



Happy

MAIN IDEA

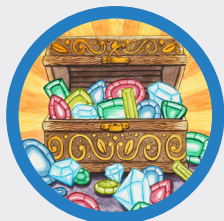
- **God delights in being God.**

MEMORY VERSE

[He] is the blessed
and only Sovereign,
the King of kings
and Lord of lords.
—1 Timothy 6:15b

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 16:11
- 2) Psalm 104:31
- 3) Psalm 115:3
- 4) Zephaniah 3:17
- 5) 1 Timothy 6:15b



LESSON SUMMARY

Ponder for a moment the beautiful perfections of God: His self-sufficiency, eternal and triune nature, almighty power, wisdom, sovereign rule, righteous character, etc. It makes perfect sense that God would delight in all that He is and does. He is the happiest being in the universe! And, to our utter amazement, He has chosen to share the overflow of His own happiness with His creation, especially with His chosen people. He does not love or do good out of grudging duty—like some kind of grumpy, spiteful old man—but out of the joyful freedom He has in being the *"happy" and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.*

In this lesson, we taught the children various ways in which God demonstrates His happiness. We ended the lesson by emphasizing that God wants us to be happy, too. And He is happy to show us that He alone can make us truly happy forever!

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...

- *that your child would be drawn to the incomparable treasure of God's happiness.*
- *for the Holy Spirit to be at work, so that your child would "taste and see" what it means to find satisfaction in this blessed and only Sovereign.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- **Have you ever thought of God as being happy, the happiest Person in the whole universe? Why is it good news to know the truth that God is happy?**

Read and discuss Psalm 16:11. **What is the "path of life" that God has shown to us? What is the only way that a person could enjoy the happiness of God forever?** [trusting in Jesus for eternal life so that we can enjoy God forever, John 14:6]

- **Recall a special treat or food that makes your child happy. After eating it, how long did the happiness it brought last? What does this show us about what we think will make us happy? Why would God be the only One able to make us happy—truly happy—forever? Do you have a hard time believing this? What makes it**

hard? [Possible responses: God does not seem real compared to other things; other things seem more fun than God; etc.] Have a time of prayer together asking God to increase our heart's desire for true, lasting happiness, and not the temporary fun of the world.

- **Can you think of ways in which you have seen the happiness of God?** Maybe as you watched a puppy playing with a ball. Or, you have felt God's "smile" upon you as you were singing praise to Him. **However, are there things that**

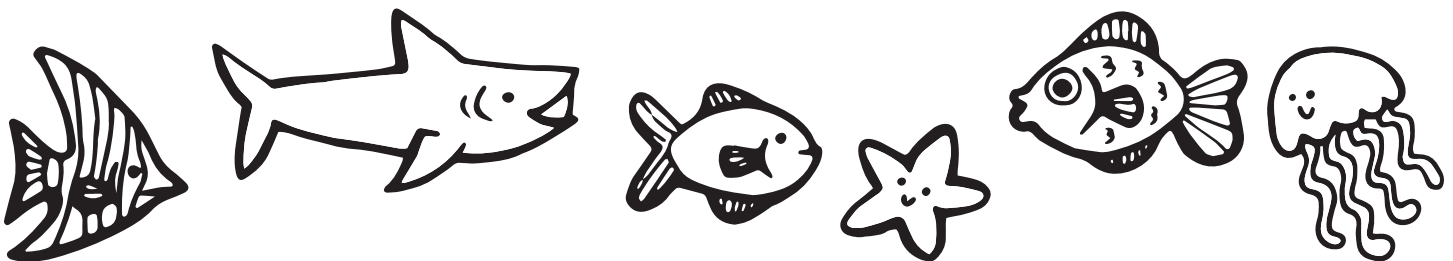
God gets angry about? Are there things that God is saddened by? [man's sin and rebellion and the pain we suffer as a result of living in a fallen world] Explain that God is not happy about those things, just as a man who enjoys being a daddy will rightly be angered and saddened by his child's disobedience. But God is still always happy being God, even though He is angered and saddened by man's sin. He is still sovereign over His world. His perfect plans are still being accomplished.

ACTION STEP

This week, read and talk about the words of the hymn, *This is My Father's World*. What examples does the hymn writer give of God's happiness? What other things has God created that especially show His happiness? How could you respond to God, showing your happiness in Him? Sing the hymn together.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Fill in the blanks to complete your memory verse. Then, use those letters to fill in the matching spaces below to reveal the secret message.



[He] is the bles1ed 2nd onl3
 Soverei4n, the K5ng of kings and
 Lor6 of l7rds.—1 Timot8y 6:15b

Secret Message:

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