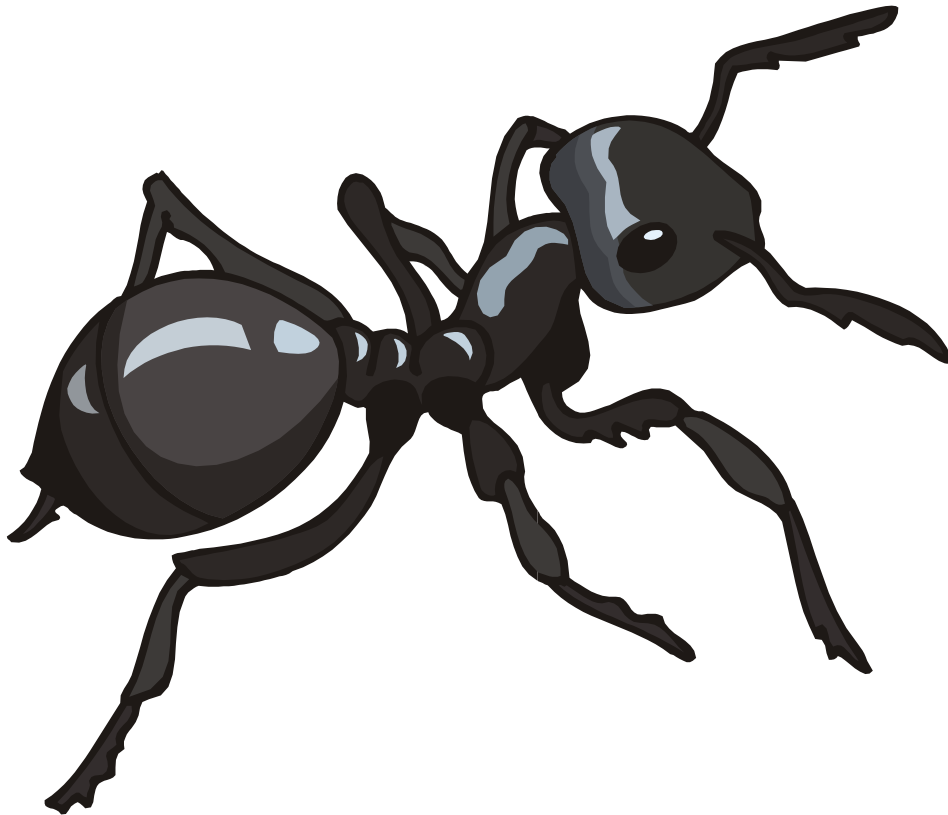


God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Ant



The ant is one of the most amazing insects on earth. It is capable of incredible feats of strength. The ant is a tireless worker for the common good of the ant colony. The ant is a brave defender of its home and will fight much larger animals to save its colony from harm. When a chore needs to be done, such as repairing the nest or gathering food, all of the ants will work together to get the job done.

What can we learn from the ant?

The ant teaches us how to work together for the good of God's kingdom instead of for our own glory. The ant teaches us to work with the strength that God provides and to work with courage to help others find Jesus their Savior.

If you watch ants at work you cannot help but be impressed by how they work together. When one ant finds something needed for the colony, it lets the other ants know. Together, the ants bring home the treasure. If the ants must make many trips back and forth to the nest, they do not mind but rather work quickly and without stopping until the job is done. That is how we should work for God's kingdom here on earth. We should work with other Christians for God's glory rather than our own glory as we spread the good news of Jesus and the salvation that He earned for us all. The Bible tells us in **1st Corinthians 10:31**, *"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* In **1st Corinthians 15:58** we learn, *"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

Many of the things we work for are not important or lasting. Everything that we do for God

glorifies Him and is not wasted effort. The work we do for God's kingdom has a wonderful effect. Even the smallest bit of work may help bring another person to faith in Jesus as their Savior.

When we work for the glory of God, He will give us strength and courage to get the job done. God is a wonderful person to work for. He understands our weakness and helps us to be strong. When we fail, God forgives and brings us success. When we are afraid, God will give us hope, comfort and courage. Just as the ant is strong in its work, so is the Christian. The Bible tells us in Psalm 18:32, *"It is God who arms me with strength."* God also gives us courage against our enemies as it says in Psalm 18:29, *"With your (God's) help I can advance against a troop."* God promises to give us strength and help to do His work as the Bible tells us in Isaiah 41:10, *"I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* The Bible also tells us in Isaiah 40:29, *"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."*

Every ant is the equal of all the other ants and teaches us how to work for the good of all. Each ant lives and works for the good of their neighbors. They

work with an energy that is amazing. If we learn from the ant, we will be better workers for God. We will learn not to be selfish but rather to give the glory to God. We will learn how to work together rather than each person competing against each other. We will learn to rely on God for our strength and courage because God will never let us fail. Like the ant, we will have the joy of knowing that we have done something good for others and maybe, help someone learn about Jesus and the salvation He earned for us on the cross. That is something worth working for!

