

Virtual Roots Leader Guide

January Week 3

Today's Bible Story: Ants Marching (Ant and Sluggard) • *Proverbs 6:6-8*

Today's Bottom Line: Work hard.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a (NIRV)*

What You Need:

- Print the "Work and Reward Cards" Activity Page.
 - If printing is not possible, have the Activity Page pulled up on a device other than the one you're using for the Small Group meeting.
 - When showing a kid a particular card on the page, zoom in on that card only.
 - Instruct everyone else to turn around so only the kid whose turn it is can see it.

OVERVIEW

(I color coded everyone's role for the call. Admin- Red Emcee- green Teacher 1- Blue Teacher 2- Orange)

SUNDAY MORNING

(Bring kids in from waiting room)

WORSHIP

Begin this as soon as kids come in from waiting room. Emcee What You Say "Welcome everyone! Are you guys ready to worship?"

WELCOME:

Emcee What You Say: Hi everyone! Good morning (greet each child by name)! My name is (introduce yourself and the other teachers) and I'm really excited to see you all today! Last week you were left with the challenge of sharing with someone else. Let me know, give me the details, who put that into practice? Who did you share with and how did you feel afterwards? (have kids share). It sounds like you were really able to share the things you had with others. Remember we're talking about the Rules Of Life, this month and today we're going to talk about Work. What kinds of jobs do you guys do, maybe at school or at home? (have kids share). Let's watch our video and see what we can learn about working this week.

Play Week 3 Video beginning at 2:58. End at 11:45.

ACTIVITY:

Teacher 1 What You Say: "I have an interesting game for you guys today. I have two types of cards with me. Job cards and reward cards. I'm going to hold up a job card and I want everyone to pretend to do that job. Act it out. Then I'm going to hold up a reward card. If you would do the job you're acting out for that reward, then keep going. But if you don't think you would want that type of reward for the job you're doing. Then freeze. Let's try one for practice."

(pick a job and reward that don't seem to match and explain the rules again. Once everyone understands, play the game. After a few jobs choose one of the kids to hold up a job and reward until all kids have had a turn to "run the game")

“Sometimes, an awesome reward is worth a ton of hard work! Has that ever happened to you? *(Allow kids to share about the best rewards they ever got for working hard.)* But there are plenty of times when you have to **work hard** just because it’s the right thing to do.

“In our Bible story, we heard that people were made by God to work! We were created to do good, fulfilling things with our bodies and our minds. What is some good, hard work you get to do? *(Invite responses. If kids are struggling to answer, prompt them—learn new things, play with siblings, garden, problem solve, ride bikes, carry groceries or laundry, etc.)*

“When you get tired and don’t want to **work hard**, remember that work is not a punishment, it’s what we were made for.”

MEMORY VERSE:

Teacher 2 What You Say: Just like (Teacher 1) was saying, work isn’t a punishment, it’s what we were made for. And I know a promise in the Bible that if we can be faithful to do something small we will be given much more. Do you know what verse I’m talking about? I’ll give you a hint, it’s our Bible verse! Does anyone know it? *(have kids share the Bible verse)*

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PRAYER:

Teacher 2 What You Say: Let’s pray together today, before we go. Who would like to pray today? *(create an order of the kids who want to pray and then close the prayer time)*

“Dear Jesus, thank You for the opportunity to **work hard**. We know that every small thing we do each day can be used to show Your love to others. We ask that You help us see ways we can **work hard** this week and that we would be excited to be a part of a purpose that is bigger than ourselves! We love You! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

CLOSE OUT

Emcee What you Say: This week I have a challenge for you to work hard at memorizing your Bible verse, at sharing with others, and with being responsible for what God has blessed you with. I know that may seem like a big challenge, but I know that you can do it! I can’t wait to hear how it goes! Have a wonderful week everyone! Bye

End Call