



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

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.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

WEEK

SMALL GROUP



SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction Early Arriver **Opening Activity**

LARGE GROUP

35 MIN STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God Welcome/Opener Worship ("Jesus I Will Trust You" from This Love, "Live Differently" from Kidmin Worship Vol. 5, and "What A Beautiful Name" from Kidmin Worship Vol. 6) **Bible Story** Prayer Bottom Line

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review and Discussion Questions

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email) GodTime devotional for kids Studio252.tv Parent Cue App

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.

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1. JUST FOR FUN WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

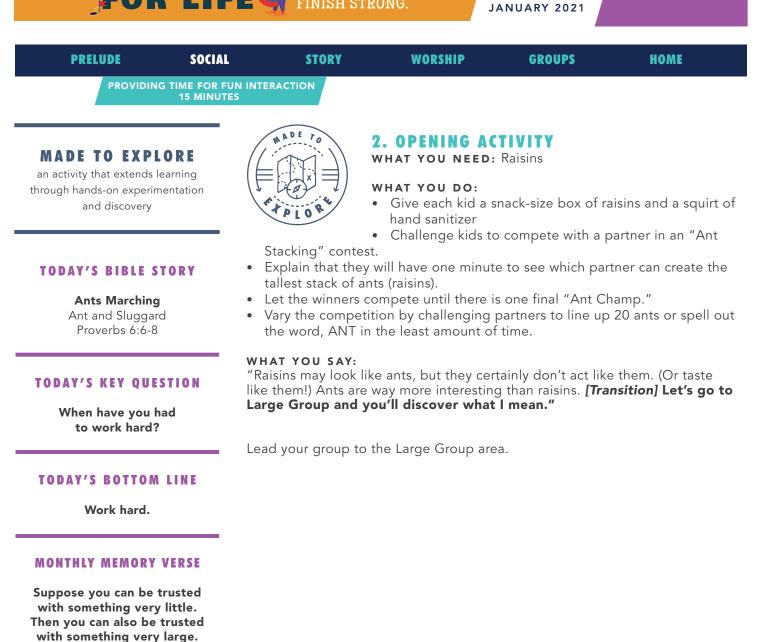
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the container.
- Ask kids to sit with an arm's distance between them in a circle.
- Choose one kid to stand in the middle.
- Direct the remaining kids to take turns asking simple questions of the kid in the middle.
- The only answer the kid in the middle can 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.

WEEK THREE



FINISH STRONG.





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THREE

JANUARY 2021





PRELUDE	SOCIAL	STORY	WORSHIP	GROUPS	HOME			
		CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES						
MADE TO CONNECT an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while		1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: Hand sanitizer, note cards, pens						
growing their understa			WHAT YOU DO:					
	•		 Provide a pump of beginning this ac tly write down three 					
TODAY'S BIBLE STORY		Two of the jobs sl	hould be jobs they h		, and one should be			
Ants Marching Ant and Sluggar Proverbs 6:6-8	d •	 job they have never done. Instruct them to put a star next to the job that they've never done. Clarify that all of the jobs must be ones that kids their age are capable of doing. The goal is to make it hard for the other kids to guess which jobs they've done and which they have not. Collect the cards and mix them together. Read a card and then let kids guess who they think the card belongs to and which job is the one they have never done. Award the following points to the guessers: One point for guessing the identity of the writer 						
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TODAY'S BOTTOM Work hard.	LINE •	 One point for Award the following One point for 	guessing the job that ing points to the kid each incorrect guess	at was not true whose card is being read	-			
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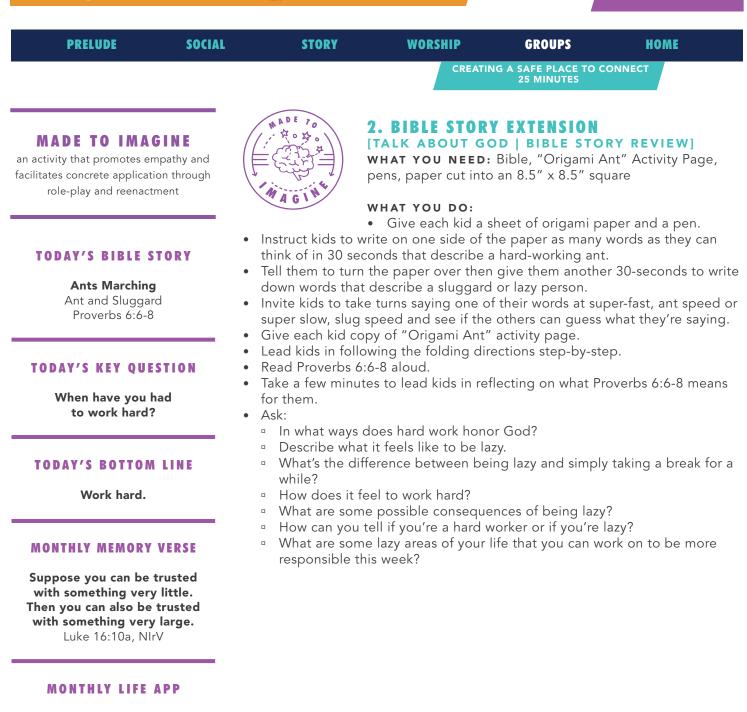
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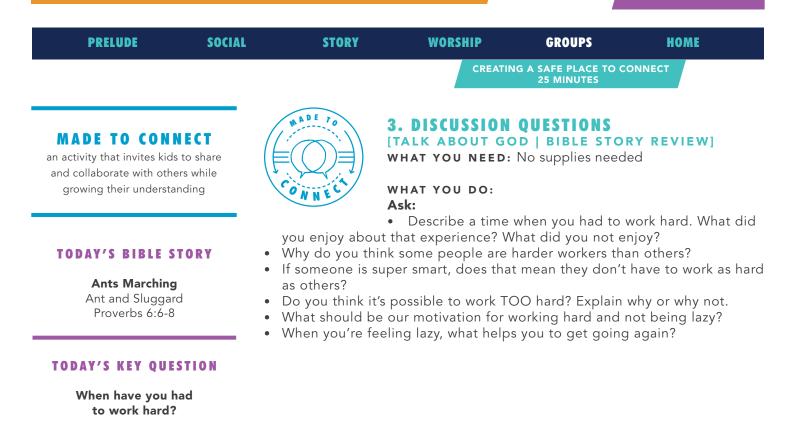


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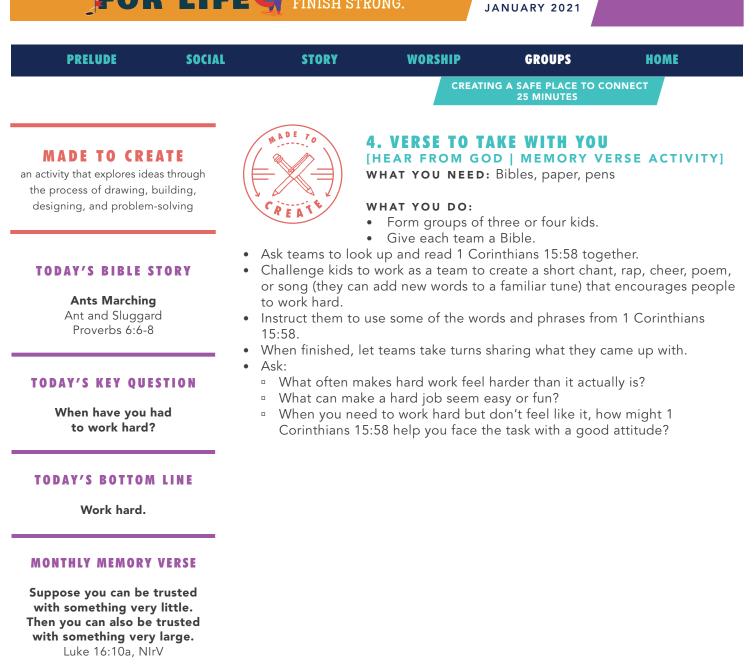
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TODAY'S BIBLE ST Ants Marching Ant and Sluggard Proverbs 6:6-8	•	fits the way they would finish the following sentence – "This week I need						
TODAY'S KEY QUES When have you hat to work hard?		 God's help to work hard with everything I've got" at home (point to a corner) at school (point to a corner) on a team or group (point to a corner) when I'm feeling lazy (point to a corner) Allow kids a few minutes to share any details they'd like about their choice Encourage them to pray aloud or silently for themselves and others in the 						
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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story. (Choose one or both of these activities.)

1. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

• Offering container

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

• Snack-size box of raisins; one for each kid

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding **WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Note cards; one for each kid
- Pens; one for each kid

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Pens

- Sheet of origami paper for each kid (or cut regular paper into an 8.5" x 8.5" square); one for each kid
- Print the "Origami Ant" Activity Page; one for each kid

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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• No supplies needed

4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles
- Paper
- Pens

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Checkerboard; one for each small group
- Checker; one for each kid

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app.**