

PROVERBS

Homelink

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Series Memory Verse:

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction."

- Proverbs 1:7

One Big Thing:

Jesus helps us work with glad hearts.

Review:

This week, we studied ants so that we could learn about how we should work. Proverbs 6:6 says "Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise," and that's exactly what we did! We studied why and how ants work. Ants work really hard to take care of themselves and others. God designed us to work so that we could care for ourselves and others, too. The Bible also says that working is one way we can show our love for God. "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" (Colossians 3:23). We agreed that even though kids don't have jobs like moms and dads, there are lots of ways kids can work or help. Kids can help out around the house, help with younger siblings, help other kids and teachers at school, or serve with their parents in the community. Because we are sinners, sometimes we don't want to help. We can ask Jesus to strengthen us and give us glad hearts as we help other people.

Good Questions to Ask:

- Q:** Why does Proverb 6:6 tell us to learn about the ant?
A: Ants are hard workers. They take care of themselves and others so that they can live. God created us to work hard to take care of ourselves and others, too.
- Q:** Name some ways kids can work hard to help themselves and others.
A: Kids can help with chores around the house, take good care of their toys, do their best on schoolwork, help out with younger siblings, or serve with their parents in the community.
- Q:** What can we do when we don't feel like working with a glad heart?
A: We can ask Jesus to help us be strong and remember that helping is a way to show our love for God and others.

Pray together as a family:

"Jesus, Help us to want to take care of ourselves and others. Sometimes we don't want to help or take care of the things You've given us. Help us to remember that we were created to work and that we can show love by working with glad hearts."

