



WORK IT - Maintaining Good Works (Titus 3:8-15) - August 7-8, 2021
STUDY NOTES | TIM HOWEY

A life of good works requires constant, Spirit-filled maintenance

Why did Paul leave Titus on Crete? (Titus 1:5)

What was the theme of Paul's letter to Titus? (Titus 2:14)

Titus 3:8 NKJV - This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Titus 3:9 NKJV - But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

Titus 3:10 NKJV - Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,

Titus 3:11 NKJV - knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

Titus 3:12 NKJV - When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

Titus 3:13 NKJV - Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing.

Titus 3:14 NKJV - And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Titus 3:15 NKJV - All who *are* with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

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GOD HELPS US

THE BATTLE OF JERICO



Read Joshua 6:1-20. From a human perspective, the battle of Jericho must have seemed crazy—both to the residents of the city and to the Israelites marching around the city. Joshua was not just confident of God's help, he was confident of the outcome. Confidence in God's help is closely connected to our belief that God is able to accomplish his will no matter how difficult the task. Sometimes God stretches our faith by accomplishing great things in unexpected ways.

Memory Verse: God helps us. Genesis 21:22b (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We're Thankful for God's Help

Parent Engagement: Read the story on the back of today's review sheet with your toddler. As you color the picture together, discuss the story. Be sure to remind your toddler that "God helps us!" If you need a copy of the coloring sheet head over to visitgracechurch.com/kids to download it from the virtual nursery classroom.

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SAMUEL AND THE KINGS

A WALK THROUGH THE HIGH POINTS OF THE BOOKS OF SAMUEL, 1ST AND 2ND KINGS



This month we are learning about the first two kings of Israel. They were two very different kinds of kings. Saul was afraid, didn't trust God and disobeyed. David was brave, did trust God and mostly obeyed. We want our kids to know they have choices too but life is better if we decide to trust and obey God. Just look at how Saul and David's life turned out.

Memory Verse: The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart 1 Samuel 16:7b

Heart of the Lesson: David anointed king - 1 Samuel 16

Parent Engagement: Have everyone share their favorite worship song. David spent a lot of time getting to know God and praising Him while watching the sheep. Ask how do you best like to get to know God?

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THIRSTING FOR JESUS



God says that when He created the visible world, like water, it was also to teach us about the invisible, spiritual world. Water is so powerful, but Jesus is more powerful. We can't live without water yet we are to thirst for Jesus, the living water, even more.

Memory Verse: Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” John 4:10

Heart of the Lesson: Thirst for Jesus more than water - Exodus 17, Psalm 63:1, John 4, Romans 1:20

Parent Engagement: Play outside together as a family - maybe hide and seek or pickle ball or tag. How good does water taste after being in the heat? How can your family thirst for Jesus even more than water?

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SPIRITUAL PUSH-UPS

PRACTICING SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES



Have you ever worked hard for something? Maybe you have been involved in sports, music, or other activities that require you to practice. Athletes must train every day to stay physically fit. But what are the “push-ups” that build spiritual strength? What exercises can be used to train your mind to focus on God? Spiritual disciplines are like push ups that make you stronger in your faith! When you practice spending time with God, you begin to know Him more!

Memory Verse: “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8

Heart of the Lesson: What does worship look like and why is it important? If you want to know God, focus your attention and affections on Him. - Romans 12:1

Parent Engagement: Write down three ways God captures your attention. Ask each other, what does worship look like in everyday life?