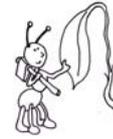


# Is it worth all that work?



Wesly wrote to Vicki, “when we play in the school yard we have to keep out of the way of the leaf cutter ants. They have got a trail across the yard.” All day long these ants cut and carry leaves along the trail to their nest. Here they chew the leaves into a pulp. The pulp is then spread on their underground “garden”. Fungus grows on the leaf pulp carefully tended by more ants. The fungus, not the leaves is their food. It’s hard work but provides a nourishing diet.



## Listen to God! Nehemiah 8:1-3, 13-18

At this time, the people of Israel realised they had been not been reading or paying attention to God’s Law\*. So they asked Ezra to read it to them and teach them what it meant.

Complete the following sentences to find out what the Israelites did.

Everyone came including children old enough to \_\_\_\_\_



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They listened carefully from early morning until \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone came again on the next \_\_\_\_\_

The people did what God’s law said and built \_\_\_\_\_

Ezra read God’s Book to them every day for \_\_\_\_\_



It was important for the Israelites to know God’s words, and it’s just as important for us. Today we have the whole Bible. From it we discover who God is and how he wants us to live. But we have to give time and effort to it too. Sometimes it’s hard, but there are people who can help us as Ezra helped the Israelites.

## Talk to God!

Thank God for the people who help you read and understand the Bible. (Remember God will help you if you ask him.)

It’s a good idea to read some Bible verses every day, perhaps at bed time. God will help you do that too if you ask him.

\* God’s Law is the first five books of the Bible, also known as the Book of the Law.