Diligence: Week 1

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not men.”

A diligent person shows care and follows all of the instructions when doing a task. Someone that works the whole time at a job that needs to be done shows diligence.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24 with an adult and talk with him or her about how you just keep going when you are running in a race. Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Fiction Connection**

Apples to Oregon by Deborah Hopkinson

This historical fiction tells the story of a pioneer family that shows diligence as they push through various trials along their way.



Ants are very diligent if you have ever seen a toppled ant mound, you can often notice that the ants are busy at work rebuilding the mound and getting it ready as soon as they can. The ants will work diligently to get the ant mound back in order.

*“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise…”
Proverbs 6:6 NKJV*

Diligence: Week 2

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not men.”

Genesis 29 shows the story of how Jacob chose to work hard to earn the right to marry Rachel. Even after Jacob was deceived by Rachel’s father, Laban, Jacob continued to show diligence by working for him for another seven years.

Read Genesis 31:40 with a parent or tutor to see how long Jacob served Labon.

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**Fiction Connection**

Winterdance

by Gary Paulsen

This book highlights the diligent

determination that the author

showed when running the Iditarod for the first time.

Dig Deeper into What the Bible Says about Diligence:

 Galatians 6:9

“And let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Draw a picture of something you are willing to work hard for.



Jacob meeting Rachel.

Diligence: Week 3

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not men.”

The definition of the word diligence is to work hard in a careful and thorough way. Working with diligence means that you put forth effort and stay with the job until it is complete.



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**Fiction Connection**

The Boy Who Invented TV

by Kathleen Krull

This biography shows how a young boy’s curiosity and interest in science led to the discovery of how to transmit images electronically despite hardship.

Dig Deeper into What the Bible Says about Diligence:

Ecclesiastes 9:10 “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.”

Complete the crossword with words that describe diligence.



Diligence: Week 4

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not men.”

Use the letters in the word DILIGENT to write some ways that you can show that you are diligent.

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Give all of your effort to the job

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Try your best



Dig Deeper into What the Bible Says about Diligence:

Proverbs 10:4 “The hand of the diligent makes the man rich.”

**Fiction Connection**

Thank You, Mr. Falker

by Patricia Polacco

Eager to learn to read, Trica sees the letters jumbled up and struggles at working to grasp the concept until a teacher in the fifth grade helps her.