

The Grand Search

Why are we here? What is the purpose of life? The book of Ecclesiastes is written by the wisest man, King Solomon. He is searching for the meaning of life. In this book we catch a glimpse of what a pessimist he was. He writes, “what profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun?” And, “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” After all his pessimism he does end with what to do now, “Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment.” So, enjoy your life, but don’t forget what is ahead.

Hide and Go Seek

Objectives:	Seek out the purpose and meaning of life Find your family members Have fun with your family
Number of Players:	2 or more
Length:	30 minutes, add or subtract rounds to fit your time-frame.
Set up:	<p>Cut out the scriptures on the next page and put each one in a separate envelope or hollow egg--these are TREASURE that the hiders will be seeking while they are hiding from IT. Set the boundaries of your play area. i.e. the back yard, the entire house, etc. Pick the first person to be IT. Pick a BASE.</p> <p>Hide the TREASURE around the play area. Make them either easy or difficult to find based on the age of the players.</p> <p>Have a timer or a time keeper.</p> <p>Explain the game to everyone.</p> <p>The first person to be IT will close and cover their eyes while standing at BASE and count to 50 (or less depending on the size of your hiding area). All of the other players should hide within the play area. Once IT has finished counting, they should shout, “Ready or not, here I come!” (at this time set the timer for 7 minutes--you can increase or decrease this time based on how quick or slow your family is) IT now has 7 minutes to find and tag the hiders. The hiders can stay hidden or they can try to sneak back to BASE--once they have touched BASE, they are safe.</p> <p>Also the hiders should look for the hidden TREASURE (envelopes/eggs) and bring them back to BASE with them. They can find these while they are looking for a place to hide. Or, they can find them while they are sneaking back to BASE. If a hider is touched by IT either while they are hiding or at any time before they touch BASE, they are out and they must forfeit any TREASURE they have found. Once the 7 minutes are up, any hiders who have made it back to BASE or who have not been found by IT can keep any TREASURE they have found. Any TREASURE that was found but forfeited should be hidden again to be found in the next round.</p> <p>You can play as many rounds as you want. The person who is IT in the next round is the person who was first tagged/found by IT in the last round.</p> <p>Save at least 10-20 minutes to reveal and discuss the TREASURE found and to pray with your family.</p>
Play:	



FAMILY STUDY

Discussion: Sit with your family in a circle and begin opening/reading your TREASURE in order. After each reading, discuss what that means to you individually and as a family, and how you can practically use that TREASURE as a family.

Close in prayer, requesting wisdom and that God would reveal His purpose for your family.

I know that whatever God does, it will be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him. Ecclesiastes 2:14

Two is better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment. Ecclesiastes 11:9

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them." Ecclesiastes 12:1

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. Ecclesiastes 12:13

For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12:14