

A Lesson about Laziness

A Bible Study for Children

The purpose of this Bible study is to teach children the importance of hard work. Children can use this for personal devotions in the morning, then parents can use it as a review guide for family devotions in the evening.

Day 1 – The Places Around You (Proverbs 24:30)

Day 2 – A Wild Garden (Proverbs 24:31)

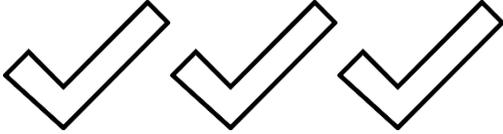
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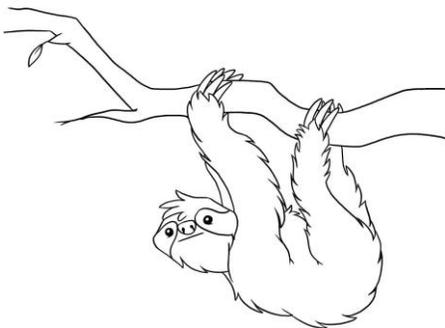
Day 1 – The Places Around You (Proverbs 24:30)

Read your memory passage out loud one time to one of your parents: **Proverbs 24:30-34**. Then read it two more times out loud.



1. These verses tell the story of a man who was walking from one place to another. As he traveled, he passed by a certain place. What was it?
2. When you go to church or to school, what are some places that you pass by? Can you draw 2 or 3 of them?
3. This person looked at the place he was passing by and could tell what kind of person owned that place. He said they were “slothful” and “void of understanding.” What do these words mean?

A SLOTH: Someone who moves very, very slow



VOID OF UNDERSTANDING: Someone who can't make good choices

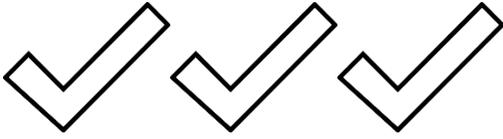


4. Today, if you go anywhere, pay attention. What kind of places do you see? What kind of person do you think owns them and takes care of them? Ask God to help you pay attention to this.

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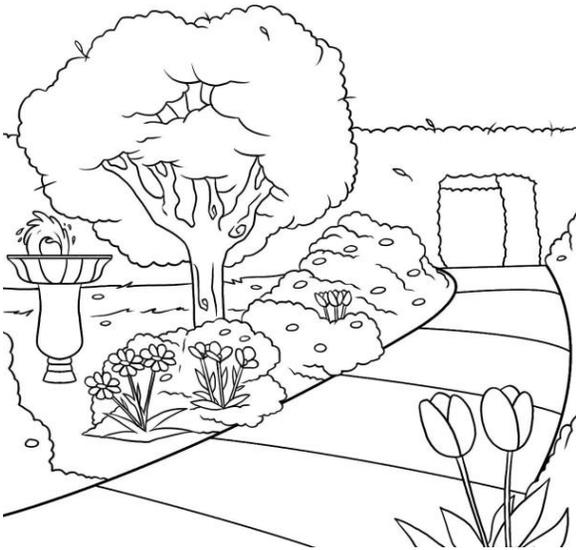
Day 2 – A Wild Garden (Proverbs 24:31)

Read your memory passage out loud three times: **Proverbs 24:30-34.**

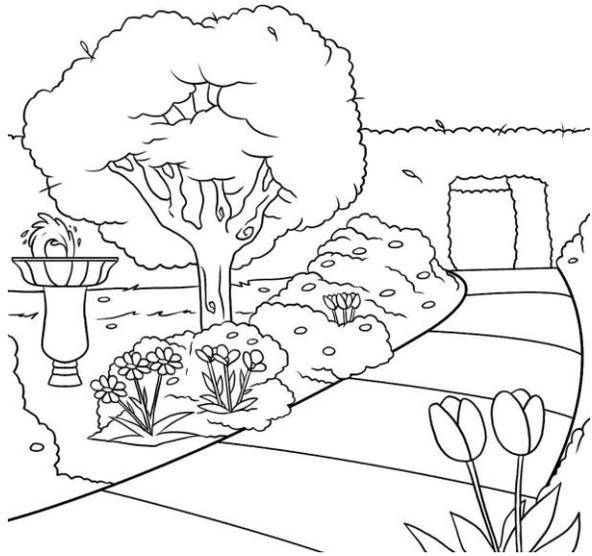


1. When this man walked by the garden and saw it, was it a nice garden?
2. What did it look like?
3. Make the first garden look like the one in your verse today. Make the second garden look like a nice garden.

THE GARDEN OF THE SLOTHFUL



THE GARDEN OF THE RESPONSIBLE

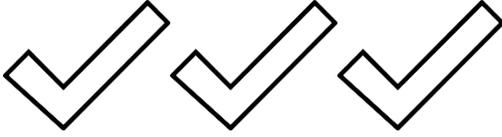


3. How does your room look today? Does it look like the garden of the slothful? Ask God to help you keep your room neat and clean like a very nice garden.

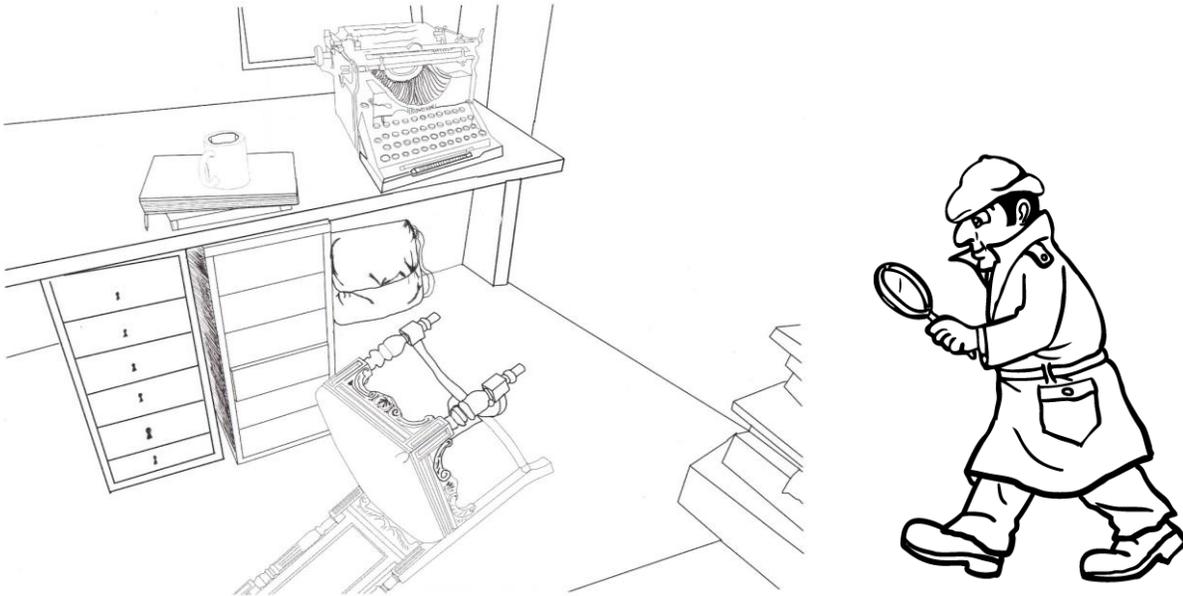
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Day 3 – Paying Attention in Life (Proverbs 24:32)

Read your memory passage out loud three times: **Proverbs 24:30-34.**



1. One of the best ways to learn important lessons in life is by paying attention to the things that are around you. You can be a detective! Look carefully at this picture and try to figure out what happened.
2. What are the clues that helped you decide what happened?

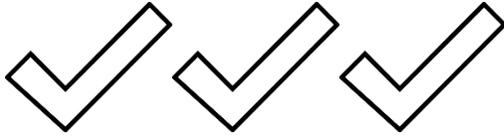


2. When you see things in life, do you pay close attention?
3. Today, pay close attention to the things all around you, when you go somewhere. Then write down one or two lessons you learn from paying attention like this.
4. Pray and ask God to help you pay attention today the places all around you.

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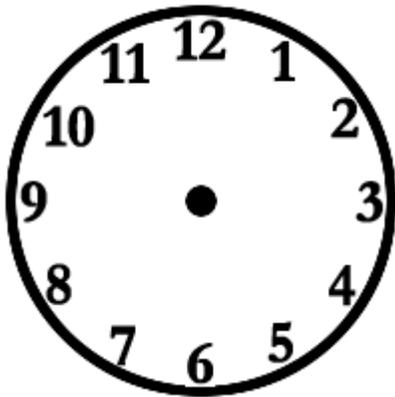
Day 4 – Sleeping Too Much (Psalm 24:33)

Read your memory passage out loud two times: **Proverbs 24:30-34**. Then say it to someone who can check for mistakes.

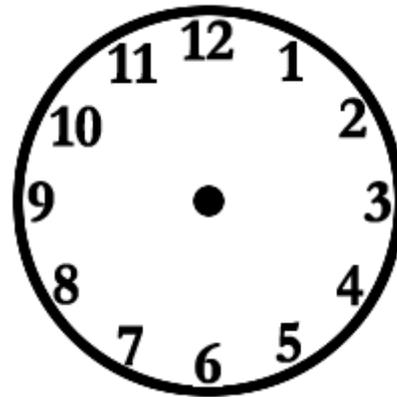


1. When this man looked at the garden that had thorns, weeds and crumbled rocks all around it, what did realize the man was doing who owned the garden?
2. Use the following clocks to show the time you usually get up and the time you usually go to bed.

TIME I GET OUT OF BED



TIME I GO TO BED

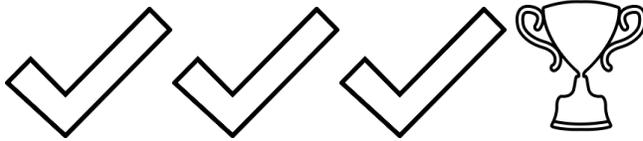


3. The man who had the garden in your verses liked to sleep. He would say, “Just a little more sleep. Just a little more. Just a few more minutes.” And what happened? His garden fell apart and he couldn’t grow anything. Do you ever have trouble getting up out of bed in the morning?
4. Why is it important to learn to get up when it’s time to get up?
5. Ask God to help you learn to get up when it’s time to get up, and to do the work that you need to do in your day.

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Day 5 – The Robber on the Road (Psalm 24:34)

Read your memory passage out loud three times: **Proverbs 24:30-34**. Then color the trophy when you can say it with no mistakes!



1. If you are the kind of person who has trouble getting up in the morning, then some trouble is going to come your way. It is called “poverty” and “want.” What does it mean to have “poverty”?
2. Someday you will need money to buy the things that you need and your family needs. But if you are the kind of person who sleeps too much, then you will want the money you need, but you won’t have any. But here’s the tricky thing. This doesn’t happen right away. Your Bible verse says that poverty is coming to you like a man who is traveling. What does that mean?
3. Draw a long road.
4. At one end of the road, draw you laying in a bed. On the other end of the road, draw a man who is walking towards you. Your verse says that this man should be an “armed” man. This means that he is a robber with weapons coming to get you and take what you have.
5. Pray to ask God to help you learn to be a responsible boy or girl who gets up in the morning and does the work you need to do, so that poverty doesn’t come to get you when you grow up!

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