

## Lesson 21

### Work and Personal Responsibility

#### Why Work Is Important

Work is something we all do. Even God and Jesus worked! God created everything we see, and Jesus did many important things during His time on earth. They showed us that work is important and good.

#### God's Command to Work

After Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, they had to work hard to take care of themselves and their family. God said they would need to work hard to grow food and take care of the earth. This is something people have done ever since.

#### Responsibility in Families

In families, everyone has jobs to do. Parents take care of the family by providing food, love, and teaching about God. Children help too! They might have jobs like cleaning their room, helping with dishes, or feeding pets. Everyone works together to make the home a happy place.

#### Enjoying Our Work

Sometimes work feels like a chore, but it can also be fun! When we do our jobs with a happy heart, it makes everything better. We can also help each other out when someone has a lot to do. Sharing the work makes it easier and more enjoyable for everyone.

#### Scripture References:

- Genesis 1:1–28 (God's work of creation)
- Genesis 3:19 (Adam and Eve's need to work)
- Exodus 20:9 (God's command to work)
- John 5:17; 9:4 (Jesus talks about His work)
- 1 Timothy 5:8 (Providing for our families)

Title: "The Garden of Giving"

In a quaint village nestled amidst rolling hills, there lived a boy named Lucas. He loved spending his days exploring the wonders of nature, from the lush forests to the babbling

brooks that meandered through the countryside. One sunny afternoon, as Lucas roamed through the fields near his home, he stumbled upon a neglected patch of land that seemed to beckon to him.

"I wonder what I can do with this garden," Lucas mused, his eyes gleaming with curiosity.

Inspired by the possibilities before him, Lucas decided to transform the patch of land into a garden of his own. With unwavering determination and a heart full of hope, he set to work, tilling the soil, planting seeds, and nurturing them with care.

As days turned into weeks, Lucas watched with delight as his garden began to flourish. Vibrant flowers bloomed in a riot of colors, while fruits and vegetables ripened under the warm sun, transforming the once-barren patch of land into a thriving oasis of life and beauty.

But Lucas's garden was more than just a feast for the eyes—it was a testament to the power of hard work and personal responsibility. Each day, he tended to his garden with diligence and dedication, knowing that his efforts would yield abundant rewards.

As the seasons changed and the garden continued to flourish, Lucas learned an important lesson about the value of work. He realized that just as he had nurtured his garden with love and attention, so too could he nurture his own life and the lives of those around him.

With newfound purpose and determination, Lucas embraced his responsibilities at home and in his community. He helped his family with chores around the house, volunteered at a local soup kitchen, and lent a helping hand to neighbors in need.

And as he looked out at his flourishing garden, Lucas knew that he was part of something greater—a garden of giving, where the seeds of kindness and compassion blossomed into acts of generosity and goodwill.

For Lucas, the garden was not just a place of beauty—it was a reminder of the power of work and personal responsibility to transform the world around him. And with each passing day, he continued to nurture his garden and his soul, knowing that his efforts were making a difference in the lives of others.