

## Sermon of the Week

# We Work Hard

**Theme:** God wants us to work hard.

**Object:** Items for different occupations such as a calculator, tool belt, apron, hammer, or iPad

**Scripture:** "Brothers and sisters, never become tired of doing good." 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Say: **I brought some things today that people use in their work. Here's a...**(show and explain each item).

Ask: **How many of you already have a job where you get a paycheck? Not too many of you, right? What are some of the jobs that the adults you know have?**

Say: **The grownups in your life work hard every day to take care of you. They work to make sure you have a place to live and food to eat.**

Say: **I can remember one of my first jobs.** (Tell what you did.)

Ask: **What are some of the jobs you have at your home?**

Say: **It isn't always easy to work, and sometimes we can be lazy. But God wants us to work hard. We help our families keep our homes running when we work hard.**

Say: **Let's think about some of the jobs that people do around our church.** (Name people and tell what they do. Then ask the following question for up to three people.)

Ask: **What would happen if (name of person) didn't do the job of (name of job)?**

Say: **Well, we can see that if all these people did not work hard around our church, things would get messy, disorganized, and confusing.**

Say: **The Bible tells us that it's a good thing that all these people work hard. And the Bible tells us that God wants us to work hard, too.**

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12: **"We hear that some people in your group refuse to work. They do nothing. And they busy themselves in other people's lives. We command those people to work quietly and earn their own food. In the Lord Jesus Christ we beg them to do this."**

Say: **Wow! This is pretty serious! God says that we need to do our work quietly—that means without complaining or arguing. Let's remember not to complain or argue this week when we work at home to help our families.**

Say: **The Bible also says, "Brothers and sisters, never become tired of doing good." Let's use this verse as our prayer today.**

Pray: **Dear God, please help us never become tired of doing good. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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