

Ch 9: The Work and the Life

Steps to Christ Children's Activity Sheet

Summary: When we give our whole heart and life to Jesus, Jesus gives us the privilege of working with Him to bless others. We don't even have to be very talented or educated or have money or authority. Jesus can give us the abilities we need to serve Him and others. Working with Jesus to help others and share the truth about God with them brings us great joy.

Activity: Fill in the blanks below and follow the path of joy!

(1) A new friend gets hurt at school. You stop to comfort her. Showing her you care is a _____ to her and strengthens your friendship.



(2) The next day you bring your friend a treat and she asks why you are so kind. "I am working with _____ to be a blessing," you tell her.

(3) Your friend wants to know more about Jesus. You share some of your favorite Bible stories. She is excited to learn about God's great _____ for her.



(4) A little while later you invite your friend to go to church with you. She learns the _____ about how Jesus came to save her.



(5) Your friend decides to give her whole _____ and _____ to Jesus! What a joyful day!

Hints:

- (1) Starts with "b" and is found in this verse: 1 Peter 3:9
- (2) Who is our example and helped others when He lived on earth?
- (3) Starts with "I" and is found in this verse: Romans 5:8
- (4) Starts with "t" and is found in this verse: John 1:17
- (5) The missing words start with "h" and "I".

Activity: Working together with Jesus helps us grow closer to Him. When we work with Jesus we learn to love the things He loves, we may experience some of the same difficulties He did (like getting tired, being disliked, or being misunderstood), and these experiences deepen our relationship with Him.

This week, find a way to work together with your mom, dad, grandparent, or another adult. Maybe you could help cook dinner, do dishes, fold laundry, pull weeds, or fix something around the house. Ask your parents what job you can do together. When you've done this, answer the questions below:

1. Did working with your mom, dad, grandparent, or other adult help you feel closer to them? If so, why do you think that is?
2. Is it more fun to work together when you choose to do it because you enjoy being together or when you have to do it because it's a rule?



“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” – Matthew 20:28

Bible Story (Luke 9:1-6,10 and 10:1-12,17): After Jesus' disciples had been with Him for a while, listening to Him teach and watching Him heal the sick and hurt, Jesus told His disciples it was now their turn to go to work. He sent them out in pairs to the surrounding cities and villages, giving them the job of teaching and helping people as He had been doing. He even gave them power to heal the sick and cast out demons. When the disciples returned from this missionary journey the Bible says they were filled with joy, sharing what they had done and experienced. They were so excited because they had seen the power of God, which Jesus had shared with them, working in the lives of the people they were helping. Working with Jesus to help people and teach them the truth is fun! It is the greatest joy we can have.

Song: This Little Light of Mine (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxgw6pbW59E>)

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