

# Children's Ministry

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FOURTH

October 11<sup>th</sup> | | Ecclesiastes 5

Main Point: God is sovereign and good to us.

Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 and ask:

1. Why does the Preacher say we should guard our words?
2. What does the Preacher say is better than intending to do something and not following through?
3. Read Hebrews 10:19-23. Does the author of Hebrews sound like the Preacher?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:16-20 and ask:

4. What happens to the one who gained a lot of money?
5. How does the Preacher say we should respond?
6. Read Matthew 6:31-34. What does Jesus say we should believe, knowing God has control over all things?

Read Luke 11:9-13 and ask:

1. Why should we ask, seek and knock?
2. Does God have the power to provide these things?
3. Why does your dad give you the food you need?
4. How can we trust God will do the same?

Jesus is teaching the disciples about prayer. As He instructs about prayer, He tells us we should ask of God. God has the power and authority to provide all that we need. Explain to the kids that God's power over all things is called **sovereignty**. Sovereignty means that God answers to no person and cannot be limited by any thing. He can provide for us because He has power over all things.

But God is not like a bully; someone who abuses you and treats you poorly because He can. Because of God's great love for us, He uses His sovereignty to respond to us in love. This does not mean things always go easy for us, or that we get anything we want. It means that God will always seek to give what is BEST for us. And God's best is to let us know Jesus even better: And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.—Romans 8:28-29

Because God loves us, He will use (and is powerful enough to ensure it will happen) everything to help us know Him and grow more like Him!

- Ask the kids:
1. Why is it a good thing that God is much more powerful than you?
  2. When are you tempted not to trust God's good power?

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What shall we say then to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?—Romans 8:31

The mighty power of God also gives us confidence that we are eternally secure in His hand. Nothing can touch us that He does not allow, and nothing He allows can ruin us, but God will use it to grow His children. Our salvation was secured, not by our actions, but by His mighty act of salvation!