

It's a job to be Job—Lesson #13
Psalm 73, 1 John 2:17

HOOK: Have you ever been frustrated because something wasn't fair? Maybe someone in your family ate the last cookie without asking (and you were hoping you would get it) or maybe you played a game with a friend and you lost because your friend didn't play by the rules! If that has ever happened, you may have said something like, "Hey, that's not fair!"

BOOK: The Bible tells us that we shouldn't worry if others seem to get away with doing wrong or having things handed to them like riches or success, even if they don't deserve it. Riches and success and even cookies don't last forever! Only God and our relationship with Him really matter; that is much more important than anything else.

There is a man in the Bible that wrote a whole Psalm (or song) about how mad it made him when people who didn't love and obey God got away with doing bad things. But then he remembered that he had something they didn't have—He belonged to the Lord and that is worth more than anything the others could possibly receive or get away with.

1 John 2:17 says: **"The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever."**

LOOK: If someone does something wrong and he/she doesn't get caught does that mean they really get away with it? Nope! God sees everything and our actions matter to Him. Sometimes we worry too much about what other people are doing—what they seem to be getting away with or if they get something good that they don't deserve. Instead, let's focus on how we can live to please God. He sees us, for example, when we treat others kindly and when we obey our parents. He knows our thoughts, attitudes and actions. And it's His will that we love Him and believe that He sent His son to die for our sins. He will give us **this very best reward** for doing His will: **One day we will live with God in Heaven forever!** Now *that* is bigger and better and more wonderful than anything the world can give us. God is to be our treasure!

TOOK: Next time you want something you don't get or you feel like something isn't fair, tell yourself this: "God is my treasure. Heaven is my prize. He is what matters. I can trust in Him." (*Say this 2x with your students repeating after you. Then have a quick time of prayer to praise Him.*)

Prayer: "Lord, you are more important than anything the world offers us. Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, and Heaven that awaits us! Amen."

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What We Learned: The Bible (Psalm 73) tells us that we shouldn't worry if others seem to get away with doing wrong or having things handed to them like riches or success, even if they don't deserve it. What really matters is the Lord and our relationship with Him—these things last forever!



Memory Verse: “The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:17



Parent/Child Activity: Chat with your child about Heaven. Let them know that it's going to be more wonderful there in God's presence than we can ever imagine now! Then, remind your child and yourself by having him/her repeat these simple sentences of truth after you (make up some hand motions to go with them if you want to): “God is my treasure. Heaven is my prize. He is what matters. I can trust in Him.”



Daily Prayer: “Lord, you are more important than anything the world offers us. Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, and Heaven that awaits us! Amen.”