

GET WISDOM! Lesson 9:

BE WISE! WORK LIKE CRAZY. DON'T BE LAZY.
(**Proverbs 6:6-10**; 10:26; 12:24; 15:19; 22:13; 26:13-16)

Proverbs 6:6

**“Go watch the ants, you lazy person.
Watch what they do and be wise.”**



In this proverb, Solomon tells us to look at the ants and learn how they work. All the ants in the colony have a job to do. Some help take care of the larva or baby ants. The anthill has to be kept clean and in good repair. New quarters have to be built as the colony grows. Some of the ants go out and find food and carry it back to the nest. All the ants have a job to do and they do it. They don't worry about whose doing what or how hard they're working. They see something that needs to be done and they do it.

Each colony has a Queen, but she's not telling the ants what to do. She is busy laying eggs. Ants don't need someone to tell them it is time to get to work, or remind them what has to be done. They just do whatever they can to keep the colony going. What would happen if the ants didn't do this? What if an ant saw some trash laying on the floor of the colony and she said to herself, "I didn't put it there, so I'm not picking it up. I didn't make the mess, so I don't have to clean it up." The colony would soon become clogged with garbage. God made the ants. He gave each one a job and they do it. They don't need someone telling them what to do all the time. They just do it.

(Proverbs 6:6-10)

“Go watch the ants, you lazy person (sluggard.)

Watch what they do and be wise.

Ants have no... ruler.

But they store up food in the summer.

They gather their supplies at harvest.”



Solomon warns us not be a lazy person (a sluggard.)

(Proverbs 6:9-10)

“How long will you lie there, you lazy person?
When will you get up from sleeping?
You sleep a little; you take a nap.
You fold your hands and rest.”



It's hard to see a “lazybones” lay around or play while everyone else does the work. This is true at home. Everyone should help with chores. It's hard to work with a lazy person, at school or on a team or at a job. They don't do their part and that's not fair.



(Proverbs 10:26)

“A lazy person brings trouble to the one he works for. He bothers others like vinegar on the teeth or smoke in the eyes.”

A lazy person makes up excuses. But really, he just doesn't want to do his part.

(Proverbs 22:13)

The lazy person says, “There's a lion outside!
I might get killed out in the street!”

(Proverbs 12:24)

But Solomon says,
“Hard workers will become leaders.”

**Be like an ant!
Work like crazy! Don't be lazy!**



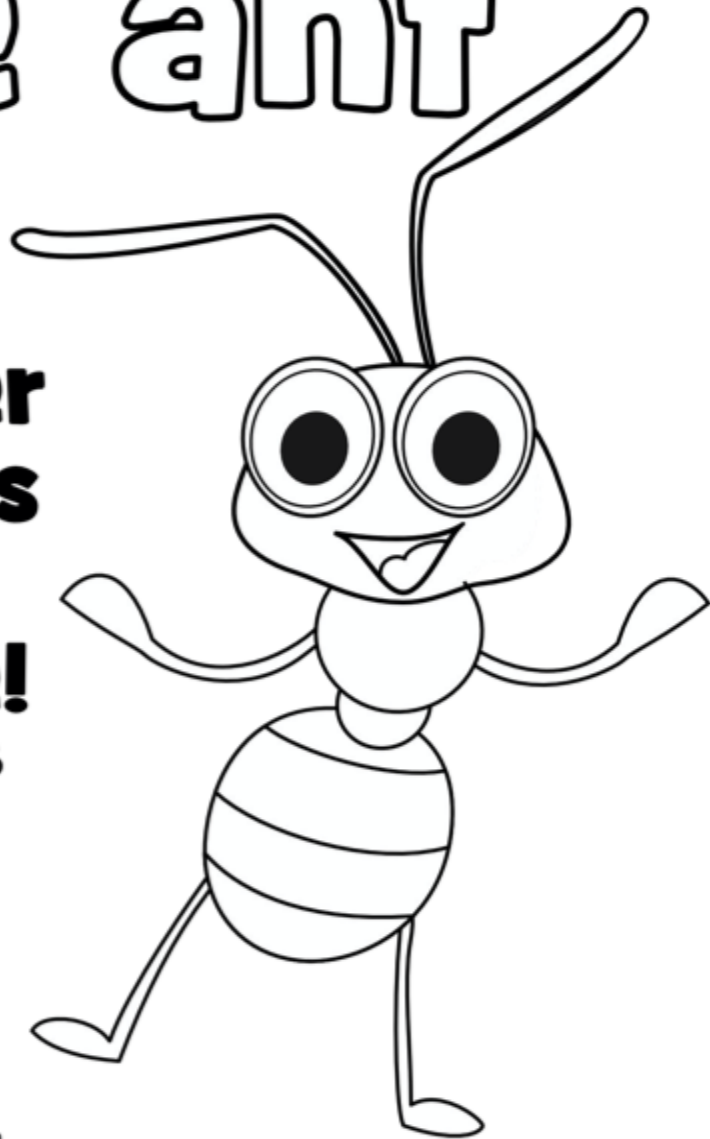
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PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY
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Think about the ant

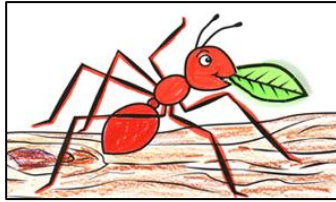
**Consider
its ways
and
be wise!
Proverbs 6:6**




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UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

Draw lines to match the description to the Ant or the Sluggard (Lazybones)



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Wise | Foolish | Lazy | Likes to be idle |
| Hard worker | Doesn't finish things | Perseveres | |
| Doesn't want to learn | Cooperates | Makes excuses | |
| A know-it-all | Responsible | Hates work | Takes initiative |



What can you do without anyone telling you to do it?

1. Start my homework...
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____