

BIBLE ADVENTURE 8:
SALVATION - Do I Still Need To Do Work?
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Genesis 2:15 The LORD God took the man [Adam] and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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Discovery Treasures:

We touched a bit about working for God in Salvation Adventure 7. In this Adventure, we're going to elaborate on that. So let's get going!

God has been a fan of working since the beginning and on into eternal life. The first of our memory scriptures, Genesis 2:15, sheds light on the subject for us. Before the fall of man and sin entered the world, God wanted Adam to work in the Garden of Eden. He wanted Adam to take care of it.

Once you've achieved salvation always remember that Jesus ***does not*** want us to work ***for*** our salvation, but ***through*** our salvation. Philippians 2:12 says, *Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*

As you begin to build your relationship with Jesus you're going to see a big difference in your countenance. You're going to have a different expression, your “light” is going to shine! Our second memory scripture, Matthew 5:16, asks us to let that “light” shine, and for good reason. It allows others to see your good works and give glory to God.

COUNTENANCE: appearance, especially the look or expression of the face

When we do good works and people take note, God is glorified. God can be glorified in your actions without you ever saying a word. Good works can be anything from obeying your parents and cleaning your room - taking out the trash - helping with the yardwork - or doing your homework, to helping an elderly person open a pack of crackers - helping a puppy who can't get up the stairs - or tithing. And sharing Jesus with someone who may not know Him is the best of good works. If you're working for Jesus (from your heart) people will notice, and that may open a door for you to share Jesus with them.

Keep in mind, God does not want us to be “show-offs” with our good works. God sees your heart and attitude in your works, and He rewards us for the works we do in secret. We know this to be true from Matthew 6:1-4 which says, *“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

God wants us to work in both physical and spiritual ways, all with the same end results. Those results being that 1.) God is glorified, and 2). Someone has the opportunity to see “Jesus” at work through you, which can lead them to asking about salvation.

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SALVATION ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES:

Memorize Genesis 2:15 and Matthew 5:16

ACTIVITIES:

*All you need is paper and a pencil. Grab a juice box for everyone, and sit down in a comfortable area. Work with Mom and/or Dad to create a list of 5 “works” you would like to accomplish during the week for Jesus. Assign each “work” to a day of the week of your choice. The work can be anything that you think will glorify God. Try to pick one for each of the five days.

- **KIDDO(S)** - get busy doing your “works,” but don't tell Mom or Dad when you do anything from your list...keep it a secret.
- **MOM and/or DAD** - copy your kiddos' list(s), and throughout the week keep an eye out, and as you see your kiddo(s) doing the work they wanted to do for Jesus, mark it off of your copy. At the end of the week gather once again and give the kiddo(s) some type of reward for each of the works they completed for Jesus in secret. Share how your gift is symbolic to what Jesus will do for them if they keep their good works “under wraps.”

*Grab a pen or pencil and do the “Word” Search. Both the PUZZLE and ANSWER can be found after “Time To Talk To God.”

FAMILY & FRIENDS ACTIVITY:

- **GET PERMISSION FIRST!** As a family, decide on a group of people you would like to bless. This could be people in a nursing home, a homeless shelter, a children's home, or a soup kitchen to name a few. You will need to have Mom or Dad contact the organization to see if that organization would be OK with you bringing gifts or sharing your talents with their residents.

- Then decide on a craft or talent you would like to do together as a group (you can always Google crafts for kids for ideas). If you have a musically inclined family you could plan and

practice a few songs to sing and/or play together. When your talents or crafts are ready to go, go together as a family or group of friends (with adult supervision) and share or give your gifts to the group of people you chose at the beginning.

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TIME TO TALK TO GOD:

Say the following prayer out loud to God. He will listen...I guarantee!

PRAYER: Dear God, Thank you for my salvation. Please help me grow in my relationship with Jesus through my good works. Show me things I can do that will glorify Your name, and open doors for me to talk to others about Jesus. And when a door opens, please help me to hear Your voice inside of me and say the words You want me to say. In Jesus's name, Amen.

WORD SEARCH

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Find the words from the list below.

Words may be forwards, backwards, up & down, or diagonal

T	E	R	C	E	S	B	Y	S	I	Q	Q	X	G	W
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ANSWER KEY

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