Learn by Doing

Choice Serving in the Vineyard

The Lord calls each of us to help in His "vineyard" or church. This activity invites children to think about ways they help others now and ways they might be able to help in the future. Children color a "vineyard" border and then make grape thumb-prints on pictures showing "fruits" they would like to cultivate.



1. In what ways do you like to help at home? What is your favorite job? What do you like about doing it?
2. The Lord calls us to help Him—just as the landowner hired the workers in the marketplace. We help the Lord by doing things for other people. There are so many wonderful ways in which we can serve! We are going to decorate a picture showing some of the many things we can do to help.
3. Give the children copies of *Serving the Lord* (p. 2). Look at the pictures of ways in which people can help others and talk about them.
4. Hand out crayons and ask the children to color the grapevine borders.
5. The helpful actions we do are like the juicy grapes in the vineyard. They are the fruits of our lives.
6. Color one of each child's thumbs with a (washable) purple marker. Show them how to use their thumbs to make grape prints on or next to each picture that shows things they like to do to help.
7. Encourage children to talk about ways in which they like to help others. These are like the "fruits" of their life.

Materials Needed

Crayons (especially green), purple washable magic markers, copy of *Serving the Lord* p. 2 for each child, handwashing supplies (soap and water or hand wipes)

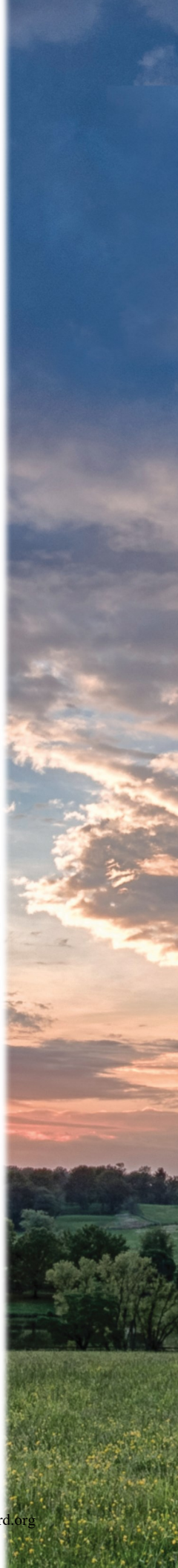
Prepare in Advance

Set up a handwashing station.

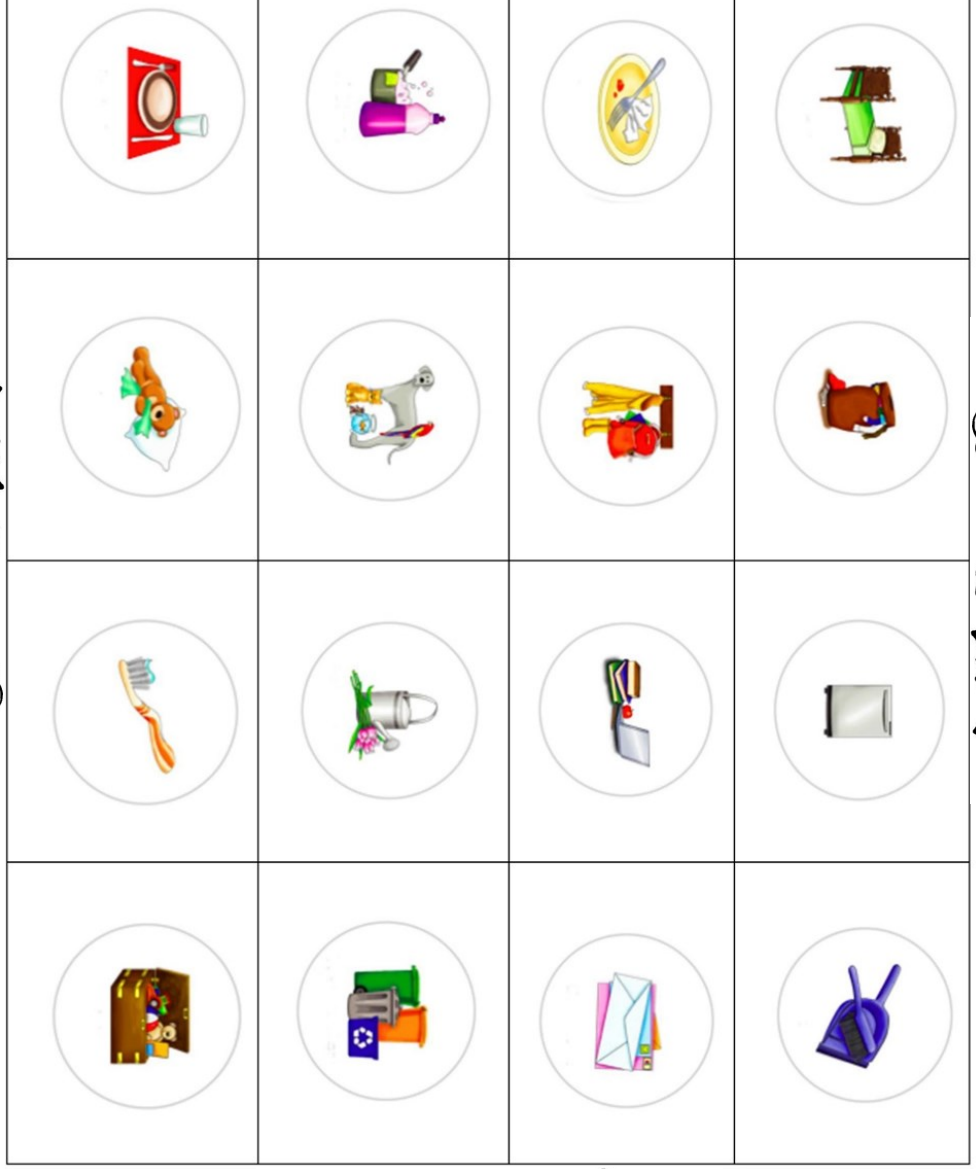
New Church Concept

Hours of Work

"Laboring in the vineyard" is acquiring spiritual life by the knowledges of truth and good from the Word applied to the uses of life. Instead of times of day, the angels perceive the states of life of people who die in old age, adulthood, youth or childhood, and who have equally acquired for themselves spiritual life. See *Apocalypse Explained* 194



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