



**ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH**  
**PEBBLES NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2025**  
**BASED ON 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

NEVER GET TIRED  
OF DOING GOOD!  
2 THESSALONIANS 3:13

At our house in Sydney we have a pool in the backyard. In the summer time we spend a lot of time having a lot of fun in the pool. Each summer as the children grew up we needed to refresh the pool toys because 'somehow' they developed holes in them and no matter how much we tried to blow air into them they were no good for our children to use as a floating device.

The pool toys were only useful if they were able to maintain their air. They could only do their job to keep the children afloat if they hadn't had any holes in them.

A few other things were also very helpful to us in the summer, and they were sunglasses to stop the glare, and of course the towel close by for when they got out of the pool. They needed the towel to dry off. One other important thing we couldn't forget was the goggles which were only ever any good as long their dog hadn't chewed them.

Those things were all very important and necessary for them to enjoy their pool time and I haven't even mentioned the all important sun-screen, hat, and rashy shirt yet or the presence of an adult!

So, you see, there's a few things that we need to have to be in the pool area and this reminds me of something that Paul wrote to his friends in Thessalonica. Paul wanted to say to his friends that God wants us to be useful – to have a reason/purpose for what we're doing and saying. That takes a lot of time and effort to work out. Mum and Dad work hard in their jobs and so do the other big people in your lives.

God wants us to work hard to help other people all the time at home, school, and wherever we go. When we don't work hard often things don't work out so well for us. When we try and do things in a big hurry, we make mistakes and get upset. When we aren't being helpful to the people around us, they get upset with us. When we work hard, we help others. It isn't always easy to work hard though, and sometimes we can be just a little bit lazy. We help our families when we do our jobs around the house especially if we have a smile on our faces.

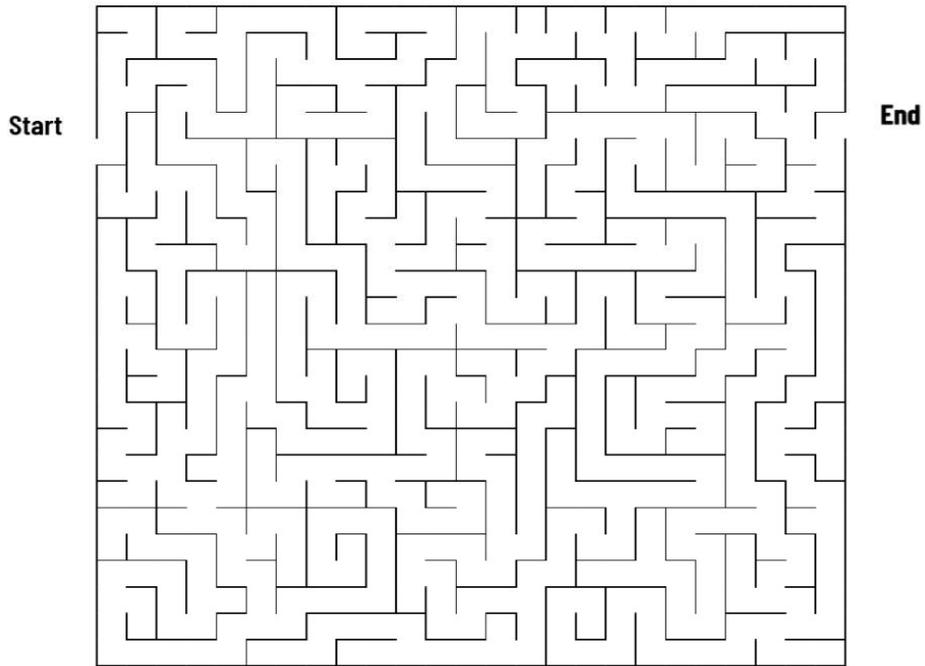
Paul says: "We hear that some people in your group refuse to work. They do nothing. And they busy themselves in other people's lives. We command those people to work quietly and earn their own food. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we beg them to do this."

Wow! This is pretty serious! God says that we do our work quietly – that means without complaining or arguing. Let's remember not to complain or argue this week when we work at home doing our jobs to help our families.

In the bible we read, 'Brothers and sisters, never become tired of doing good.'

**PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, help me not to get too tired of doing good things and being helpful to everyone around me, every day. God please help me never to become tired of doing the right proper and good thing all the time. In Jesus' name, amen.

# We Work Hard



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## Treasure Box in black-and-white

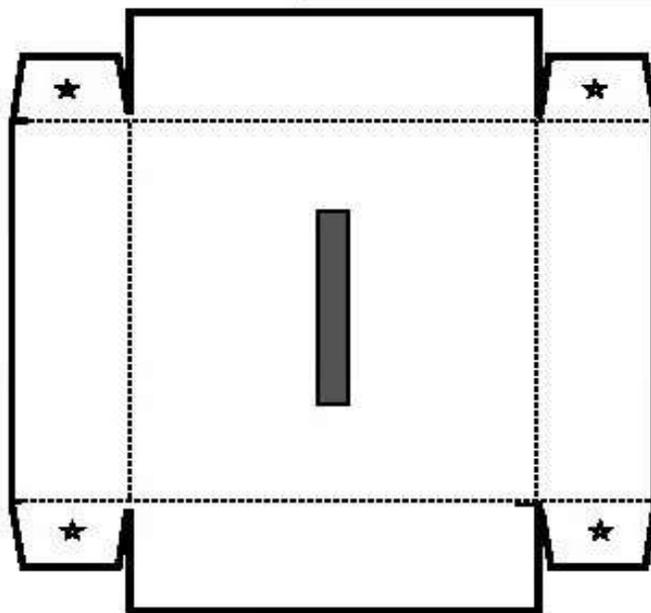
These templates (pages 7-10) are supplied for the economical option of black-and-white printing. However, we recommend use of the full color option (pages 3-6) if possible, to gain the benefit of color-coding (coding which matches several other Books of the Bible products available under my name Diane McLeod, at [www.teacherspayteachers.com](http://www.teacherspayteachers.com)) including FREE Bible book markers. Check it out!

**'How to play' card:** Cut out on bold lines. Tape or glue to inside bottom of assembled box.

How to play:

Look at the table of contents in a Bible. Take the 66 cards from this box and lay them out on a table in the same order in which the books appear in the Bible.

As you get better at this, try to lay the cards in order without looking at a table of contents. Use a Bible to check your work when you're finished. Can you do the cards from memory?



**Box lid:** Color and decorate as desired. Cut out on bold lines. Cut out slot in lid top if you want students to be able to insert cards without opening lid. Fold on dotted lines. Tuck starred flaps under side flaps and glue in place.

<b>Matthew</b> <small>New Testament Gospels</small>
<b>Luke</b> <small>New Testament Gospels</small>

<b>Mark</b> <small>New Testament Gospels</small>
<b>John</b> <small>New Testament Gospels</small>

<b>Acts</b> <small>New Testament History</small>
<b>Romans</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>1 Corinthians</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>2 Corinthians</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>Galatians</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>Ephesians</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>Philippians</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>Colossians</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>1 Thessalonians</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>2 Thessalonians</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>1 Timothy</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>2 Timothy</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>
<b>Titus</b> <small>New Testament Letters</small>

use the above picture as a template to make your own Bible Treasure Box.

