

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: DILIGENCE

FINISH LINE: God's work through us is never useless

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 1-4

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: Dry erase board or a mirror, dry erase marker, post it notes, or the memory verse cards from week one

DIRECTIONS: One of the pieces of the armor of God is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Take time this week to sharpen your sword and practice the memory verse. Write out the entire verse someplace everyone can see it. You could use the cards you made week one, write out the verse on post it notes, or use a dry erase board or mirror. After you have written it out, say the verse all together. Then start removing words from the verse. After you have removed 1-2 words, say it again. Keep repeating until all the words are gone but you can still say the verse from memory!

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

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW GAME

SUPPLIES: Bible, blank paper, black, red, green, and yellow coloring supplies

SET UP: Even though Jonah thought it was useless to share a message from God with the Ninevites, God's work through him had a purpose. When the Ninevites heard the message, they repented and asked God for mercy. God cared about them and wanted them to be saved from the punishment, power, and presence of their sin. God wants to use you to do the same work for the people you meet every day! We know that everyone is a sinner and deserves punishment for their sin. But God loves and cares about every person He created and wants everyone to be saved. Do you know how to tell people this good news? Our activity is going to help us learn how!

DIRECTIONS: Draw and label four squares on a blank piece of paper. In each square, draw one of the four items listed below. As you draw the image, look up the verse and read it together. After you have drawn and read all four verses, go back and practice using these pictures to tell someone the good news of Jesus!

1. Black Heart: Romans 3:23 – Everyone is a sinner and deserves death and separation from God.
2. Red Cross: Romans 5:8 – Jesus died, and His blood paid for our sin. God shows us mercy and rescues us from our sin when we ask Him for forgiveness and believe Jesus took the punishment we deserve.
3. Green Tree: 2 Peter 3:18 – After we trust Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit helps our relationship with Him grow.
4. Yellow Smiley Face: Revelation 21:3-4 – Everyone who has been saved through faith in Jesus has eternal life and gets to be with God forever!

WRAP UP: Great job practicing! Spend some time thinking of someone you can share this with and remember, God's work through us is never useless!