

REFERENCES: MATTHEW 13:55; MARK 6:3; THE DESIRE OF AGES, PP. 72-74.

Daddy's Helper

What are some new things you are learning to do? Are you learning new ways to help around the house? When you do your best work, you are growing up to be like Jesus.



esus' father, Joseph, was a carpenter. A carpenter is a person who builds or fixes things made of wood.

Joseph

may have had a

workshop near his house. He may have built furniture in his shop. What kind of furniture do you think he made? He probably made chairs and tables and other things too.

Joseph taught Jesus how to do carpenter's work. He probably first showed Him how to use a hammer to pound in a nail. When Jesus was older, Joseph may have taught Him how to use a saw to cut wood. He was very careful when He did His work. Joseph may have also let Jesus build things by Himself. Jesus put all the tools away

Memory Verse

"Even small children are known by their actions."

PROVERBS 20:11, NIV.

The Message

We serve God when we do our best work.



when He was finished, and He helped clean up. He probably helped Joseph by sweeping the shop at the end of the day.

Jesus loved His father and mother. He liked helping Joseph in the carpenter shop. He liked helping Mary around the house. It made them very happy that He was so helpful. Whatever He was asked to do, Jesus did His best.

What can you do to help your parents? Perhaps you can water the plants or dust the furniture. Helping and doing your best work makes you grow up big and strong, as Jesus did.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the story, and practice the memory verse together.

. Place hand near
the floor. Show a
child's height.
Point to forehead.
Pretend you are
doing something
with hands.
. Palms together,
then open.

SUNDAY

Help your child act out ways Jesus helped His parents. Ask: "What do you think Jesus learned to do? How can you be a helper like Jesus?"

Hastily and sloppily stack magazines or put books back onto a shelf. Ask your child to stack them neatly.

MONDAY

Help your child read or follow along as you read the memory verse from the Bible. Talk about the word *actions* and how people notice them.

Go through your house and count all the things that are made of wood.

TUESDAY

With some toy tools, have your child pretend to be Jesus helping Joseph. Talk about how Jesus would have done His very best. Pray that each family member will do their best to be like Jesus.

WEDNESDAY

Read Ecclesiastes 9:10, first part. What are some things that you can do your best at?

THURSDAY

To the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush," sing the words "This is the way we dump the trash [or other chore] . . . so I can be like Jesus." Remind your child to do their very best. Thank your child for being a good helper today.

FRIDAY

Help your child teach the memory verse to the family during worship.

During prayer, ask God to bless your child so that he/she grows in favor with God and man, as Jesus did.