



Family Worship Guide: False vs. Real Security

Read Together

⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. ¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:9-12 ESV)

Main Idea: Money is not the source of our security and hope. The promise of God is.

Preschool Takeaway: God gives us all we need to live. But God offers so much more. Jesus is God's Son. He made a way for us to know and love God forever. That is much better than all the toys and gadgets this world has to offer!

Can you name two things that God gives you on earth? Think about how God is better!

Kids Takeaway: What does "temporary" mean? What does "eternal" mean? What is something temporary in your life? We have to think about and deal with things that happen on this earth, but God wants us to think about the eternal things, too. How can you use what God has given you to show love to God and others?

Students Takeaway: What do you see people pursuing in world around us? The richest and most popular person in the world takes none of their money and popularity with them when they die. The only thing that matters is what we've done with Jesus. I'd rather invest my life in something that impacts the eternity of others rather than waste my life on temporary things. How about you?

Couples: Is your view of your finances biblical? Honestly evaluate your attitudes regarding money. How are you looking to the temporary rather than the eternal for hope and security?

Pray Together

Ask God to forgive any bad attitudes regarding money. (This is a great time to be vulnerable with your kids or grandkids and coach them in the grace and way of Christ.) Ask God to help you look to his reward rather than what we see on earth.

Sing Together

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in his wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

Serve Together

Involve the entire family in your giving this week. Talk about what you are doing and where the money goes. Talk about the "why" and the attitude behind the giving.

Bible Stories to Read this Week

Solomon's Regret

Solomon had more money than anyone alive today... perhaps ever! What did he think about his money when he was older?

(Ecclesiastes 2:8-11)

God's Gracious Provision

Jesus knew we sometimes worry about temporary things, so he taught us a great lesson from nature about God and where we need to focus.

(Luke 12:22-34)