

GROWING FOR JESUS

LESSON 3: WORKING FOR JESUS ☆

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In this lesson, children discover that spiritual growth comes through serving others. They also learn that God desires everyone to work as if working for Him and with all of their heart.

TOPICS

Helping, Growth, Serving, Spiritual Growth.

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

As kids arrive have a helper ask the the children to sit in a big circle on the floor. Ask the children what types of jobs their parents have. Do their grandparents still work, if so what type of jobs do they do? Lastly ask the children what types of jobs they may like to have when they are grown ups.

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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BIBLE VERSE (5 MINUTES)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 NKJV

Explain to the children that we can do all kinds of things with God's help that we could never do by ourselves. As we grow, God will give us many different jobs to do, but He will also give us the strength we need to do them.

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the passage from the Bible about working for the Lord. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

Introduction:

God helps us grow in many different ways. God will give us jobs to do and these jobs will help us grow. God also gives us the strength we need to do these jobs. The Bible gives many examples of God giving His people jobs to do, sometimes the jobs were small and at others times the jobs were very big.

Read Colossians 3:23-24 (Working for the Lord)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the Bible say about the manner in which we should work? (*Work at it with all your heart.*)
2. What does working at it with all your heart mean? (*To do your very best job.*)
3. The Bible also says to work like we are working for who? (*God and not men.*)
4. God sees the work that we do. What will we receive from God? (*An inheritance or reward.*)
5. What types of jobs do you have? (*School work, jobs at home.*)
6. Do you do these jobs with your whole heart? (*Allow for answers.*)
7. Do you do these jobs like you are working for God? (*Allow for answers.*)

FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

Who's Job Is It? (Activity) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (5 MINUTES)

Powered by God (Object Talk) [Click here](#)

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Start by praying to God and thanking Him for His loving kindness and for helping us grow. Have a snack of pretzels. As the children eat the pretzels have them break them into different sizes and say "No matter the size of the job, big or small, God will help us get it done.

CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

As the children wait to be picked up, remind them that God has already started to give them jobs to do, jobs such as obeying their parents, helping others, and being kind to one another. We are also to do the job of asking our friends to come to church to learn more about God with us.

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WHO'S JOB IS IT? ☆

Children match up the cartoon characters with the jobs they do.

TOPICS:

Spiritual Growth, Just For Fun

MATERIALS:

Activity page for each child [PDF] [Click here](#)
Pencils

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Before class, print an activity page for each child.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Hand out the activity sheet and ask the children to draw a line from the cartoon character on the page to the job that character should be doing.

Once the children have finished the activity, go through each of the pictures and show the kids how you matched up the cartoon character with the jobs. Point out to the children that it may be hard for the astronaut to do the job of the firefighter. It may also be hard for the firefighter to do the job of the police officer.

Finish the activity by explaining how God gives us certain jobs to do. He also gives us the skills and talents to do these jobs. When we do the jobs God gives us with the skills and talents He also gives us, we are sure to grow.



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Who's Job Is It?



POWERED BY GOD ☆

Toys may be powered by batteries, but we get our power from God.

TOPICS:

Happiness, Power of God

MATERIALS:

1 battery operated toy
Batteries
A dollar bill
Picture of toys
Picture of a dog



DURATION:

Approximately 5 minutes

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

You will demonstrate that just as the toy needs batteries to work, we need God to be powered by God. Before class, take the batteries out of the toy.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Hi kids! I've brought a really cool toy to class today! The only problem is that I can't seem to get it to work? Look at the toy and turn it over in your hands. Say, "Ah, I see the problem! There's this little compartment underneath the toy, I bet that it's supposed to be filled with something, but what could that be?" The children will probably scream "It needs batteries!" but ignore their suggestions for now.

Take out a dollar bill and say "I wonder if this will work?" Insert the dollar bill, close the hatch and try the toy. Still no go! Remove the dollar bill and go through the routine again this time using the picture of toys. Next try the picture of the Dog. Finally take the kids suggestion and use the batteries. Ah now that's what the toy needed—batteries! The toy works great now. Give a little demonstration.

You know kids that's how it is with us. We can try all kinds of different things to satisfy us, but none of them really work. We could try money, toys, pets or a lot of other stuff, but none of them can satisfy us like God can. When we ask God into our lives and ask Him to take control, our lives have real meaning and purpose. So don't fill your lives with junk, instead fill your life with God!

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