

Now that you know it was the tiny ant that God praised for its hard work, go outside, find an ant and draw a picture below of what you see the ant doing. Once everyone has drawn their ant observation, you can find your next clue in the Bible at Exodus 36:1-2!



### Clue #1

There is much work to be done.
Some work is fun, some work is difficult, but those who finish the job will receive a reward. Your first clue can be found where a machine does most of the work for you so your fabrics stay fresh and clean.

## Clue #2

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Prepare a load of laundry to be washed. Once you have it started, find Proverbs 6:6-8 in your Bible to find out what animal God praises as a good worker.



## Clue #3

Are you ready to use the special skills God gave you? Time to get to work. You will find your next clue along with all the tools you will need to complete the challenge hiding among some food.

Spagnetti



You are doing great! Using the skills God gave you and working hard pays off! Now, to find your next puzzle, you may have to turn some things upside down. That's all the help you get, so start searching!



In our last verse, we learned that God gave each of us special gifts and talents. For this puzzle, your family will decide who gets to solve each part of this puzzle based on your special gifts. Have Fun! Once you have completed the work, you may receive Bible Verse Card #1.

Using 20 spaghetti noodles and 30 mini marshmallows, build a structure strong enough to hold your Bible. Decide who will take each of the five listed roles below: you can have more than one person in a certain role if you feel that would be the best way to complete the task.

**Designer** – Makes a simple drawing on back of this puzzle along with verbal instructions

**Project Manager** – Keeps the group on task. When problems arise, assigns the person to best deal with the problem.

**Builder** – Puts noodles and marshmallows in place according to the Designer's drawing and verbal instructions.

**Inspector** – Keeps an eye on the project to make sure it is built to the Designer's instructions.

**Tester** – Places Bible on the finished structure to see if it is strong enough to hold the Bible without collapsing.



This is a simple one, maybe! Solve the riddle and get your next Bible verse.

What calls for help when written in all capital letters, is the same forwards and backwards and even upside down?

Fold up here to hide answer.

The answer to the riddle is: SOS Now you can head back to the Bible and find 2 Thessalonians 3:7-10



### **Bible Verse Card #1**

Great job on the structure!

And on learning what the Bible tells us about working hard in all we do as if we are working for God!

Your next Bible verse is Genesis 39:2-5

# Clue #5

Working hard and helping others is the focus of our Bible verses this week. One more work challenge to help you find your Final Puzzle!

Do ten jumping jacks and then look somewhere you are not supposed to jump.

#### **Combination Card**

You worked hard today to solve the puzzles and learn God's Word. And you helped each other too — just as God's Word tells us to do. Great job! Now just figure out the pattern below to get your combination and open the treasure.

Find the pattern to decide what is the next number in this series of numbers?

7,645 5,764 4,576 — ,———



Solve the puzzle by changing just one letter on each line to go from the top word to the bottom word. You can use only real English words.

Receive the Combination Card when you complete the puzzle

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Congratulations! You did it! You worked your way to the reward at the end of the adventure.

Now you can take this reward and use the secrets you have learned so far to handle your money God's way.

These secrets include the facts that:

- · The Bible is God's Word.
- Everything belongs to God.
- · We are stewards of all the things God has given us.
- · We need to do all our work as if we are doing it for God.

It seems like these secrets to handling money God's way are teaching us to keep God at the center of everything! This lesson focused on our work, reminding us that all we do is for God. He is watching us and cheering us on as we do our work. Just like God praised the little, tiny ant for doing good work, He wants us to work hard and be rewarded by Him. If God notices an ant doing good work, He certainly will notice us. We also read that God gives people special skills to accomplish His work. We know some of our skills and talents now, but we will realize more skills as we grow and build our interests and abilities. We will remember to use those skills not only for ourselves but also for others.

Then, like Joseph, we will be blessed with success, and we can share with those around us who could benefit from the special skills we have. We also found out that we will need to ask others for help sometimes, when they can do the work that we cannot do ourselves. Isn't it wonderful that God makes everyone different and gives everyone the ability to be a help to other people? So let's get to work with a great attitude, remembering that in all things we are working for God!

Weekly Bible Verses

Colossians 3:23
Proverbs 6:6-8
Exodus 36:1-2
Genesis 39:2-5
2 Thessalonians 3:7-10





# **Earning Extra \$**

As a family, make a list of extra work that can be done around the house and the amount of payment family members will receive for doing the work. This is not to replace regular chores and cleaning which is expected of everyone as part of being in this family and doing their share of work. These are extra tasks like washing windows, raking leaves, weeding garden beds, organizing the pantry or bookshelves, cleaning the refrigerator... Be encouraged to make tasks and payment specific to family members due to age or ability if that works best for your family dynamics.

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