

In the Beginning 20 – Activities

LESSON ACTIVITIES

- ✓ **Further Understanding:** Investigation/Reasoning Skills

God's model of work

God has commanded people to work for six days and to rest for one. When we follow God's model we keep a right view of work which is to both work hard and to keep our focus on God and the eternal. What happens if we don't work hard? What happens if we take our focus off God and what is eternal?

Ecclesiastes 7:18 says, *The man who fears God will avoid all extremes.* What would be the two extremes in terms of work? People have a tendency to go to extremes. In terms of work one extreme would be to be lazy and not work hard enough on the six days God has said to work. The other extreme would be to put too much focus on gaining material possessions, working too hard and forgetting about God. Solomon, a very wise king of Israel, gave us wisdom about these two extremes.

Proverbs 6:6-11

6Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! 7It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, 8yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. 9How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? 10A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- 11and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

What does this passage mean?

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

10Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. 11As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?

What does this passage mean?

- ✓ **Activity:** Sabbath Acrostic Poem

Instructions: Write an acrostic poem for the word "Sabbath". Use each letter of the word to start a phrase that says what we should do on the Sabbath. Brainstorm words before writing the poem. Below are some verbs that start with the letters.

S – serve, shout, share, submit, sacrifice

A – adore, acknowledge, approach, appreciate, acclaim

B – be (something), bow, bestow, bring, boast, better

B – see above B

A – see above A

T – thank, talk, turn to, take delight in, think about, treasure, treat

H – honor, hold, hark, hear, heal

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✓ **Craft:** Creation Poster

As a reminder that God created the world in six days and on the seventh day he rested, make a creation poster.

Materials: Cover stock paper, crayons or colored pencils

Preparation: None

Instructions: Divide the paper into 6 rectangles. Label each rectangle with the number of a day and draw a picture of what God created on that day.

✓ **Game:** Creation Review

As a reminder that God created the world in six days and commanded man to keep the Sabbath holy, play a creation review game.

Instructions: Divide the group into two teams. Ask review questions about creation alternating which team gets to answer. If the team gets the answer right, it gets one of the letters for the word "Sabbath." If it doesn't know the answer, it gets no letter. If it gives the wrong answer, it loses a letter. The first team to collect all the letters to "Sabbath" wins the game.