# FOR LIFE PLAY WELL. FINISH STRONG.





## PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION 15 MINUTES

#### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, take some time to lift your group up to God in prayer. Ask God to give you the words to say and the questions to ask to help your kids recognize areas in their lives where they can work a bit harder as a way to honor Him with the way they live their lives. Pray that your kids would see that working hard is a way that they can live out their faith in Jesus.

#### 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, NIrV

#### **MONTHLY LIFE APP**

Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

#### **BASIC TRUTH**

I need to make the wise choice.

### JUST FOR FUN

#### WHAT YOU NEED: nothing

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to sit with an arm's distance between them in a circle.
- Choose one kid to stand in the middle.
- Direct the remaining kids to take turns asking simple questions of the kid in the middle.
- The only answer the kid in the middle can give is, "ANT" or "ANTS."
- The goal of the kids around the circle is to come up with questions that will make the kid in the middle laugh when they answer.
  - For example, kids might ask, "What did you eat for breakfast?" or, "What do you use to brush your teeth?"
  - Whoever succeeds in getting the kid in the middle to laugh switches places with them and a new round begins.
- Play several rounds, choosing other single words to use as answers.

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**JANUARY 2021** 

#### PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP GROUPS HOME STORY CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT **25 MINUTES BIBLE STORY EXTENSION** MADE TO IMAGINE [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW] WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, "Origami Ant" Activity Page, an activity that promotes empathy and pens, paper cut into an 8.5" x 8.5" square facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment **A** G WHAT YOU DO: • Give each kid a sheet of origami paper and a pen. • Instruct kids to write on one side of the paper as many words as they can think of in 30 seconds that describe a hard-working ant. **TODAY'S BIBLE STORY** Tell them to turn the paper over then give them another 30-seconds to write **Ants Marching** down words that describe a sluggard or lazy person. Ant and Sluggard Invite kids to take turns saying one of their words at super-fast, ant speed or Proverbs 6:6-8 super slow, slug speed and see if the others can guess what they're saying. Give each kid copy of "Origami Ant" activity page. • Lead kids in following the folding directions step-by-step. • Read Proverbs 6:6-8 aloud. **TODAY'S KEY QUESTION** • Take a few minutes to lead kids in reflecting on what Proverbs 6:6-8 means When have you had for them. to work hard? Ask: In what ways does hard work honor God? Describe what it feels like to be lazy. What's the difference between being lazy and simply taking a break for a **TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE** while? Work hard. How does it feel to work hard? What are some possible consequences of being lazy? How can you tell if you're a hard worker or if you're lazy? What are some lazy areas of your life that you can work on to be more **MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE** responsible this week? Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a, NIrV

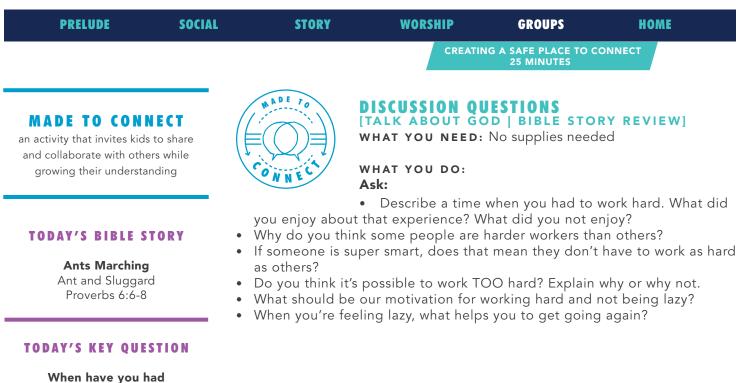
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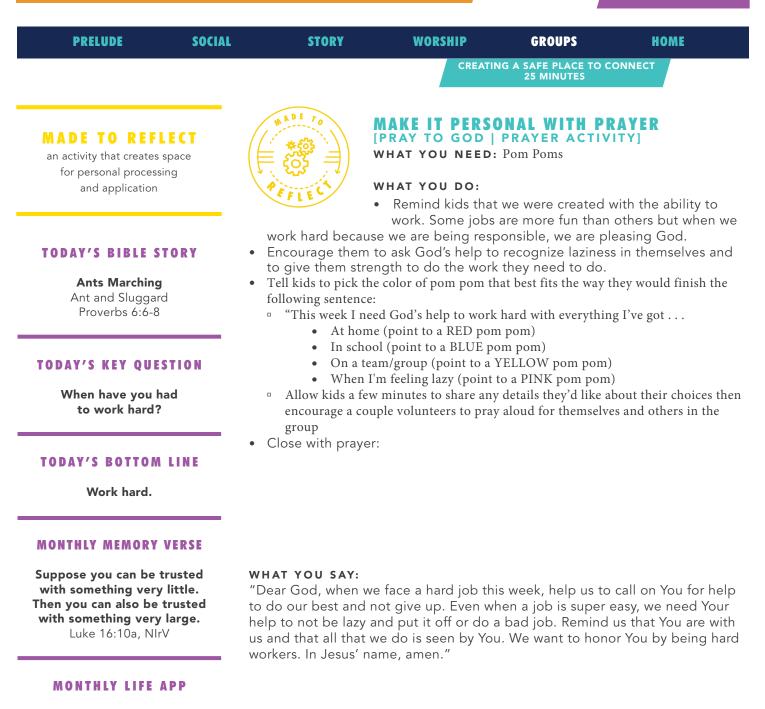
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