

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Hot Topics

1. This week the world remembers September 11. What were you doing 10 years ago when you heard the news about the terrorist attacks in the USA?

2. The world has changed after September 11. Airport Security has become more strict, people are more worried there will be future attacks. What are you worried about?

3. When terrible things happen in our world it is hard to understand. One very wise King, a long time ago wrote about the various 'times' in our lives. Our life can be divided into periods of time or seasons. For example:
 Infancy—a time to explore,
 Kindergarten—a time to play,
 Elementary school—a time to read and count..

Complete the following:

High school—a time for.....
 University—a time for.....
 Military service—a time for.....
 Holidays—a time for.....
 Coming to Australia—a time for...
 What's next—a time for....

4. Every time in life has its challenges and opportunities. What opportunities are you facing right now? What challenges are you facing ?

5. Looking back over your life: What has been the best time in your life so far? Why?

6. What has been the worst time? Why?

Discuss the underlined words, then read the story.

uproot—to tear or pull up by the roots

mourn—to grieve or feel sorrow, especially for a dead person

embrace—to hug or to take closely into ones arms

refrain—to keep oneself from doing or saying something

King Solomon—one the richest and wisest men who ever lived. King of Israel 1015-975 B.C. He wrote many wise sayings.

tear—to pull apart with force or violence

mend—to repair and get something back into working order

misfortune—bad luck

KING SOLOMON WROTE THESE WORDS 3000 YEARS AGO...

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die, A
 time to plant and a time to uproot, A
 time to kill and a time to heal,
 A time to tear down and a time to build,
 A time to weep and a time to laugh,
 A time to mourn and a time to dance,
 A time to scatter stones and a time to gather
 them together,
 A time to embrace and a time to refrain, A
 time to search and a time to give up,
 A time to keep and a time to throw away, A
 time to tear and a time to mend,
 A time to be silent and a time to speak, A
 time to love and a time to hate,
 A time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



QUESTIONS

1. Imagine that you are making a video clip or slide show to accompany a reading of these words—what images would you film or photograph?
2. Is it true that there is a time for everything in this life? Discuss. Think of those who die young or who meet with great misfortune.
3. Which of the statements above seem most strange to you? Why? Discuss.
4. When is it ever right to hate? Explain.
5. When is it ever right to kill? Why?
6. Some people believe that our lives are in the hands of God—and that He orders or allows whatever happens to us. How does that thought make you feel? What is required to trust in his goodness and wisdom?
 IF THERE IS ENOUGH TIME, DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTION...
7. It is also written: **All things are working together for the good of those who love God.** Do you love God, or do you know anyone who does? Discuss. What comfort can you take from these words if you love God? Would you like to have that kind of confidence as you face the future? How can someone get to know and love God?