

# 2 timothy 2:3-7 lesson 5 worship while you work!

## Welcome and Play Time 10 Min

These lessons are designed for 2-6 year olds. Continue to use this time to train older children in your group to help look out for the younger ones. Do you have an older kid that is taking initiative to help? Allow them to lead a portion of the small group in the future. Assign the other older children (7-12) to the younger ones (1-6) that need more help sitting still or coloring. Encourage the older ones to take responsibility and make it fun!

Use this time as people are arriving for the kids to get comfortable with each other and settled in so that Mom and Dad can enjoy small group.

## Bible Lesson Activities 20 Min

What is work? Do you like work? Did you know that God created work as a good thing?

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

When we do the work God has set out for us to do we worship Him! Our work is pleasing to God when we have the right attitude. Today we're going to learn about three different kinds of workers and how working like they do pleases God.

**Activity 1** - Be Dedicated like a Soldier. The Lord's Army: The first worker we'll learn about is a Soldier. (Look at the picture of the soldiers) What does a soldier do? Can you show me how a soldier stands? Do you know that we are soldiers for Christ? We're in the Lord's army! **Sing: I'm in the Lord's Army**



I may never march in the infantry, ride in the calvary, shoot to the artillery

I may never zoom over the enemy, cause I'm in the Lord's army - YES SIR!

I'm in the Lord's army - YES SIR! I'm in the Lord's army - YES SIR! (Repeat all)

**How can we be like soldiers for God?** (Suffer hardship, lose freedom, "property of" Christ, committed)

SOLDIERS



# ATHLETES

## Activity 2: Play Fair like an Athlete Marathon Runners

A marathon is a race that lasts for 26 1/2 miles! People train hard and run lots to practice for these kinds of races. **Why do you think God is pleased when we work like an athlete?** (Hard workers, determined, desire to win, play through pain and agony)

Have a pretend Marathon. (Run 26 times around the room, run 26 times around a tree...have one or all kids do this.)

While kids rest from their marathon tell them about a famous marathon runner:



Fred Lorz  
Marathon champion who travelled by car

The marathon at the St Louis Olympic Games of 1904 was held over a hilly course in the middle of a scorching afternoon. Small wonder only 14 of the 32 starters made it to the finish. First home, after three hours 13 minutes, was a New Yorker, Fred Lorz, who was immediately proclaimed the winner. He had already been photographed with Alice Roosevelt, the daughter of the President of the United States, and was about to be awarded the gold medal, when word got out that he had covered 11 miles as the passenger in a car. The crowd's acclaim rapidly turned to abuse. Although Lorz claimed it was a practical joke, he received a lifetime ban, which was later lifted. Thomas Hicks, an English-born American who was awarded the race, might have been disqualified himself after his handlers gave him strychnine and brandy to keep him going.

# FARMERS



## Activity 3: Work hard like a farmer

A Farmer's day: So what kinds of workers have we talked about so far? God wants us to be dedicated (not give up) like a soldier, and play fair like an athlete. The third person he wants us to be like is a farmer! What is a farmer? What kinds of work does a farmer do? Let's pretend we're farmers and do the work of a farmer: (have kids lay down on the floor and act out the farm activities as you read them...start with a good night's sleep!)

1. Wake up early before the sun comes up
2. Milk the cows
3. Clean the stables
4. Collect the eggs from the chickens (pretend some chickens get loose and make sure they're back safe before you move on)
5. Brush down the horses
6. Weed the vegetable garden
7. Chop firewood
8. Plant wheat
9. Help harvest the corn
10. Go to bed after the sun goes down....

That is a lot of work!! **Why do you think God wants us be like farmers when we work for God?** (Hard working, strong)

## Bible Story Time 10 Min

Have a small snack for the kids like pretzels or cheerios to help encourage quiet mouths and listening ears. Pray and thank God for the snacks and for the work he's given us.

### **Read 2 Timothy 2:1-7 (ESV)**

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Discuss with the children what the verses mean. Paul, the man who wrote the book of 2 Timothy was writing to his young learner, Timothy. Paul was teaching Timothy how God wants him to view the work he's been given. What kinds of work does God ask us to do? (Obey our parents, love our brother and sister, tell our friends about Jesus, invite friends to church). What does he want our attitude to be like? (Give up quickly?- No, cheating?- No, lazy?-no, dedicated?-yes, playing fair?-Yes, hard working? YES!)

Reading the Bible and memorizing what it says is great work we can do so that we can know God's message and so that we can know what work is good to do. Do you remember the verse from last week? (2 Timothy 2:2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Would you like to learn another one?

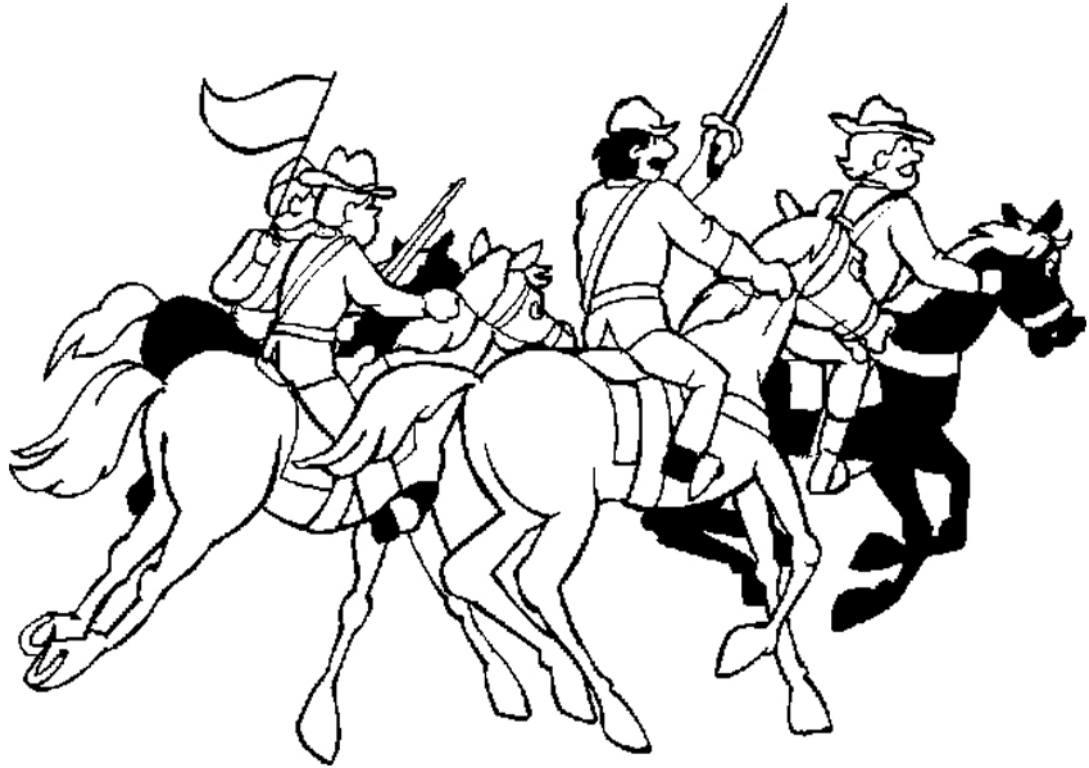
2 Timothy 2:3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

## Coloring Sheet 10 Min

Have older children help the younger children with their coloring sheet. Talk about the Bible reading as you color. Help reinforce the Bible verse and what it means as they color.

## Closing/Clean Up 5 Min

Clean up and make sure everyone has shoes on, coloring sheets in hand and everything is put back in the room.



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Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:3