

Responsibility means showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

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Read Luke 16:10

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Pledge to Work Hard

God created us to work. And we honor God when we show responsibility and do what's expected of us.

One way we can show that we are responsible is by doing our chores. One a piece of paper, create a checklist by coming up with five things that you can work hard at every day to show that you are responsible. Maybe it's picking up your dirty clothes and putting them in the laundry or help put away the dishes. On the bottom half of the page, trace your

hand and write your name as a pledge that you are going to work hard and do your very best!

Put this somewhere that you can see it all week long and check off every time that you do each chore.

Ask God to help you when you need to work hard!

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Hard Working Ants

Have you ever watched a long line of ants crawling outside? Ants seem like they are always busy doing something. What if we worked as hard as ants do? It feels really good to finish something that you worked really hard to accomplish. Ask an adult to go outside with you and see if you can find some ants. Watch how hard they work and while you are watching, see if you can come up with one big job that you can work hard at too! Talk about it with your parent or guardian get busy like an ant!

Know that God will help you when things get hard!

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A Little Help

Whew! Has talking about all this hard work this week made you tired? You know it's not always easy to work hard or do your best at something. The cool thing is that God knows it's not always easy. And we can ask Him to help us when things get hard. Take a minute with God—just you and Him—and ask Him for help when things get hard.

Dear God,

Thank You for giving me responsibilities. I want to be trusted with all that I am given, but sometimes it's hard work. When it's hard, please help me to do my very best because I want to honor You by being a hard worker. Amen.

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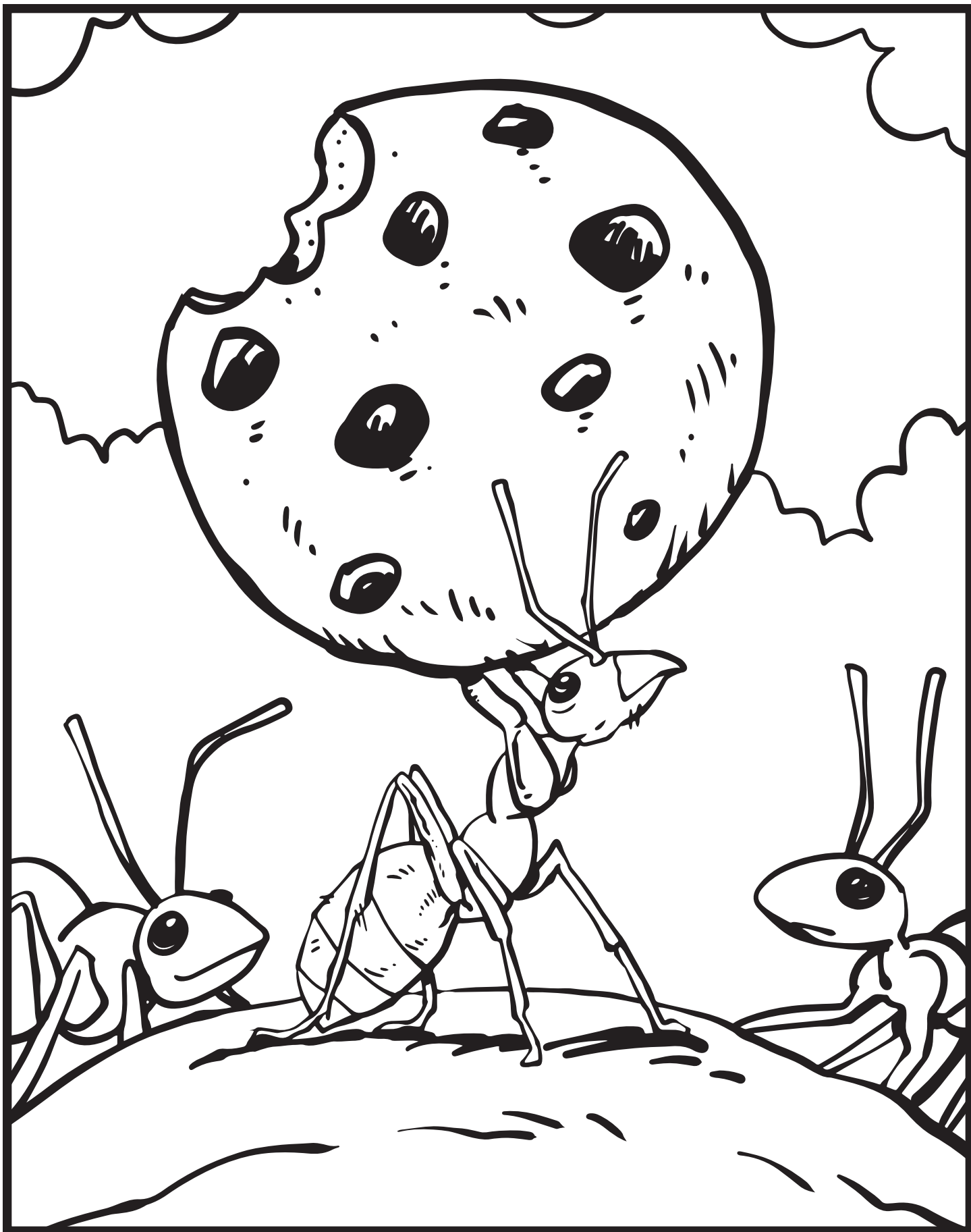
A Little to A Lot

Ask an adult to help you look up Luke 16:10. Read it together and highlight it. This is such a great verse for us to remember. This time let's read it and put some motions to it. When you get to the word "little," squat down into the tiniest ball you can make, and then when you get to the word "large," explode up on your feet with arms and legs stretched out as wide as they can go!

Show others that you can be trusted with the little things and the big things!

Work hard.

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DAY 2

DAY 1

Read Proverbs 6:6-8

Did you know?

- There are over 12,000 different species of ants.
- Ants can lift anywhere from 10 to 50 percent of their body weight depending on their species.
- In 2000, the world's largest ant's nest was found in Argentina measuring in at a whopping 3700 miles wide! This ginormous colony housed 33 ant populations that merged into one giant super colony with millions of nests and billions of workers.

What would happen if one of those ants suddenly stopped working? What would happen if 20 or 100 or 500 hundred stopped? Those ant colonies wouldn't function well at all if each ant didn't pull its own weight.

Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you. It means you need to carry your own load, to do your own part.

This week, when you're given a responsibility—whether big or small—think about that ant. Work hard and do your part so others will trust you.



Read 1 Corinthians 3:8

Have you ever planted a garden? What happens if you plant all your seeds and then just walk away and never tend to it? Probably nothing. Farmers know that you have to put in the work if you want to reap a good harvest. If the farmer doesn't take his responsibility seriously, his family and families he grows food for won't eat.

What if this were true for us in everything we're responsible for? Can you imagine if life worked like a harvest? What if every time you didn't make your bed, your bed was taken away? What if every time you skipped your math homework, you got a big fat "zero" in math?

Grab a stack of sticky notes and write "WORK HARD" on each one. Then head to the kitchen and stick these notes on every vegetable or fruit you can find. Each time you (or someone in your family) grabs one of these items, remember your responsibility to work hard. Thank God for the opportunities He gives you each day to prove you can be trusted by doing what you're asked to do.



Work hard.



DAY 3

Read Galatians 6:5

Have you ever played a team sport? Ever had a player on your team that didn't really participate? Maybe they spent their time staring at the sky instead of paying attention to the game. Maybe they stood still instead of charging after the ball or didn't play defense. Wouldn't a team be even more successful, if everyone carried their own weight? On a team, every player has a position to play. One weak player can affect the whole team's performance.

Today's verse reminds us that each one of us need carry our own load. Just like you want the people around you to do their part, others are counting on you to work hard and do your part too! When you follow through with what's expected of you, then others learn to trust you.

This week, if you find yourself in any sort of "team" situation—whether it's a pick-up baseball game with friends in the neighborhood or a group project at school, think to yourself, "Am I carrying my own load right now?" If the answer is "no," ask God to help you change course and get involved so others can depend on you!

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Read Colossians 3:23

Unscramble the words from today's verse below.

"Work at _____ you do with
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_____ your heart. _____ as if you
L A L K O R W

were working for the _____ not for
R O D L

human masters." Colossians 3:23

What did you write in the that first blank? Yep, everything. When there's a job to be done, what if the most powerful man or woman you can think of (like a president, or queen or king) walked into the room? Would you slack off or would you work harder because someone super important was there? You'd probably work harder, right?

How much more important is your heavenly Father? He is way more powerful than any elected president or reigning queen. When you're tempted to give up or quit, think about working hard for God!

At your next family meal, read today's verse out loud. Ask your parents to give an example of something they're responsible for that's not all that fun. Then ask them the answer the following question: How does this verse help you think about that responsibility in a new way?

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.





Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

➡ Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____



Day 2

Read Proverbs 6:6-8

King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, tells us in Proverbs to consider the ant's ways to find wisdom.

Get a sheet of paper and draw an ant onto it. As you read Proverbs 6:6-8 again, write down some of the things Solomon mentions about the ant around the one you just drew. Then add to it anything else you know about ants and their hard work.

Hang your ant drawing somewhere you will see it this week, and start each day "considering the ant and its ways."

Day 3

Look at the picture you drew yesterday and all the things you listed about the ant.

What can you learn about hard work and responsibility from these tiny creatures?

Now think about an area of your life where you struggle to work as hard as you know you should. What would it look like to apply the characteristics of the ant to your situation? Talk to God about it, and ask Him for wisdom to help you know how you can work harder, the strength to work hard, and the responsibility to follow through.

Day 4

When have you had to work hard?

Find a friend or parent and ask them to step outside with you and find an ant. It shouldn't be too hard—there are over one million ants on earth for every single human! That's roughly 10,000,000,000,000 ants!

As you watch the ant hard at work, talk with each other about your observations. Share why it's sometimes really hard to work really hard. Ask your friend or parent about a time when they've had to work hard, and open up about one area in particular that you sometimes struggle to work as hard as you know you should. Come up with a plan for how you will work hard in that particular area this week, and ask your friend or parent to check back in with you in a few days to see how it's going and if you're following through.

Day 5

What is the hardest part about working hard for you?

Maybe you struggle with follow-through. Imagine how bad it would be for the ant if it stopped gathering food before getting enough for the winter!

Or maybe you have a hard time getting motivated to get started? Think of the ant lifting objects 50 times its weight—you can do this!

Figure out what your particular holdup is and come up with a plan to help you work hard like the ant.

If you struggle with... **Try...**

Getting started → Setting an alarm

Following through → Breaking down the task into smaller steps

When things get hard → Asking a friend to check in and encourage you

Completely finishing a task → Giving yourself a reward for finishing

Circle the one or two things that are the hardest for you, and then take the action step (or come up with your own!). Repeat this process any time you have to do something hard, and before you know it, you'll be giving the ant a run for its money!

