

BORED???? What Can You **DO** With Your Time?

"Be careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity..." Ephesians 5:16 (NIV)

*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
James 1:22 (NKJV)*

"Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is."

1 Corinthians 3:8-13 (NKJV)

"I press [strive, do the best] toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philipians 3:14 (NKJV)

"So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body whether good or bad. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."

2 Corinthians 5:9-10, 15 (NIV)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are servicing." Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

Don't waste your time! Find something of worth to do with your minutes and hours.

Worship and Learn

- ♥ Learn a musical instrument – either a new one or continue on with one you know.
- ♥ Make a musical instrument.
- ♥ Think of a Bible verse you could put in a musical instrument case to remind you to praise the Lord. Or write notes or verses in a wide-margin (journalling) Bible.
- ♥ Memorize Bible verses. Make Bible verse memory cards.
- ♥ Make bookmarks for yourself or others.
- ♥ Make Bible verse wall hangings, including more elaborate ones that require measuring, planning for materials, and other design work like lettering or picture transfers.
- ♥ Think of ways to inscribe Bible verses onto other everyday objects such as pencils, blank books, vases, etc.
- ♥ Design a week of day camp or Vacation Bible School, even if it is just a plan, not done. Perhaps you could use it in your neighbourhood or in your family though.
- ♥ Compose a piece of music – tune or poetry or both. Try new words to an old tune or vice versa.
- ♥ Find music pieces that you like and learn them in order to sing them someday for others. Look through music CDs, cassettes, playlists, and listen to them. Try to play or sing along with accompaniment or recorded music.
- ♥ Make a painting that you can put a Bible verse on. Is it on paper, on a piece of wood, a rock, a piece of fabric or ?
- ♥ Make a picture frame or box out of more than just paper. Use pasta or yarn or ?
- ♥ Cover a binder with fabric or other materials and decorate it. Maybe you can use it for your future schoolwork or photo collection or sticker collection or ?
- ♥ Write out a prayer of thanksgiving to God in fancy handwriting.
- ♥ Colour in David Emke's artwork cards or pages or gospel train*. Learn the verses. (* These items are available through Peppermint Stick Learning Company. Some are also used as colouring pages on PSLC's ministry website, The Word In Our Hearts with the sermon audios.)
- ♥ Read a good story to yourself, even if it is not a long novel. Some books remind you of Bible stories or Christian values.
- ♥ Instead of just watching T.V. or a familiar video story, look at ones that you haven't seen yet or recently and watch at least a bit of that before you put on 'the familiar'. You might learn something new and interesting. Limit your screen-time, even in the summer, more to times of uncomfortable weather or illness, rather than wasting nice days/evenings using such a potentially distractive device.

Service

- ♥ Read a good story to a young child, using emphasized voices.
- ♥ Take out puppets. Look through puppet plays. Make a script up yourself or practice a ready-made one. Perform it for your family (and maybe friends).
- ♥ Make a puppet or more so that you can keep it yourself. Puppet patterns exist for either simple or more complex designs. You can use these in future ministry opportunities too, when you might not have the time to make such.
- ♥ Make a babysitting/children's ministry box. Put items into it that you think of. Design small flashcard stories, activities, object lesson favourites on cue cards, etc.. Add things like spinning tops with verses on them or other neat small things. Use your imagination that God gave you to do something nice for others.
- ♥ File printed family photographs into photo books, if you are old enough to do this on your own. (You can have a younger sibling help you too, as long as you supervise them carefully at all times.) This can be a lot of fun as you tell stories about what a picture shows or make up an imaginary story about it for fun.
- ♥ Make something in the kitchen to eat.
- ♥ Gather flowers for bouquets for your home or extended family or people you know. Use a scissors (instead of ripping the stems off) and some thoughtfulness.
- ♥ Blow bubbles with little kids.
- ♥ Play with a parachute or balls or other toys with little kids.
- ♥ Collect rocks outdoors to look at and compare. (Leave those rocks outdoors.)
- ♥ Go to the mending box and pick out something that you can fix for your family, even if it isn't yours and even if it won't be perfect. Try your best and show your love.
- ♥ Organize your area of your room quickly. Your roommates will be encouraged if it is both organized and done quickly.
- ♥ Open a window and tidy your bathroom, even if it isn't your duty.
- ♥ Write a storybook for other people to enjoy. Draw the pictures or have your siblings help you make the pictures. Make a nice cover and stick it on our bookcase. You could even make a series of books!

- ♥ Collect leaves of different plants outside. (You don't have to wait until fall-time.) Use them to make crayon leaf-prints together. Bind this in a dental floss-sewn book. You can do this on the deck easily together.
- ♥ Collect flowers and press them in an encyclopedia. After a week, take them OUT and podgy them onto cardstock to make your own notecards or wall hangings with Bible verses on them. Give them to others or use them to remind you about what God's Word says.
- ♥ Make a collection of cards that have simple sayings on them. Give them away to your siblings from time to time over the summer.
- ♥ When you fold up laundry, add something special inside someone's socks. Think of what you can add to bring a smile to someone else.
- ♥ Use iron-on glue fabric and fabric scraps to make things like pictures, magnets...
- ♥ Wipe down walls or furniture or appliances – look in each room in the house for possibilities.
- ♥ Help in the garden or flower beds. Learn what are weeds so that you can pull these out. Pick up small sticks or stones from your lawn.
- ♥ Feed hummingbirds in a special feeder. Show care to God's creation.
- ♥ Volunteer at a camp or VBS. Be a kind and considerate helper.
- ♥ If you're mature/old-enough, learn to trim the grass. Help seniors or others who would be encouraged with your landscaping help.
- ♥ Wash dirty dishes for your family, even if you haven't been asked. Offer to help with meal clean-up if you're visiting someone too.
- ♥ Take the summer time to learn new habits or to specifically improve your practices. Make your own "chore chart" or "list of responsibilities" to work on if this will help you remember things.
- ♥ If you see a parent working on a project that you might be able to help with (e.g. cleaning a shed, fixing a table, etc.) ask if they would like your help.
- ♥ Send mail to someone you know to cheer them. Take time to write a note or make a drawing or even cookies to send them.

Preparation for Yourself

- ♥ Braid a rug. Clean up the mess you make and the mess that happens because your younger siblings like to play with the fabric scraps.
- ♥ Sew a set of pillowcases (or pot holders for your hopechest, etc.). If you need help, ask an older sibling or Mom or Grandma or ___.
- ♥ Learn to make 3D art such as wall hangings, plant hangers, folded/rolled paper flowers or even folded lunch napkins!
- ♥ Make lists of personal things such as:
 - the type of person you'd like to marry
 - the types of clothes and how many of each that you think will work well for you (sizes, colours) for each season, etc.
 - dishes that are important for your future kitchen or items for a tool shed (including unusual helpful-looking ones).
 - Sketch your own designs of inventions.
- ♥ Watch your mom and/or dad work and learn to imitate her/him by being observant and occasionally asking questions (- not always asking questions – just occasionally. Use your eyes and brain to observe first.). For example: Learn website design or clothing design or how to pack boxes in an organized way or how to they make a picnic table.
- ♥ As a wibling - be a good example for your any of your siblings to learn from and imitate too. This will help you become a better person who is an example to others in a future workplace, etc..
 - A wibling is a wiser sibling who is managing their time wisely. Initially, this word was a typo. But, hey, why not make a new word with a definition? And that is another activity to do if you're bored too. It gives you a head start for writing assignments when schooldays return!