

## Ants Marching Ant & Sluggard

**Today's Bible Story:** Ants Marching (Ant and Sluggard) • *Proverbs 6:6-8*

**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.

### 1. Review Questions

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Review Questions:

1. Who was the young ruler of Israel? (*Solomon*)
2. Out of everything he could have had, what did Solomon ask God for? (*wisdom*)
3. What did Solomon become known for? (*He became known as one of the wisest men to ever live*)
4. What is the book of the Bible that holds many of Solomon's wise sayings? (*Proverbs*)
5. What insect did we talk about today? (*ant*)
6. What did we learn today that makes the ant stand out? (*They are hard-working*)
7. How do the ants work hard? (*They store up their food*)
8. Do ants have a leader or ruler who keeps them focused on their work? (*no*)
9. What can we learn from the ants? (*We can be hard workers, too*)

## 2. Game of Life

### [Live for God | Application Activity]

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

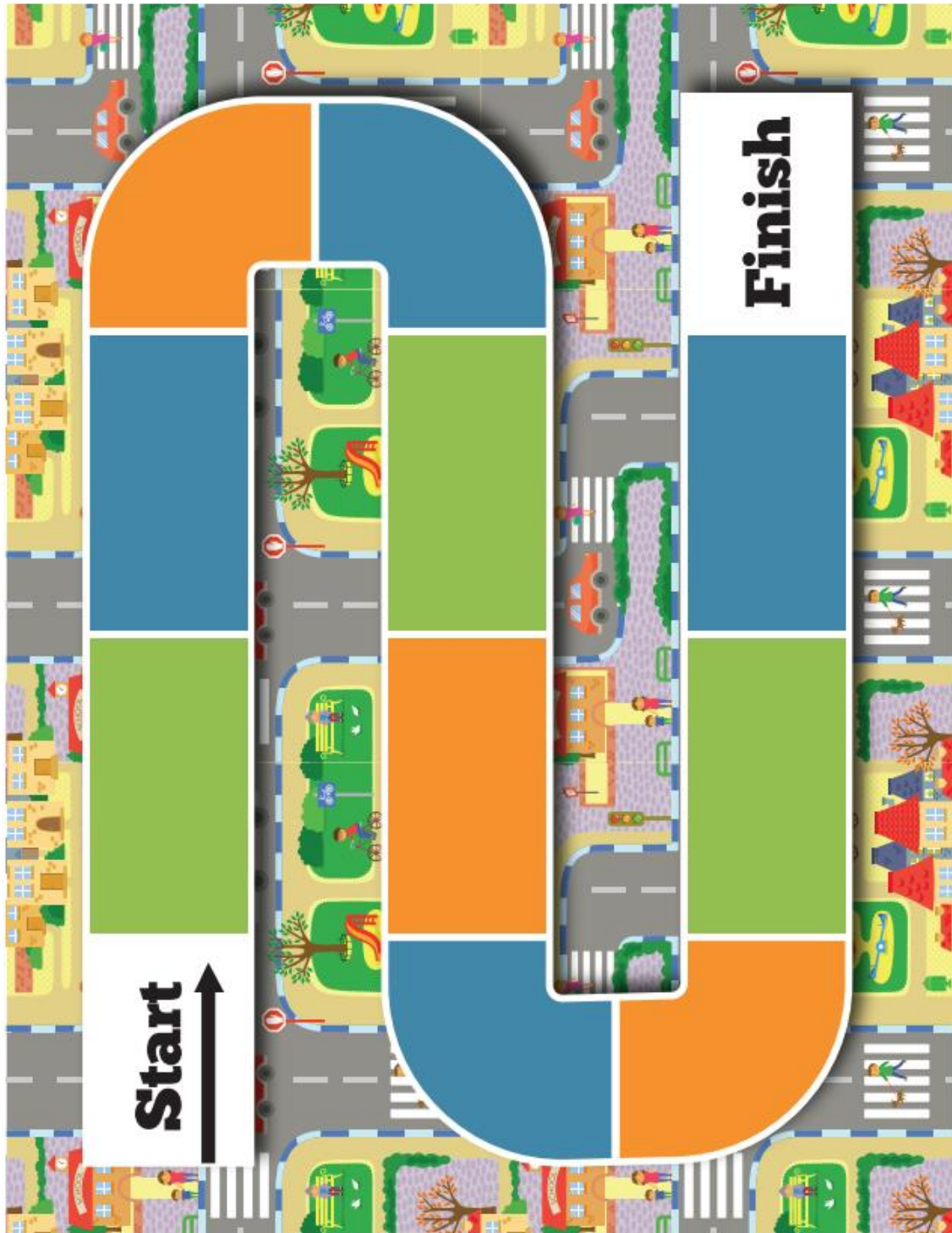
**What You Need:** “Game of Life” Activity Pages (print pages 3, 4, 5 on cardstock), markers, glue sticks, plastic sandwich bags, and scissors

### What You Do:

- Hand out “Game of Life” gameboard and blue squares page to every kid.
- Encourage kids to choose four blue squares to fill their blue spaces on their gameboard. They cut those squares out and glue them to the blue spaces on the gameboard.
- Instruct the kids to write down ways they can work hard this week in the green squares on their gameboard. Give them examples of places where they can work hard (the park, home, school, neighborhood, at a friend’s house).
- Instruct them to leave the orange spaces free to use later.
- Once the kids have completed their gameboards, hand out a numbered squares page to every kid.
- Give a pair of scissors to each kid and instruct them to cut out the numbers and place them in a plastic sandwich bag.
- Explain that every day they can pull out a number and move that many places on their gameboard. Whatever space they land on is their “work hard” challenge for that day!
- Let kids practice pulling out a number to see where they land.
- Engage kids in a conversation about a way they can work hard based on the gameboard space they landed on.
- If they land on an orange space, explain that you will fill those spaces in later.

### What You Say:

“These are probably the coolest looking gameboards I’ve ever seen! As our amazing game shows, there are so many different ways to **[Bottom Line] work hard** and use what God has given us. God didn’t make us to stand still in the game of life. He created us strong, unique, and full of passion to do big things in this world! Let’s go out and **[Bottom Line] work hard** this week!”



**WHAT TO DO:**  
Print on cardstock. Provide one for each kid.

**"Game of Life" Activity Page 1/3**  
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**I won't give up  
on my homework  
when it's hard.**



**I'll help  
clean up  
after dinner.**



**I won't roll  
my eyes when  
I need to help  
my sibling.**



**I can help my  
teacher pick up  
in our classroom.**



**I can help  
someone learn  
our spelling  
words.**



**I can help  
clean up around  
my yard.**



**I can make my  
bed and tidy up  
my stuff without  
being asked.**

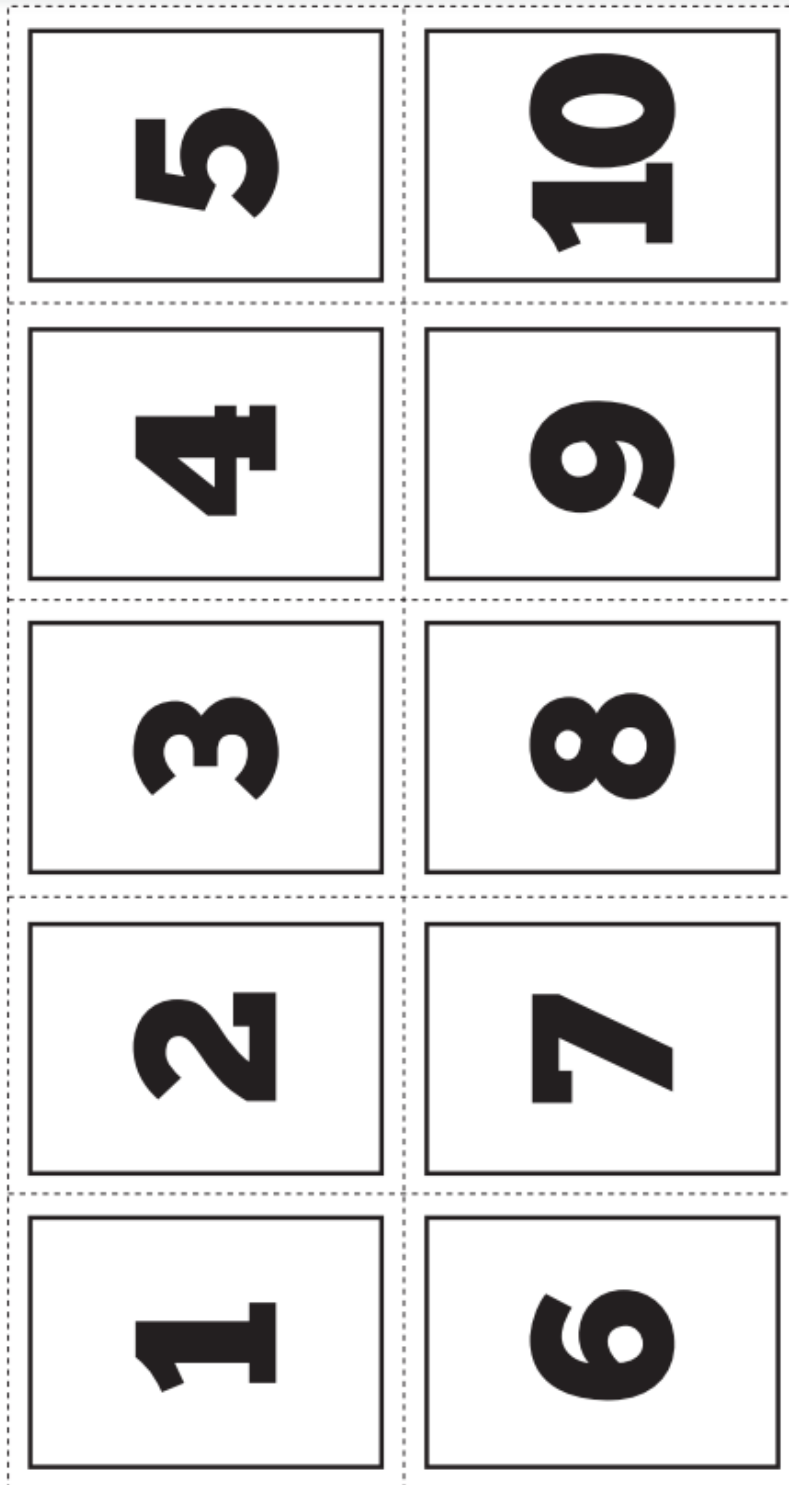


**I can help  
the first time  
someone asks  
me to.**



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Print on cardstock. Provide one for each kid.

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**What to Do:**  
Print on cardstock. Provide one for each kid.

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### 3. Memory Verse Review Cards (print page 7)

#### [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

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

#### Prayer

**Parent:** “Dear Jesus, thank You for the opportunity to **[Bottom Line] work hard**. We know that every small thing we do each day can be used to show Your love to others. We ask that You help us see ways we can **[Bottom Line] work hard** this week and that we would be excited to be a part of a purpose that is bigger than ourselves! We love You! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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**Luke 16:10a,  
NIrV**

**What to Do:**

Print on cardstock and cut apart. Provide one set for each small group.

**"Memory Verse Cards, NIrV" Activity Page**

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