

WORKING FOR THE LORD

Message: Do our best in everything we do.

Scripture: Col. 3:23

Props: Dust pan and broom



Do you have chores that you have to do at home? You know, little jobs like helping with the laundry or washing the dishes or cleaning your room? Lots of kids have jobs to do around the house, including a girl named Janey.

Everyone in Janey's house had jobs to do. Janey's job was to sweep the back hallway. You see, people would come in the back door after working outside and track the dirt into the back hall. So Janey had to sweep up the dirt, pick it up in the dustpan and then bring it outside to the trash barrel.

One day Janey was sweeping the hall, but she didn't feel like bringing the dirt outside to the trash barrel. So she lifted up the corner of the rug and swept the dirt underneath. Then she went out to play.

A little while later her mom went into the back hall and noticed a lump in the rug. She lifted up the corner, and what do you think she found? Right: dirt! Uh-oh, Janey's in trouble. Looks like she won't be getting any dessert tonight!

Well, let me ask you: did Janey do her job with all her heart? No! Sometimes we're all a little like Janey. When no one's looking we're tempted to slack off and not do a thorough job. But let me read you what the Bible says about that. It says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." (Col. 3:23 NIV).

It means we should do our best in everything that we do, as if we were doing it for God. It means doing our best with our chores at home, it means doing our best in school, and for us adults it means doing our best in our jobs, as if we're working for God.

Let's pray: Father God, it's easy to not do our best when no one's looking. Help us to remember to do our best in everything we do – just as if we're working for You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.