



Bible Character Study



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

Bezalel – a man with the spirit of excellence



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to pursue excellence in all they do.



Lesson Takeaway:

With the help of God, I can do my best in whatever I have been asked to do.



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Bible References:

Exodus 31:1 – 11; 35:30 – 35



Who was Bezalel?

Bezalel was from the tribe of Judah in Israel. The name of his father was Uri, and his grandfather was Hur (1 Chr 2:20; Exodus 31:2).

Bezalel was one of the main persons who helped Moses to build the tabernacle of meeting. The other main person was Aholiab (Exodus 31:6). There were other people too, who helped during the building of the tabernacle.



What did Bezalel do?

God had given Moses the plan for building the tabernacle, including the measurement, the materials he should use, where things should be kept and how they should be arranged. It was a very big plan, but Moses could not do it alone. He needed help.

So, God told him, “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship (Exodus 31:2 – 5).



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What did Bezalel do? - Continued

God had chosen Bezalel for the work of building the tabernacle. Not only did God choose him, but He also gave him the wisdom, understanding, and the skill he needed to be able to do the job.

There were a lot of things to build including the tent, the ark of testimony, the table, the gold lampstand with its lamps, the gold altar, the hangings of the court and the garments/clothes that the priests ministering would put on, and the holy garment specially made for Aaron.

Different materials were used while building including gold, silver, bronze, diamond, and precious stones.

At the end of the big project, "Moses looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them (Exodus 39:43). Moses was very happy to see all they had done. More importantly, they had followed the instructions that God gave Moses for the building of the tabernacle and other items.



What can we learn from Bezalel?

Bezalel was hardworking. He was not lazy. God does not want us to be lazy but hardworking.

In Proverbs 6:9 – 11, we understand that when someone sleeps too much, is lazy and does nothing good with their time, they will become poor.

That is because when others are working hard and getting good results, there is nothing for a lazy person to get since he did not do anything.



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What can we learn from Bezalel? - Continued

How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep—so shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man (Proverbs 6:9-11).

Bezalel was not afraid to do a big project. Building the tabernacle was a big project and took some time before they could complete it. When you have a big task to do, don't be afraid to do it. Start doing it little by little, and before you know it, you have finished the big task!

Bezalel started the work of building the tabernacle and completed it. When you start a task, make sure you complete it. Don't stop half-way to complain that the task is too much – you can always ask for help, but make sure that every time you get a work, complete your work.

Bezalel did a very good job. Remember that God gave him the wisdom, knowledge, skill and more so that he can do a very good job (Exodus 31:2). God wants us to be excellent in all we do. He wants all our work to be good. He has given you the wisdom, knowledge, and skill to do your best in all that you do – that is the spirit of excellence. Make sure you are doing your best and not working as if you don't care about the work.

Bezalel was blessed because of the good work he did. In Exodus 39:43, when Moses saw the work that it was good, he blessed everyone involved in the work. Hard work brings a blessing.

Make up your mind that whatever you are asked to do, wherever you are, you will do your best because you have the spirit of excellence.



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Memorize:

Proverbs 10:4 - He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.



Scenario review:

It was 2pm on Sunday and you remembered that you had not completed your homework from school. You still had about six hours to do your homework before you went to bed. But you decided to quickly play a video game that your friends have been talking about all week at school. After a while, you checked the time and it was 7:30pm, so, you quickly got out your homework book. Your teacher had asked you to visit your local library, take some pictures and write about the history of the library. Well, there was no way you were going to do that now at 7:30pm! The local library closed at 6pm. You have a choice though – you could pretend to be sick the next day and stay at home instead of going to school; or go to school and get a time out for not doing your homework.

What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



Remember: With the help of God, you can do your best in whatever you have been asked to do.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank you for giving me wisdom and understanding. Thank you for giving me a sound mind. Please help me to do my best in whatever I have been asked to do at home, school, church and anywhere else I go. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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