

# CITY LG – January 20-21, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Ants Marching (Ant and Sluggard) • *Proverbs 6:6-8*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Work hard.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a (NirV)*

**CAMPUS LG Supplies Needed:** Piece of Paper on a clipboard and a pen for each small group, Bucket with pet items

## WORSHIP

Live Differently

Give My All

**Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Group**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Hello, friends! How's it going? If you're having a great day, give me a thumbs-up like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Awesome! I'm having a pretty great day, too!

Who can tell me what we've been talking about this month? What's our virtue? (*Pause for response.*) That's right! We've been talking about responsibility.

**SLIDE: Virtue**

Responsibility is **showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

You need responsibility to see it through—whether you're finishing your schoolwork, doing chores at home, or even taking care of a furry friend.

I've been given the really awesome responsibility of leading today's game, which I call 'Pet Bucket.'

*Pick up the bucket full of pet items*

I have right here a bucket full of things you might find at someone's house if they have a pet. But I won't show you exactly what's in here quite yet! When I say, 'Go,' you'll have 60 seconds to work with your small group and make a list of the items you think might be in this bucket.

*Give a piece of paper on a clipboard and a pen to each Small Group Leader.*

Just tell your leader if you have any guesses, and your leader will write them down on their piece of paper. When time is up, I'll show you each item in the bucket, and you'll get a point for each item your group guessed correctly. Leaders, you can just make a check mark if you have the item written down. The group with the most points, wins! Are you ready? Get together with your group and share some ideas of what could be in this bucket!

**VIDEO: 60 second countdown**

*Let the kids brainstorm ideas of what's in the bucket. When time's up, remove each item from the bucket, one at a time, and call out what it is. Small Group Leaders can check off the words that are on their sheet.*

*Once you've shown everything in the bucket, get the leaders to total their points. Celebrate everyone, then make a really big deal of the group that has the most points! Collect the clipboards and pens.*

That was so fun, and everyone did great! Everybody, give someone a high-five!

Today, we're looking at a wise idea about responsibility that we can find in the Bible, in the book of Proverbs. (*Hold up Bible.*) Proverbs is FULL of wise sayings, and many of them came from King Solomon.

Solomon became king at a very young age. He was worried about how he could lead God's people because he didn't have much experience. One night, God spoke to Solomon in a dream and told him he could ask for anything he wanted. Solomon asked for wisdom so he could lead the people well. And God gave him what he asked for!

Because of this, King Solomon was known as one of the wisest people who ever lived. Many of the things Solomon learned and said were written in a book with other wise sayings. These proverbs are short sayings that can help people make wise decisions in their everyday lives. Let's look...

**VIDEO: Bible Story Video**

Solomon was really wise when he said that we should be like the ant. God made ants to spend their lives working hard. And they definitely do! They get the job done. And like Solomon said, ants give us a great picture of how WE can live with responsibility. We can work hard and do our very best with whatever we're expected to do.

Listen to what Jesus said in our memory verse, Luke 16:10.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

*Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. (Luke 16:10a, NIV)*

Let's show we can be trusted by living the way Jesus said to live.

This is what we need to remember today. Check this out...

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**Work hard.**

Think about what that looks like for you. You know you need to get your homework done. You know you need to clear your place after dinner. You know you should put your toys away when you're done with them. Our lives are full of opportunities to 'see it through' and show others that we can be trusted.

So, don't wait to be asked. Just do it! Just do what you know you need to do. If someone needs help, then jump in to help! You've got this!

If you're ever finding it hard to take responsibility and see it through, think about how Jesus lived. Jesus lived a life of love and compassion. He came to give up his life on the cross to save us. And that's exactly what He did!

Let's pray.

**SLIDE: Theme Background**

"Dear God, thank You for the way You created ants to be such busy workers! Like Solomon said, ants give us an example of what it looks like to work hard. Help us to make the wise choice and live with responsibility—by always giving our best effort to whatever task is in front of us. Help us not to be lazy, but to work hard and do what You've made us to do. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

## **OFFERING**

Last week we told you about our brand-new ministry we are raising money for with our offering. Does anyone remember what it is? Yep...Morning Star Mission. It's a mission right here in Joliet, IL that helps people who are struggling financially. If you brought your offering, go ahead, and put it in the container. Let's look at this video of a family of 6 who lost their home and needed help.

**VIDEO: Family of 6 live in car**

What a great mission to support. Morning Star changes lives! See what you can do this week to raise some money for this awesome mission.