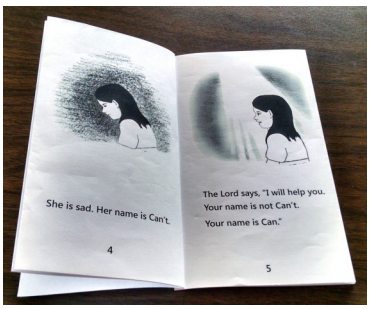
Learn by Doing

Choice I Can't but the Lord Can

In the story of the burning bush, the Lord asked Moses to do a difficult job—convince Pharaoh to let the children of Israel leave Egypt. Moses was afraid that he wouldn't be able to do it. And he couldn't have, without the Lord's help.



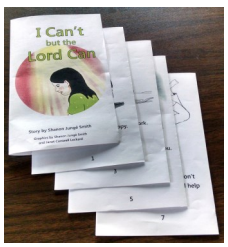
This activity shows children that even though doing the right thing can be difficult, with the Lord's help, we can be happy and useful.

1. Did you do anything that was hard to do this morning? Maybe getting out of bed or getting dressed or taking the trip to church? Maybe you felt like saying, "I can't do this!" or "I don't want to do this!"
2. We're going to read a story about a girl who was having trouble doing things. When the story starts, her name is "Can't".
3. Read the book to the children. Then hand out copies of the book and have them color the pictures.
4. Read the story again, then ask the children to think about something that is hard for them, e.g. tying their shoes or making their bed. Remind them that no matter what it is, it is not too hard for the Lord. Talk about how the Lord can help them. Hand out the page *This is hard but the Lord can help me do it!* (p. 7) and ask them to draw a picture of themselves doing a hard job with the Lord's help.

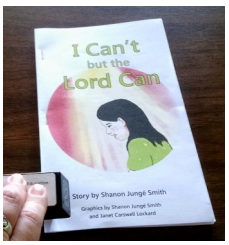
Instructions for Assembling "I Can't But the Lord Can" Booklet



Stack numbered pages in order, 1-8.



Wrap cover around the inside pages so their cut edges are against the fold of the cover.



Put staples on the left side of the cover, making sure to catch all inside edges.

Materials Needed

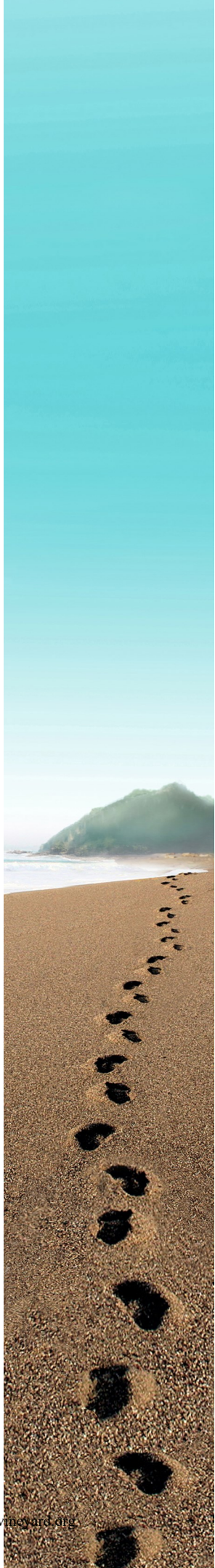
copy of *I Can't but the Lord Can* (pp. 2-6) and *This is hard but the Lord can help me do it!* (p. 7) for each child, paper cutter or scissors, sta-pler, crayons or markers

Prepare in Advance

Make a **single sided** copy of pp. 2-6 for each student. Cut off the bottom of pp. 2-6 on the solid lines. Fold each page in half with the pictures on the outside. The numbered pages are the inner pages of the book. See book assembly directions below.

Freedom

A human being has reason and freedom...and these two faculties are present in a person from the Lord.... It is a goal of Divine providence that a person act in freedom in accordance with his reason. Through the exercise of his freedom the Lord continually leads a person away from evils and implants goods. *Divine Providence* 72, 97



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The ones who in the Grand Man correspond to the hands and arms, and so the shoulders, are those with power from the Lord. They attribute all their power to Him, and none to themselves, and the more they attribute no power to themselves, doing so not with their lips but in their hearts, the greater power they have.

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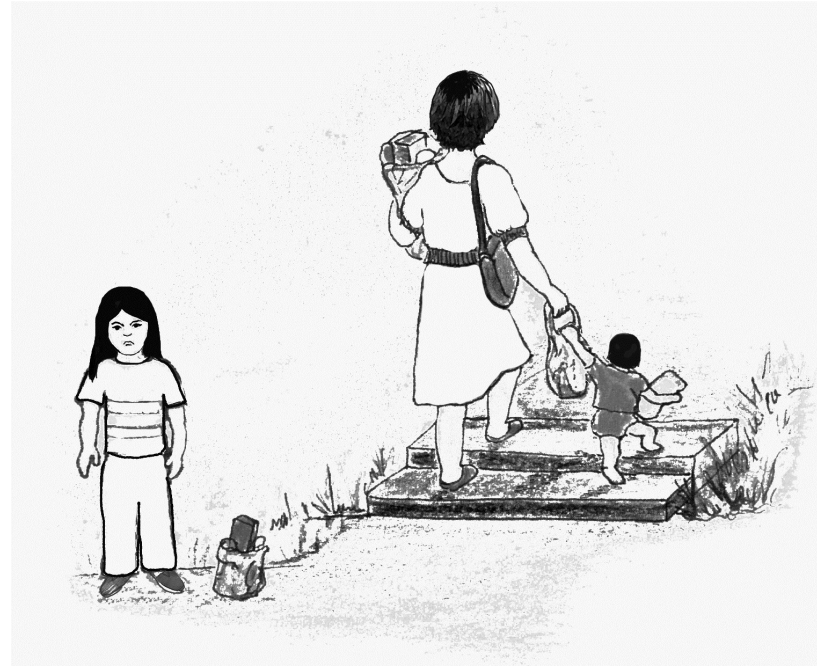
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Can't says, "I can't be happy. I am sad."

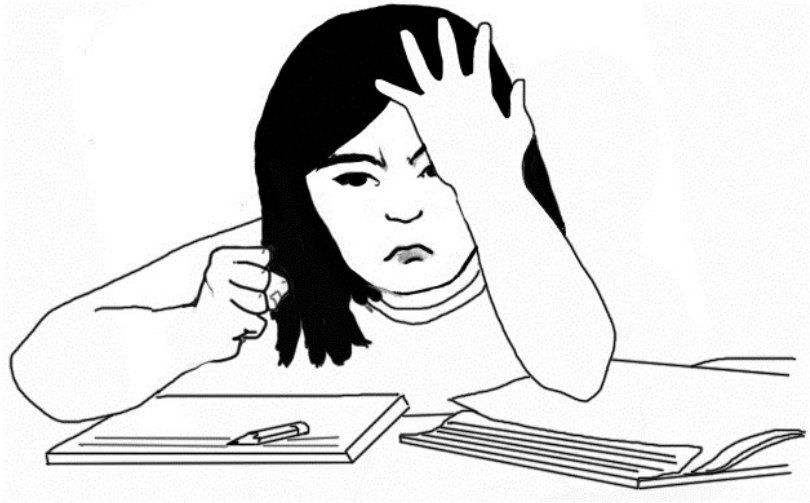
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Can't puts her hands down. Can't says, "I can't help you. It is too hard."

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Can't says, "I can't work.
I don't want to."

3



She is sad. Her name is Can't.

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The Lord says, “I will help you.
Your name is not Can’t.
Your name is Can.”



Can says, “It is hard, but the Lord will help me. It is not too hard for the Lord!”

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Can says, “I can work. I don’t want to, but the Lord will help me.”



Can says, “I can be happy! The Lord makes me happy!”

This is hard, but the Lord can help me do it!