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ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

DILIGENCE

DEFINITION:

Consistently working with all my heart to bring glory to God

MEMORY VERSE:

"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

FINISH LINE:

God created us to work

READ: GENESIS 1:26-2:3, 3:17-19 and MATTHEW 28:18-20

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

(OBSERVATION)

1. Look at Genesis 2:2. What had God been doing? *(He worked for six days to create the world.)*
2. What did God create last? *(People)* What did God say about the people He made? *(He said they were very good.)*
3. What did God tell Adam and Eve to do in Genesis 1:28? *(Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, rule over all the animals, tend and watch over the garden. He gave them work!)*
4. Look at Matthew 28:18-20. What work did Jesus give all His disciples? *(Go and make disciples, teach them the good news about Jesus)* Who were they supposed to share this good news with? *(All the nations)*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

(INTERPRETATION)

1. Why is work a good thing? *(God Himself worked for six days to create the world and we know that everything He does is good. He created man and woman in His own image and gave them work to do in the garden.)*
2. When did God create work, before or after people sinned? *(Before! Work existed in the perfect Garden of Eden. Work became hard because people sinned.)*
3. Since Jesus told His disciples to tell all nations about Him, does this mean we all have to move to different countries to be missionaries? *(No, but God may want some of us to go. We can make disciples wherever we go.)*

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

(APPLICATION)

1. Think of places you go often. Where can you diligently be on mission and work for Jesus this week? *(Ex: swimming, sports or dance practice, neighborhood)*
2. Reread Matthew 28:20. Jesus ended His time with His disciples with a promise. What was it? *(He promised to always be with them wherever they went, forever!)*
3. How can Jesus' promise help you work with all your heart no matter where you are or what you are doing?