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“You can be sure of that,” said her mother. “Even Jesus worked hard, and He wouldn’t have had to.”

“That’s why I want to be a Carpenter,” said Bob. “Why not be a church teacher like I’m gonna be?” said Leona. “Jesus was a teacher, you know; and teaching God’s Word is God’s work!”

The Holy Bible says, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might!”

The Ants are a good example of hard workers. That’s why the Holy Bible says, “Go to the Ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways, and be wise.”

Bible Reading: Proverbs 6:6-11

OUR PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Please forgive our laziness, and help us not to be lazy. Help us to enjoy work as well as play, and teach us to do our work for You. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who never got tired of working for others. Amen.



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