

## Joy of Work Lapbook: Go to the Ant

Reinforce the joy of work and help children out of the pit of laziness

**Lesson:** Work is Using all God gave you to help others.

Good Work:

Rich:

“The soul of the lazy man desires and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich” Proverbs 13:4 (money)

Proverbs 10:4

Rule:

Hands that work hard will rule. But people who don't want to work will become slaves Proverbs 12:24 (crown)

Re-memorable:

God is fair. He will not forget what you have done. He will remember the love you have shown him. You showed it when you helped his people. And you show it when you keep on helping them. Hebrews 6:10 (brain bubble)

Reward:

My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Don't let anything move you. Always give yourselves completely to the work of the Lord. Because you belong to the Lord, you know that your work is not worthless 1 Corinthians 15:58 (metal/trophy)

Why Christians work

-God made us. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good things. Long ago God prepared them for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

-You foolish man! Do you want proof that faith without good works is useless? 21 Our father Abraham offered his son Isaac on the altar. Wasn't he considered to be right with God because of what he did? 22 So you see that what he believed and what he did were working together. What he did made his faith complete. James 2:20

-The body without the spirit is dead. In the same way, faith without good works is dead. James 2:26 (Works come from the fruit of faith-faith tree with works fruit)

-Don't just listen to the word. You fool yourselves if you do that. You must do what it says. James 1:22

-In the beginning...we were meant to work: The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden. He put him there to work its ground and to take care of it. Genesis 2:15

Copy work in the form of a heart: Colossians 3:23-24 23 Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord, not for human masters. 24 Work because you know that you will finally receive as a reward what the Lord wants you to have. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Laziness --to-- busy for God

**How:** Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new

has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

\*\*\*Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23

\*\*\*Don't forget to do good. Don't forget to share with others. God is pleased with those kinds of offerings Hebrews 13:16

\*\*\*Psalm 32:9 Don't be like the horse or the mule. They can't understand anything. They have to be controlled by bits and bridles. If they aren't they won't come to you.

\*\*\*Proverbs 6:7-8 It has no commander. It has no leader or ruler. But it stores up its food in summer, It gathers its food at harvest time.

\*\*\*\* Proverbs 26:13-16

**Direction for Lesson:** Tie each end of the yarn on to either end of the popsicle stick. You may have to glue the knots to the sticks for them to hold. Place the sticks in the child's mouth, like a bit. Gently pull the bit using the yarn, as if they were a horse. Have them walk forward and you lead them where you want them to go. Don't tell them where you are going. That is not what you do with a horse. Pull back when you want them to stop. Ask them how they would like it if they had to do this all day every day. (Certain personalities may like it a lot. Be sure you do it long enough for it to become tiresome.) Now Point out the cover to them. The ant is praised for needing no leader, but just doing the work God has given it. A donkey/mule on the other hand can be stubborn, and needs guided with a bit and bridle.

**Materials: popsicle stick/yarn, 3 feet of yarn/ child, glue**

### **Activities:**

Grasshopper and the Ant

Free Disney youtube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAd0jOuQg8o>

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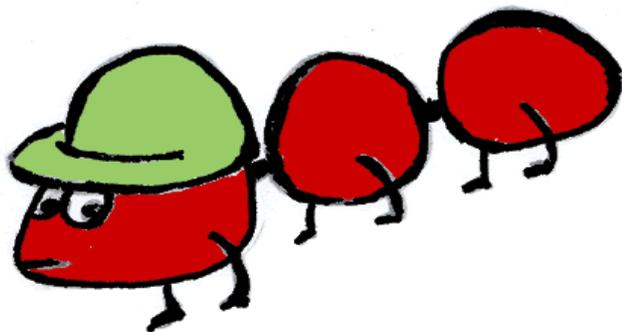
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Proverbs 19:24 A person who doesn't want to work leaves his hand in the dish.

He won't even bring it back up to his mouth! (have a bowl of peanuts or crackers. Explain how hungry you are, but be so lazy that you won't bring your hand to your mouth.)

**Materials:**

## Think About the Ant!



### Proverbs 6:7-8

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It has no leader or  
ruler.

**8** But it stores up its  
food in summer.  
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## Don't be a Donkey



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Don't be like the horse  
or the mule. They  
can't understand any-  
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controlled by bits and  
bridles. If they aren't,  
they won't come to you

1. Put the heading and ant on top with a boarder  
(You can cut the "Proverbs 6:7-8" horizontally and have them puzzle the pieces back  
in order underneath the ant
2. Put the Heading, Donkey and verse on the top of the right side with a boarder.
3. Cut a square of wax paper to fit over the donkey picture. Draw a circle with a slash  
on the wax paper. Glue the top edge to the top edge of the donkey picture.

Front

Think about the ant	Don't be a Donkey
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Laziness is Punished

inside folder, outside flaps

How to do Good Work	Lazy Hands	The Ant and the Grasshopper Story
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Colossians 3:23-

24 Heart

Left inside Flaps

Money Tree	Works good fruit
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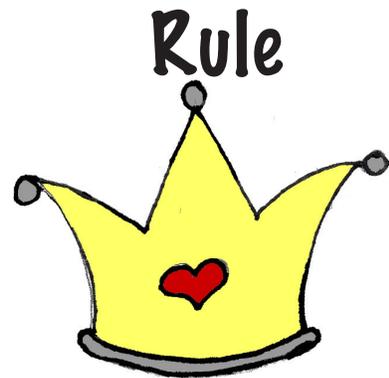
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Consequences of Laziness	Good Work Rewards
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## Good Work is Rewarded

1. Cut out the Good work Rectangle on the dotted line.
2. Cut the flaps on the dotted line
3. Fold towards the writing on the hash line
4. Glue the Good work pictures onto the front of the flaps.
3. Glue the explanation for each inside the flap. Read the verse and ask the kids which picture matches it.

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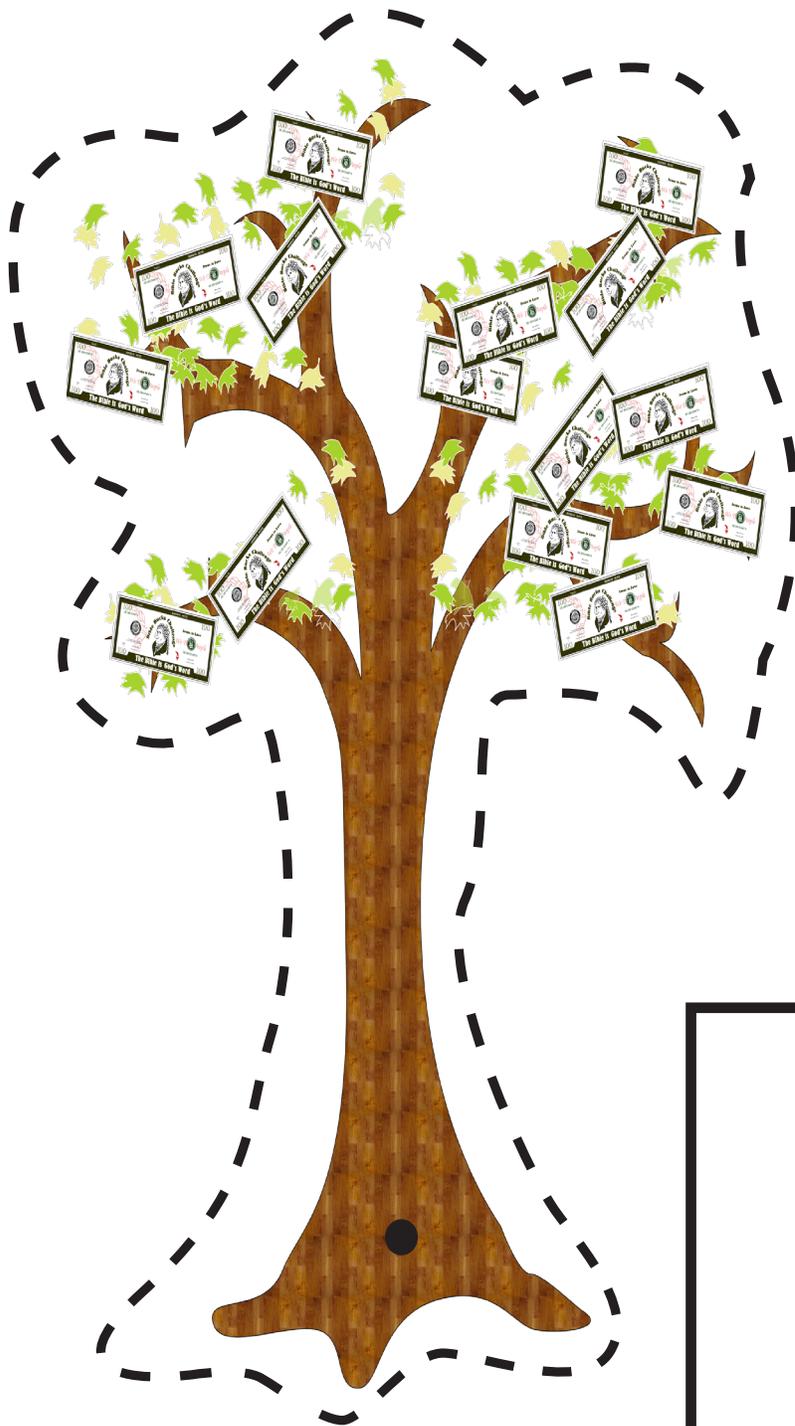
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Good Work is  
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## Money Tree

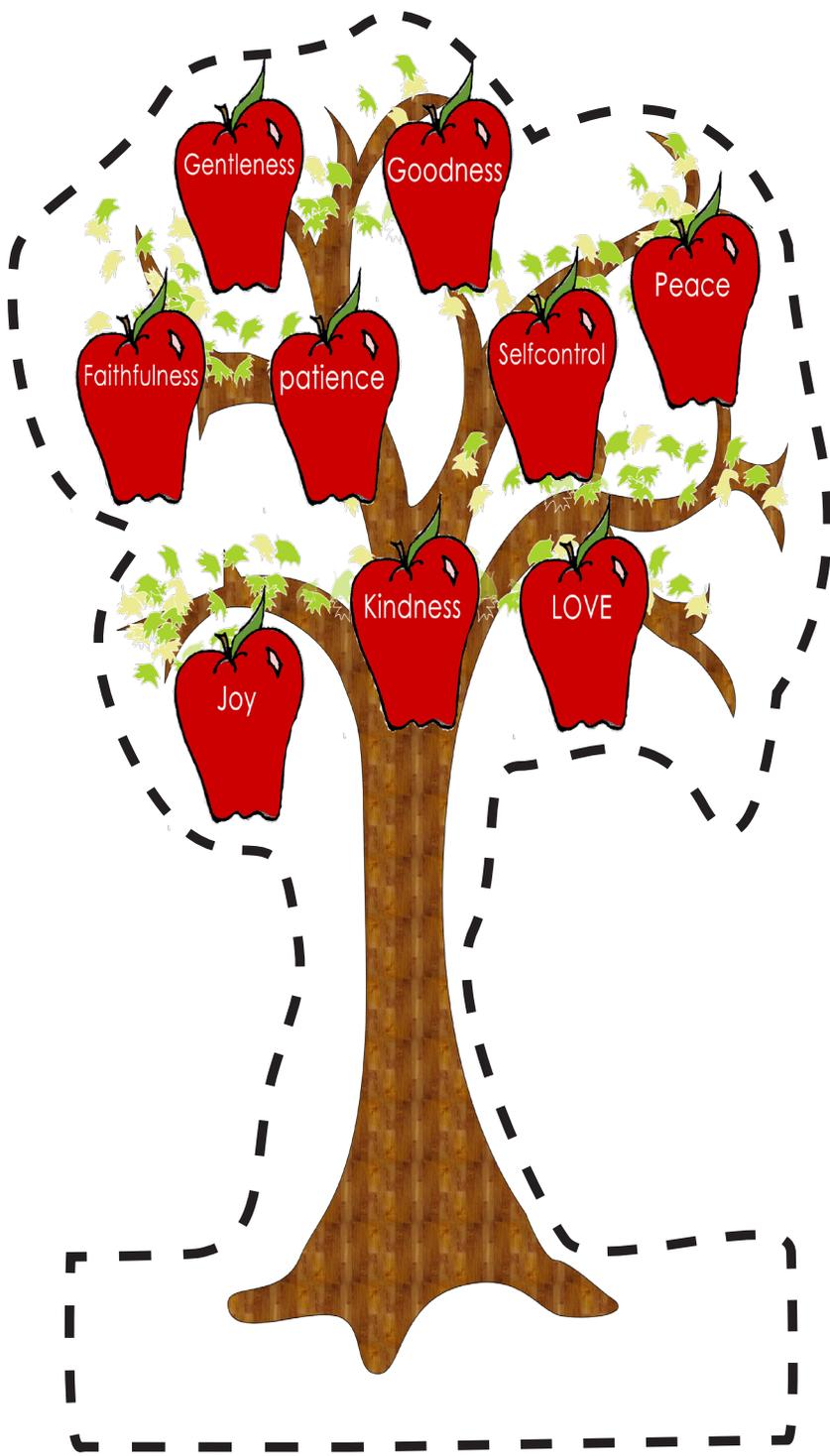
There is no such thing as a  
Money Tree!

Everything you eat, wear and touch  
is yours because someone has done  
good work so that you can have it. The  
Bible says you must do good work too.  
Learn how to do good work now while  
you are young so that when you are  
older you can help yourself and others.

### How to Do Good Wrok

1. Cut around the "How to Do Good Wrok" rectangle.
2. Glue the sides and bottem to the left inside folder.
3. Print the front and back of the "How to Do Good Work" cards and cut them apart.
4. Place them in the pocket.

**How to Do  
Good Work  
(memory verses)**



### Working Tree

1. Cut out the working tree.
2. Cut on the dotted line.
3. Fold on the hash line with the writing on the outside.
4. Glue the back of the Work's Good Fruit to the back of the tree.
5. Glue the bottom of the tree to the right in-

## Work's Good Fruit

James 1:22

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How to do Good Work: Memory verse cards back

## **Hebrews 13:16**

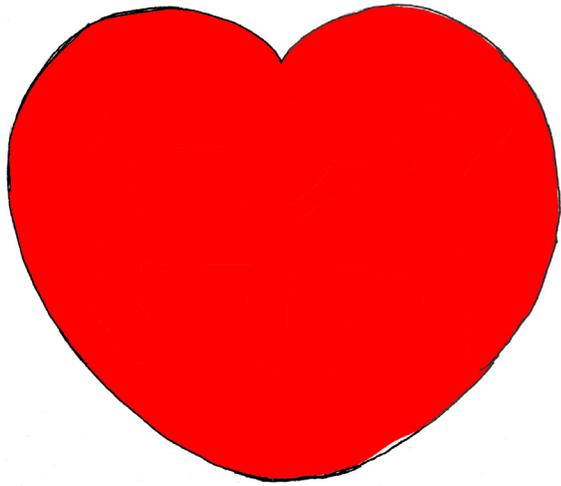
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work, think about the ant!  
Consider its ways and be  
wise!**

**7 It has no commander.  
It has no leader or ruler.**

**8 But it stores up its food in  
summer.  
It gathers its food at har-**



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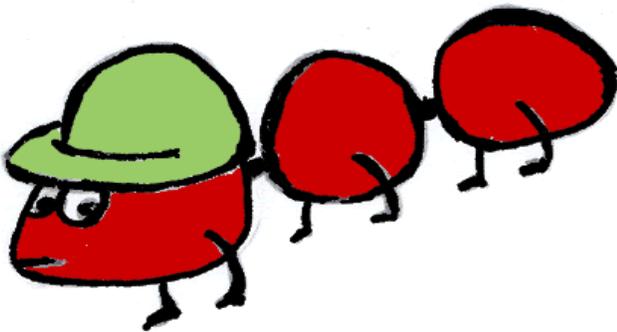


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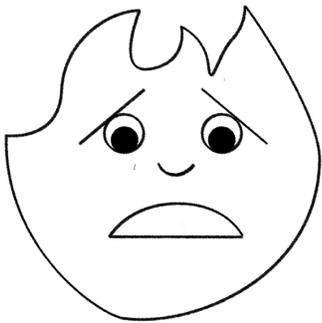
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**Hebrews 13:16**



— Back —



consequences  
of Laziness

Poverty

Hungry

Weakness

**Proverbs 6:9-10**  
**Laziness leads to poverty**

9 You lazy people, how long will you lie there? When will you get up from your sleep? 10 You might sleep a little or take a little nap. You might even fold your hands and rest. 11 Then you would be poor... **Proverbs 10:4** Hands that don't want to work make you poor. But hands that work hard bring wealth to you.

**Proverbs 19:15**  
**Laziness goes hungry**

Anyone who doesn't want to work sleeps his life away. And a person who refuses to work goes hungry.

**Laziness is weak**  
**Proverbs 19:24**

A person who doesn't want to work leaves his hand in the dish. He won't even bring it back up to his mouth!

**Proverbs 21:25**

25 Some people will die while they are still hungry.

That's because their hands refuse to work

Proverbs 20:4  
Proverbs 21:25  
Proverbs 13:25  
Proverbs 16:26

Slavery

Destructive

Foolishness

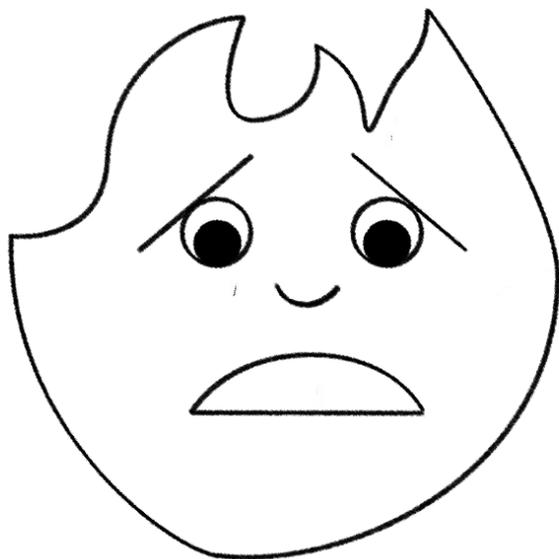
**Laziness Leads to Slavery**  
**Proverbs 12:24**  
Hands that work hard will  
rule. But people who don't  
want to work will become  
slaves

**Laziness is Destructive**  
**Proverbs 18:9**  
Anyone who doesn't want to  
work, is like someone who  
destroys.  
**proverbs 15:19**  
The way of people who don't  
want to work is blocked with  
thorns. But the path of honest  
people is a wide road

**Laziness is Foolishness**  
**Proverbs 26:16**  
A person who doesn't want  
to work is wiser in his own  
eyes than seven people  
who give careful answers.

# Lazy Hands

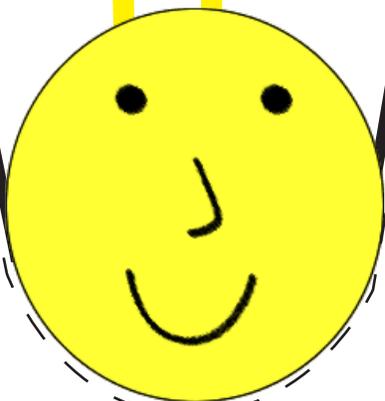
The way of people who don't want to work is blocked with thorns.



Proverbs  
15:19

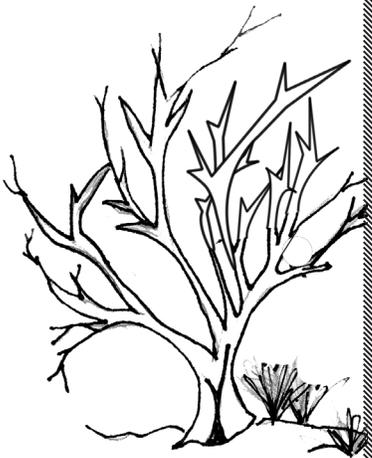
**Hard Working  
Hands**

But the path  
of honest  
people is  
a wide  
road.



1. Print the front and the back of Lazy hands
2. Cut out the Lazy Hands on the dotted line.
3. Fold towards the writing on the hash line
4. Fold the road like an accordion so that the smiley face is on the top.
5. Glue the back of sad face square to the inside middle of the file folder.
6. Glue the Hard Working Hands title under the Smiley face.

# Back of Lazy Hands



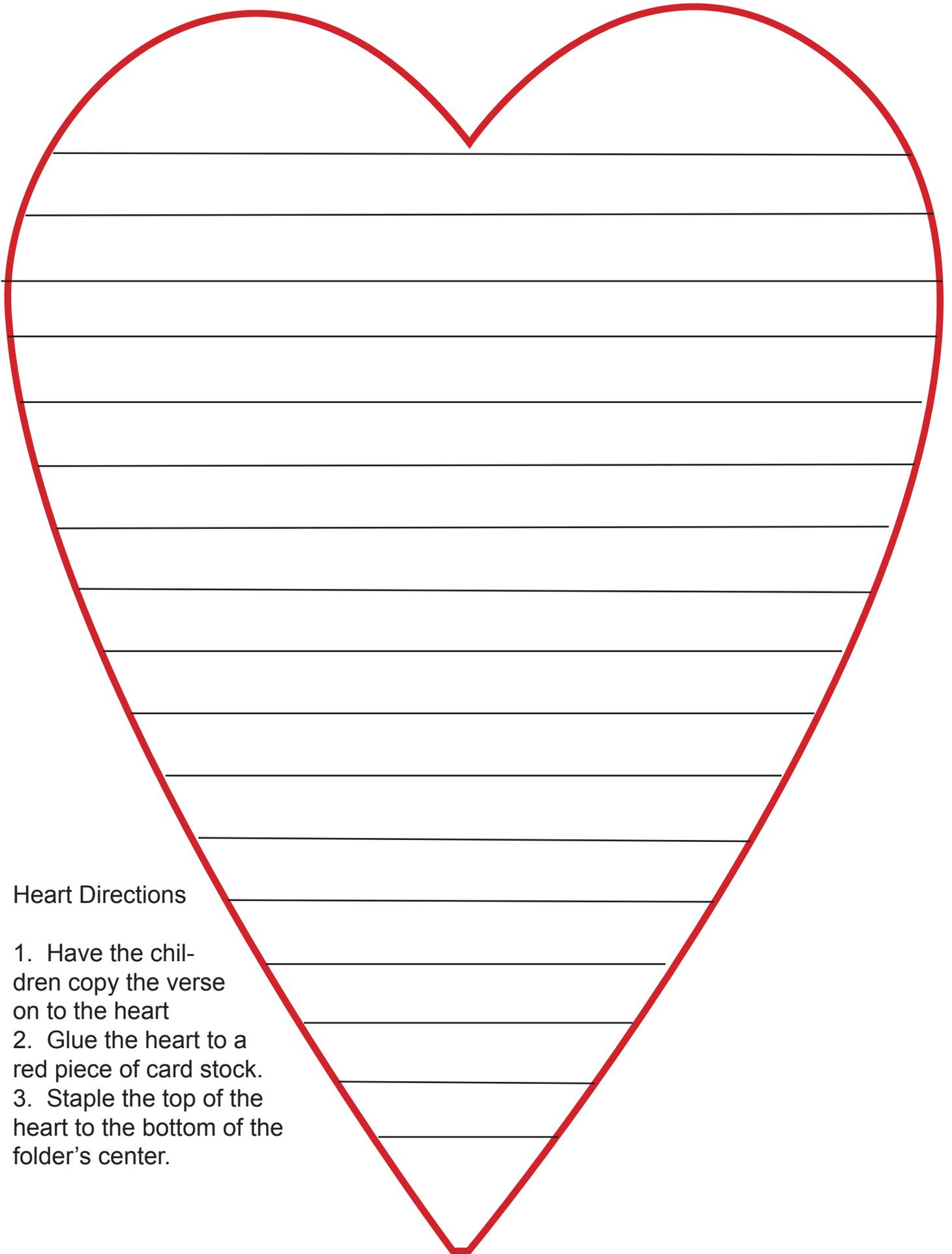
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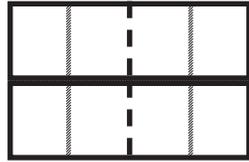
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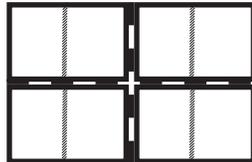
### Heart Directions

1. Have the children copy the verse on to the heart
2. Glue the heart to a red piece of card stock.
3. Staple the top of the heart to the bottom of the folder's center.

## Directions Day Three: 9 page mini book

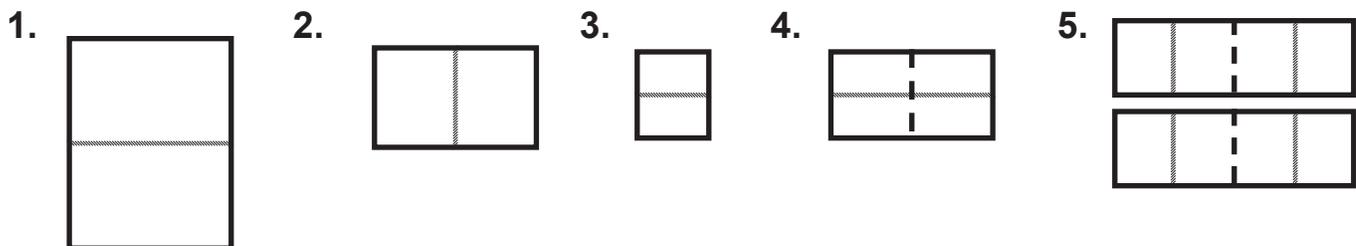


1. fold page in half (9 toward 8) \*Distinguish 6 from 9.



2. fold page in half again (7 toward 3)
3. fold page in half again (5 toward 5)
4. open twice and cut the fold in the middle (5 from 3 and 1 from blank)
5. open each half again and cut (3 from 7; 4 from 9), \*Distinguish 6 from 9.
6. Put the pages in numerical order.

### Cover:



1. Fold a piece of construction paper in half (width wise)
2. then in half again.
3. and then in half again
4. Open up the folded paper twice and cut along the fold in the middle (width wise)
5. Open up each piece and cut each piece on the center fold so that you have four tall books
- (6. Meaning the books are folded along the long side.)
7. Place them in numerical order, add the cover and staple.
8. Glue the book on the right inside folder.

Above the book have your child end the store and draw a picture.

**Materials:** Scissors, colored construction paper, stapler, glue and crayons.

Write your ending of the story and draw a picture

**My Ending to The Ant and the Grasshopper**

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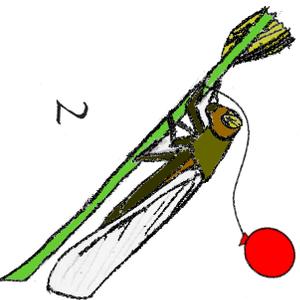
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# The Ant and the Grasshopper

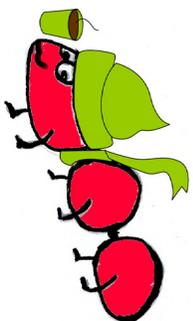
The grasshopper thinks he's a fool, and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

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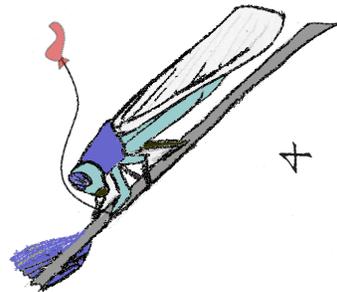
Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed.



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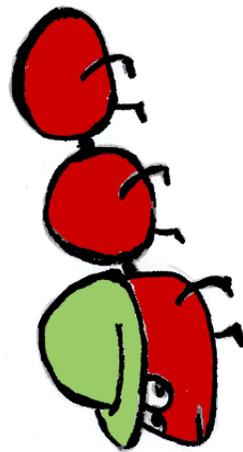
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**The shivering grasshopper has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold.**



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**The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building up his house and laying up supplies for the winter.**



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