

Such hard workers

Sean and the boys from next door had spent all day building a cubby house down by the creek. Dad was very proud of their hard work. "You have been as busy as the ants in the nest by my shed," he told them.

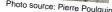
Did you know that ants live in colonies like underground cities? They have tunnels joining different parts and each ant works hard to keep the colony running. After it rains, teams of ants clean the dirt out of the tunnels and pile it up outside.

Ants work hard together to gather food too. They lay down a chemical trail to make a highway along which they travel to and from the colony. Heavy food items are carried by a team. Ants even have farms. Some collect leaves and allow them to rot to make fertilizers for growing mushrooms. Others "milk" aphids to get sweet honeydew that they feed to other ants.





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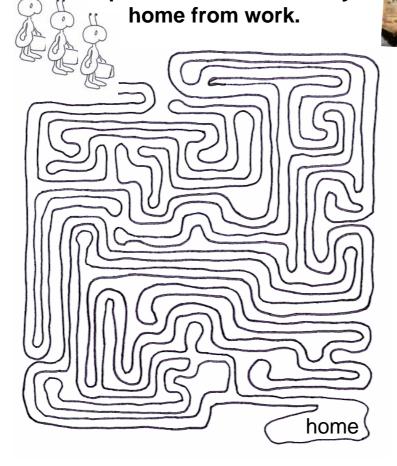
Listen to God! Proverbs 6:6-11

The Bible tells us not to be lazy, but to be like hard working ants.

Here is some work for you to do. Look up what else the Bible says about laziness in these verses: **Proverbs** 10:26. 12:24, 13:4. 15:19, 18:9, 19:24

Talk to God!

Thank you God that we can learn from everything around us, even ants. Help us learn to work hard at all we do at home and school.



Help the ants find their way