

City “All Together Activities”—January 17th, 2021

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)*

1. Opening Activity

What You Need: UNO Card Game (3 decks), Hand Sanitizer

What You Do:

- Give each kid a pump of Hand Sanitizer.
- Split your kids into 2-3 Groups with an Adult/Student Leader.
- Give the Leader a Deck of Uno Cards.
- Instruct the Leader to lead their group in the game of UNO.
- Monitor kids and when necessary, remind them to spread out and keep physical space between themselves.
- Continue to play as time and interest allow.
- Go around to groups and ask what the best part of the game is and what the most challenging part is.

What You Say:

“I love playing games, but sometimes they can be challenging! What is your favorite game to play? (*Allow time for responses and share your favorite game.*) Those sound awesome! What is the hardest game you ever played? (*Allow time for responses and share a game you think is challenging, too.*) **[Transition] Today in Large Group, we learned how God wants us to work hard and stick with things that are a challenge.”**

Bible Story Review Questions:

1. Who was the young ruler of Israel? (*Solomon*)
2. Out of everything he could have had, what did Solomon ask God for? (*wisdom*)
3. What did Solomon become known for? (*He became known as one of the wisest men to ever live*)
4. What is the book of the Bible that holds many of Solomon’s wise sayings? (*Proverbs*)
5. What insect did we talk about today? (*ant*)
6. What did we learn today that makes the ant stand out? (*They are hard-working*)
7. How do the ants work hard? (*They store up their food*)
8. Do ants have a leader or ruler who keeps them focused on their work? (*no*)
9. What can we learn from the ants? (*We can be hard workers, too*)

2. Game of Life

What You Need: “Game of Life” Board, Blue Cards, Number Sheet (1 per kid), plastic sandwich bags (1 per kid), glue sticks, and scissors

What You Do:

- Hand out “Game of Life” gameboard and blue squares page to every kid.
- Encourage kids to choose four blue squares to fill their blue spaces on their gameboard. They cut those squares out and glue them to the blue spaces on the gameboard.
- Instruct the kids to write down ways they can work hard this week in the green squares on their gameboard. Give them examples of places where they can work hard (the park, home, school, neighborhood, at a friend’s house).
- Instruct them to leave the orange spaces free to use later.
- Once the kids have completed their gameboards, hand out a numbered squares page to every kid.
- Give a pair of scissors to each kid and instruct them to cut out the numbers and place them in a plastic sandwich bag.

- Explain that every day they can pull out a number and move that many places on their gameboard. Whatever space they land on is their “work hard” challenge for that day!
- Let kids practice pulling out a number to see where they land.
- Engage kids in a conversation about a way they can work hard based on the gameboard space they landed on.
- If they land on an orange space, explain that you will fill those spaces in later.

What You Say:

“These are probably the coolest looking gameboards I’ve ever seen! As our amazing game shows, there are so many different ways to **[Bottom Line] work hard** and use what God has given us. God didn’t make us to stand still in the game of life. He created us strong, unique, and full of passion to do big things in this world! Let’s go out and **[Bottom Line] work hard** this week!”

3. Work for It

What You Need: Memory Verse Cards (1set per kid)

What You Do:

- Invite kids to sit in a large circle.
- Give each kid a set of Memory Verse Cards.
- Instruct the kids to scramble their cards face down on the floor in front of them.
- Explain that they will be attempting to be the first to flip over their memory verse cards and place them in the correct order.
- Encourage the kids to refer to the Bible Verse on the Screen if they need help!

What You Say:

“There are times when we think that we can’t offer enough or that our work may not amount to much. But just like in today’s game, what we give every day helps us **[Bottom Line] work hard** in a big way! Our little efforts can lead to a lot! This week, let’s look for little opportunities to work hard every day so that we can make a big splash around us!”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Gameboards from “Game of Life” Activity 2

What You Do:

- Ask kids to get their gameboards and a pen.
- Explain that one of the ways we can work hard is to pray big and bold prayers for people! Big prayers don’t have to be long, though! Even short prayers can ask God for big things, like peace for a tough family situation or help learning a challenging subject at school.
- Encourage kids to write some big prayers for their family, friends, city, or our world in the orange squares on their board.
- Invite kids to share one of their prayer ideas from their orange squares.
- Close your group time in prayer.

What You Say:

“Dear Jesus, thank You for the opportunity to **[Bottom Line] 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 **[Bottom Line] 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.”