



**Aim of Lesson:**

To encourage the children to follow Joseph's example by working well at whatever they do.



**Bible Reading:**

Psalm 100



**Memory Verse:**

Teach Ecclesiastes 9:10 – *“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.”*



**Teaching Story:**

Use the story, “Joseph the Trusted Servant”, including Picture Cards JO25-32.



**Activity:**

Proverbs 6:6-11

Firstly, read verses 6 to 8 and talk about ants; drawing out the facts that they work hard, they work without someone needing to supervise them all the time and that their hard work pays off in the long run. Rather than explaining all this to the children, ask them questions to see if you can draw out this information from the children. (*Group Leaders will need to carefully work out these questions beforehand*)

Secondly, read verses 9 to 11 by way of contrast, highlighting laziness, selfishness, poor work habits, and their eventual outcome.



**Prayer Topics:**

Combine a round of 'thank you' prayers (*on any topic*) with a 'please' prayer, asking the Lord's help with some area of work which they find difficult or in which they are lazy.



**Bible Study:**

Photocopy and hand out the Bible Study 2/4 on ‘Working Well’.

**\* Special Note**

Leaders need to read about the Practical Service Project to be explained to the children next week. Start making plans about ways in which this project can be done.