

from ECCLESIASTES, CHAPTER 3 / PSALM 23 / THE PARABLE OF THE
PRODIGAL SON

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Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 487 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer the questions.

- 4. Interpret Imagery** For each phrase from Psalm 23, circle the sense(s) to which it appeals.

- a. “leadeth me beside still waters” sight hearing touch
b. “walk through the valley of the shadow of death” sight hearing touch
c. “anointest my head with oil” sight hearing touch

- 5. Analyze Parable** Match each character from “The Parable of the Prodigal Son” to the idea he symbolizes. Write the letter of the idea on the line before the character.

- _____ the younger son **a.** a faithful follower
_____ the father **b.** a forgiving God
_____ the elder brother **c.** a wayward sinner

- 6. Make Inferences** Match each selection to the spiritual advice it gives. Write the letter of the advice on the line before the selection.

- _____ Ecclesiastes **a.** It’s never too late to redeem yourself.
_____ Psalm 23 **b.** Life is neither all good nor all bad.
_____ Parable of the Prodigal Son **c.** Faith in the Lord can ease troubles.

- 7. Synthesize Information** What kinds of lives would you guess the ancient Hebrews led? Base your answer on the biblical selections.

- 8. Evaluate Scriptural Writing** Match each selection to the type of writing it is.

Write the correct letter on the line next to the selection.

- _____ Ecclesiastes **a.** sacred song or lyric poem
_____ Psalm 23 **b.** short story that tells a moral truth
_____ Parable of the Prodigal Son **c.** brief statement of guidance or advice