

BIG IDEA

We are all **called** to work and take care of the earth, in our own **unique** way.

THE BIBLE

Genesis 2: 4-24

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

ACTIVITY

- Hello Families! This week we are exploring the idea of work. You will have the opportunity to spend time together discussing what work is and what it means to work in a way that is glorifying to God, helpful to others, and unique to you. Let's begin the lesson with a game that will get you thinking about your unique characteristics.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the whole family stand up; the leader will say, "Sit down if you..." If the statement the leader says applies to them, they will sit down, if it doesn't, they will stand up. You can use statements like these and add your own.*
 - Have brown hair
 - Love to eat pizza
 - Play a sport
 - Like to play board games
 - Have glasses
 - Have a brother
 - Have a pet
 - Have blue eyes
 - Like to eat vegetables
 - Ride a bike
 - Like to take a bath
 - Sleep with a stuffed animal
 - Love to read books
- We are all different in many ways. God made each one of us for a purpose that is unique, different, special. He gave each one of us different talents, skills, and different interests. **Why do you think He did this?**

FAMILY QUESTION | WHAT DOES THE WORD WORK MEAN TO YOU?

When you think of the word work what emotion comes to mind? Do you feel excited, hopeful, happy, accomplished, anxious, overwhelmed, or exhausted? Take some time as a family to discuss those emotions and what work looks like for **each** family member. Make a list or a job description as a visual aid for this question.

- Take time to reflect as a family and ask yourselves, do you love what you do? Does your work reflect your potential, or your personal skills? Does your work help others?

WORSHIP TIME

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Click on the links below to sing and dance together as a family.*
- [Worship Song Made for This](#)
- [Worship Song Use Me](#)

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BIBLE STORY | **Genesis 2: 2-24** *Read this Bible verse. You can choose to have different family members read a verse, or just one person can read it out loud to everyone.*

ACTIVITY | Create and work together

- As a family decide what you would like to create. Gather all your materials together. Make sure each family member is assigned a role in this creation project. You can choose anything you would like.
- ***Here are a few examples:*** *Cook a meal, plant seeds for a garden that you can plant outside later, build something with random materials around your house, play instruments and sing together, or paint a picture together.*
- Take a picture of the activity and reflect on the work that you did together.
- Take a moment and think about what you did together in comparison to Tim Keller's definition of work: work is "rearranging the raw material of God's creation in such a way that it helps the world in general, and people in particular, thrive and flourish." (Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work) This description of work is so beautiful. What an amazing perspective to have when it comes to the idea of work.

DEEPER QUESTION

- Remember the question from earlier, what does work mean to you? Now, think of work in a way that helps you understand the relationship of the work that is set before you and your unique calling from God.
- As you do this share what you believe a strength is of each other, something they do well, something you see them do that brings them joy, something you see them do that helps/serves others. What is something they do that shows worship and glorifies God? *(You can turn this into a game by sitting in a circle and either tossing or rolling a ball to the person who will share something about someone else)*

CRAFT | CREATE A REST AND WORK JOURNAL

- *Supplies: construction paper, markers, hole punch, scissors, yarn, stickers, copy paper, and any other decorating materials you have on hand.*



- **Here is a sample of what it can look like.**
- Fold a piece of construction paper in half like a book cover.
- Fold a stack of five pieces of copy paper in half like a book.
- Put the folded copy paper in the folded construction paper to make a journal.
- Punch a hole near the top of the spine and another hole near the bottom of the spine.
- Tie a piece of yarn through the holes to bind your journal.
- Decorate the cover.
- **Draw pictures, write songs, poems, or journal entries into you book. Use it as a tool to think about your purpose, your calling, your responsibilities, your work and rest throughout the week in relationship with taking care of the earth and showing love to others.**