

CLEARVIEW CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT

# KIDSVIEW

**JANUARY 17TH, 2020 | WEEK 3**

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

**Today's Key Question:** When have you had to work hard?

**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 (NIV)

**Monthly Life App:** Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

**Basic Truth:** I need to make the wise choice.

## STARTER ACTIVITY

### Ants

**What You Need:** Raisins

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid a snack-size box of raisins and a squirt of hand sanitizer.
- Challenge kids to compete with a partner in an “Ant Stacking” contest.
- Explain that they will have one minute to see which partner can create the tallest stack of ants (raisins).
- Let the winners compete until there is one final “Ant Champ.”
- Vary the competition by challenging partners to line up 20 ants or spell out the word, ANT in the least amount of time.

**What You Say:**

“Raisins may look like ants, but they certainly don’t act like them. (Or taste like them!) Ants are way more interesting than raisins. Let’s go see what I mean.”

## BIBLE STORY

Before Video: Do you sometimes wake up and just KNOW it’s going to be a good day? God is doing great things here at KidsView, and I can’t wait to see what’s in store for today. This month, we’re talking about responsibility.

**“Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.”**

Today, I want to share a really important Rule for Life written by a man named Solomon—KING Solomon. If we want to live in a responsible way, Solomon told us a great way to do it! “Solomon was young when he first became ruler of Israel after his father, David. One night, God spoke to Solomon in a dream. He told Solomon to ask for anything he wanted. Solomon could have asked for riches or to live a long life. But Solomon asked for WISDOM! Sure enough, God gave him wisdom, and Solomon became known as one of the wisest people who ever lived. He shared many wise sayings that are collected in the book of Proverbs in our Bibles. Lets go learn more!

## PLAY VIDEO

“Consider the ant and the slug. Who’s the harder worker? (Pause for response.) That’s right. Just like Solomon wrote in his proverb, the ant doesn’t need a reward for working hard. The ant does the hard work . . . just because. The slug, on the other hand . . . (Shrug.)

“Just like the ant, we can choose to work hard and do our best. That’s a great way to be responsible! We should work hard to keep our rooms clean and help around the house. We can work hard at listening to our teachers, doing our best on our assignments, and obeying the rules of the classroom. We can work hard at being a good friend, helping others, and showing God’s love every day. God has given us everything we need to be responsible. We can do that by working hard. “That’s what we need to remember today. It’s a great Rule for Life.

**[Bottom Line] “Work hard.**

**Today’s Key Question: When have you had to work hard?**

Yep. It’s just that simple! **[Bottom Line] Work hard.** Be like an ant—not like a slug.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us.

Prayer: “God, You created us in Your image. You created us to do good things. We don’t want to be like a slug—lazy and selfish. We want to give our very best effort, every day. Help us to **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice and work hard, even when we don’t want to.** When we’re tempted to be lazy, please remind us of the ant . . . and help us get to work. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

# FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

## Hard Work

**What You Need:** Small object that is easily hidden

- Emphasize to the kids that they will have to commit to "hard work" to help their teammate find the small object in the room.
- Explain that the kid who is "it" will have to close their eyes while you hide the small object and everyone else will have to hint with the words "hot or cold." Hot meaning they are close, and cold meaning they are far.
- Make some of the hidings more difficult to find than others.

## What You Say:

"You guys had to stay very determined to help your teammate find the object! Great job working together and working hard to help your teammate find the object! I hope this week you guys can remember to make the wise choice and to **[Bottom Line] work hard** even when you don't want to.

# FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION

## Discussion Questions

*These discussion questions are typically for the 3rd-5th grade range. If you'd like you may ask the younger age group but be aware this may be a little advanced for them to have an answer.*

- Describe a time when you had to work hard. What did you enjoy about that experience? What did you not enjoy?
- Why do you think some people are harder workers than others?
- If someone is super smart, does that mean they don't have to work as hard as others?
- Do you think it's possible to work TOO hard? Explain why or why not.
- What should be our motivation for working hard and not being lazy?
- When you're feeling lazy, what helps you to get going again?

*If your child would like to do an additional activity to make extra points for their team, they can draw a picture of the monthly memory verse using their best creativity. If they bring it to church or a parents sends Ms. Ally a picture then they will receive points for the Yellow Team!! Their memory verse is on the front page of this guide or you can check out our social media page.*

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