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Work heartily
with all your might!

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Pre - K Level

Ages 2 - 4

Who is Called to Work?

Maybe you don't think you can work
because you're too young to have a job,
but not all work is the same,
and you CAN do work for God!

Not only are you able to work,
the Bible says you SHOULD
because everyone must work
if they want to live and eat food.



→ KEY TRUTH:

Everyone is
called to work.

📖 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10-12



Work hard! Use the stickers to fill the fridge with food.

Primary Level

Ages 5 - 7

Who is Called to Work?

Have you ever read the story of the Little Red Hen? She wants to bake some bread and asks all of her friends to help, but they are too busy. But once the bread is ready, they all show up to eat it! Isn't that crazy?

Maybe you have felt like that before. Tell about a time when you did the work and others didn't help you. Describe how you felt.

Sometimes people think that not everyone has to (or should) work. Some think that there are people who just CAN'T work because they are too young, too small, too old, or too tall. Some people even think that the ultimate goal in life is to get out of work!

Let's see what the Bible has to say. Read the verses and draw your answers in the chart on page 11.

Everyone in the Bible worked! God created. Joseph and his brothers were shepherds. King David fought battles. Samuel ministered. Jesus was a carpenter.

Everyone is **called** to work.

Of course, this is just a small sample to show you that, yes, people (even children) worked in the Bible. Yes, even the most powerful person to ever live—Jesus—worked.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} **2 Thessalonians 3:10-12.**

What instruction is Paul giving here?

This reminds me of that Little Red Hen story. You don't work; you don't eat! It may seem like a silly old fairytale, but the moral is exactly what God's Word says. We all have a job to do, and we need to be doing it!



Read the verses. Trace the words. Draw your answers in the chart.

Verse	Who	Type of WORK
Genesis 2:3	God	
Genesis 37:2	Joseph	
Psalm 144:1	King David	
I Samuel 2:18	Joseph	
Mark 6:3	Jesus	

Pray and ask God to help you help
others do the work He has given.

Junior Level

Ages 8 - 12

Who is Called to Work?

Have you ever read the story of the Little Red Hen? She wants to bake some bread and asks all her friends to help, but they are too busy. Once the bread is ready, however, they all show up to eat it! Isn't that crazy?

Maybe you have felt like that before. Tell about a time when you did the work and others didn't help you. Describe how you felt.

Many people have very wrong ideas about work. We've already talked about the lie that work is our "horrible punishment in life." Remind yourself of what the Bible says about work. (See Day 2.)

Work is a _____.

Another lie people believe is that not everyone has to (or should) work. Some think that there are just people who CAN'T work because they are too young, too small, too old, or too tall. Some people even think that the ultimate goal in life is to get out of work!



Let's see what the Bible has to say. Read the verses below and note WHO worked, as well as what they did to work.

Verse	Who	Type of WORK
Genesis 2:3		
Genesis 37:2		
1 Samuel 2:18		
Psalms 144:1		
Mark 6:3		

Everyone in the Bible worked! God created. Joseph and his brothers were shepherds. King David fought battles. Samuel ministered. Jesus was a carpenter.

Of course, this is just a small sample to show you that, yes, people (even children) worked in the Bible. Yes, even the most powerful person to ever live—Jesus—worked. In fact, work was the main thing on Jesus’ mind.

Read **John 4:34**. What do you think this verse means?

It doesn’t actually mean Jesus was “eating” His work. Haha. It means the thing that satisfied Him most was accomplishing the work God had given Him to do. Wouldn’t it be amazing if we could say that too?

Here’s a truth I don’t want you to miss: ALL the work God gives you to do is important. Yes, it changes. Yes, it’s different for each person, but it’s all important—even the work that is ultimately a stepping stone for the greater work God has called you to.

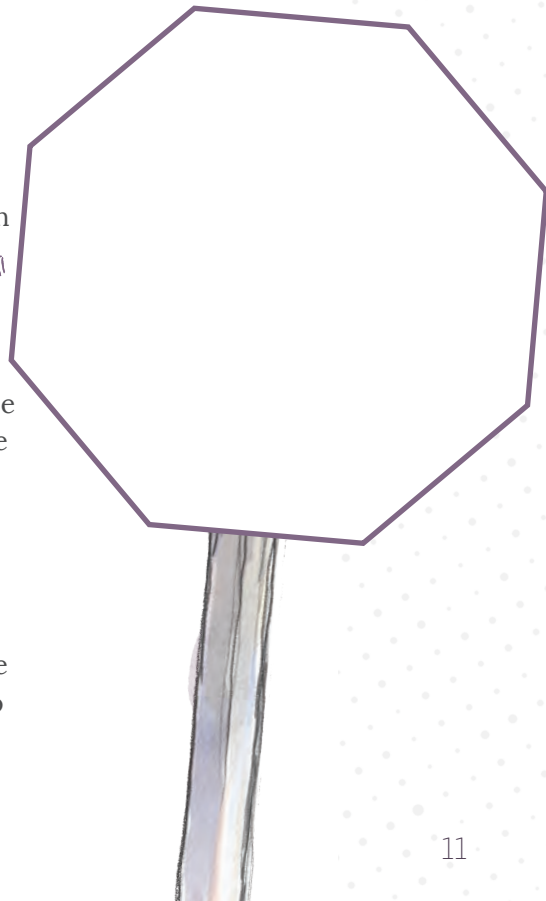
Everyone is called to work.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} **2 Thessalonians 3:10–12**.

Draw a sign representing the instruction given in this verse.

This reminds me of that Little Red Hen story. You don’t work; you don’t eat! It may seem like a silly old fairytale, but the moral is consistent with God’s Word. We all have a job to do, and we need to be doing it!

Are you doing the work God has given you? Should you eat today? As we close today, pray and ask God to show you the real answer to that question. Ask Him to give you the strength to make changes where you need to.



Youth Level
Ages 13 and up

Who is Called to Work?

When I was in high school, our history teacher assigned a group project. There were four people in our group. When we met to divide the work, one of our group members didn't show up. Later he said, "You all can do the work. My job can be to turn it in."

I'm sure you might guess that we were not happy about that. Why should we do all the work and let him get our good grade when he didn't do anything to help us get that grade?

Have you ever had a time when you were expected to work, but someone else slacked off and still demanded the benefits? Describe how you felt.

Work is an interesting concept in our culture. Many people have it all wrong. We've already talked about the lie that work is our horrible punishment in life. Remind yourself of what the Bible says about work. (See Day 2.)

Work is a _____.

Another lie people believe is that not everyone has to (or should) work. Some think that there are just people who CAN'T work because they are too young, too small, too old, or too tall. Some people even think that the ultimate goal in life is to get out of work!

Let's see what the Bible has to say. Read the verses, and note WHO worked, as well as what they did to work.



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<i>Psalms 144:1</i>		
<i>Mark 6:3</i>		

Of course, this is just a small sample to show you that, yes, young people (even children) worked in the Bible. Yes, even the most powerful person to ever live—Jesus—worked. In fact, work was the main thing on Jesus’ mind.

Read *John 4: 34*. What do you think this verse means?

It doesn’t actually mean Jesus was “eating” His work. Haha. It means the thing that satisfied Him most was accomplishing the work God had given Him to do. Wouldn’t it be amazing if we could say that, too?

There are all kinds of work that we are going to talk about over the next few days, and of course, different people do different kinds of work. You’ll even notice that most people don’t do the same kind of work all their lives. David was a shepherd first. Then, he was a musician for King Saul. Finally, he became king. Jesus was a carpenter first, then our ultimate missionary—teaching, preaching, healing, and giving His life so we could know the Father.

Here’s a truth I don’t want you to miss: ALL the work God gives you to do is important. Yes, it changes. Yes, it’s different for each person, but it’s all important—even the work that is ultimately a stepping stone for the greater work God has called you to.

Everyone is *called* to work.

There’s one more truth you need to be sure to see before we leave this topic.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} *2 Thessalonians 3:10-12*. What instruction is Paul giving here?

Remember the classic fable “The Little Red Hen”? Basically, the point was if you don’t work, you don’t eat! It may seem like a silly old fairytale, but the moral is consistent with God’s Word. We all have a job to do, and we need to be doing it!

Are you doing the work God has given you? Should you eat today? As we close today, pray and ask God to show you the real answer to that question. Ask Him to give you the strength to make changes where you need to.

Parent Guide

Who is Called to Work?

When I was in high school, our history teacher assigned a group project. There were four people in our group. When we met to divide the work, one of our group members didn't show up. Later he said, "You all can do the work. My job can be to turn it in."

It's fun to chuckle about the nerve of that guy years later, but sometimes, as a mom, I feel a little like it was a foreshadowing of my parenting life. Do you ever feel like the Little Red Hen, always seeking someone to help but feeling a little like you just end up doing all the work yourself?

Work is an interesting concept in our culture. Many people have it all wrong. We've already talked about the lie that work is our horrible punishment in life. Remind yourself of what the Bible says about work. (See Day 2.)

Work is a _____.

Another lie people believe is that not everyone has to (or should) work. Some think that there are just people who CAN'T work because they are too young, too small, too old, or too tall. Of course, some people believe you aren't really working unless you get a paycheck. Some even think that the ultimate goal in life is to get out of work!

What do you think about those ideas?



Let's see what the Bible has to say. Read the verses below, and note WHO worked, as well as what they did to work.

Verse	Who	Type of WORK
<i>Genesis 2:3</i>		
<i>Genesis 37:2</i>		
<i>1 Samuel 2:18</i>		
<i>Psalms 144:1</i>		
<i>Mark 6:3</i>		

Everyone in the Bible worked! God created. Joseph and his brothers were shepherds. King David fought battles. Samuel ministered. Jesus was a carpenter. We know the Proverbs 31 woman worked, Martha worked to serve Jesus, and Jesus’ own mother worked to care for her family. Even the most powerful person to ever live—Jesus—worked. In fact, work was the main thing on Jesus’ mind.

Read *John 4: 34*. What do you think this verse means?

It doesn’t actually mean Jesus was “eating” His work. Haha. It means the thing that satisfied Him most was accomplishing the work God had given Him to do. Wouldn’t it be amazing if we could say that, too?

Here’s a truth I don’t want you to miss: ALL the work God gives you to do is important, from changing a diaper to running a board meeting. Yes, it changes. Yes, it’s different for each person, but it’s all important—even the work that is ultimately a stepping stone for the greater work God has called you to.

Everyone is *called* to work.

There’s one more truth you need to be sure to see before we leave this topic.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} *2 Thessalonians 3:10-12*. What instruction is Paul giving here?

We’re back to the story of the Little Red Hen. You don’t work; you don’t eat! It may seem like a silly old fairytale, but the moral is consistent with God’s Word. We all have a job to do, and we need to be doing it!

Today would be a great day to pull out the story of the Little Red Hen. Or better yet, have your kids act it out. Seems silly, but there is much to learn from stories!

Are you doing the work God has given you? Should you eat today? As we close today, pray and ask God to show you the real answer to that question. Ask Him to give you the strength to make changes where you need to.

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:10–12
Key Truth: Everyone is called to work.

Discussion: What does it feel like when you do all the work and no one helps? Who are some people who worked in the Bible? What does 2 Thessalonians 3:10–12 mean to you?



Work is hard, sometimes even **really hard**. But work is NOT a dirty word, despite what others will tell you. In fact, work is a **gift** from God! Are you ready to learn how you can see it that way too?

In this Bible study, we will learn where the idea of work comes from, how God uniquely **designed us** for the work He has **given** us, and how we can become **excellent** workers unto the Lord. This is one Bible study you'll use every day for the rest of your life because work is what you were **made for!**

