ri__e__ and the __un __et__ ...	The wind bl__ws t__ the s__uth and turns t__ the n__rth;
All s__reams flow in__o __he sea ...	Th__ __y__ n__v__r has __nough of s__ __ing ...	What has bee__ do__e will be do__e agai__ ...

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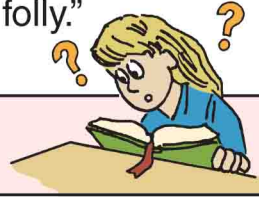
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#__ ... ye__ __he sea is never full.

#__ ... but the e__rth rem__ins forever.

#__ ... nor th__ __ar its fill of h__aring.

The Teacher said, "I turned my thoughts to consider wisdom, and also madness and folly."
What was his conclusion?



Solve the clues and use the code to complete the passage.

a water bird

__ _ c _
1 2 3

loud breathing when sleeping

__ _ _ _
4 5 6 7 8

strong and valiant for battle

__ _ _ _ _
9 10 11 12 13 14

a vertical part of a room

__ _ _ _
15 16 17 18

a short quick poke

__ _ _
19 20 21

