

LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 127

Grade Level: 4-6

Title: WHICH COMES FIRST?

Text/Story: Eph 6:5-9; 1 Tim 6:1,2

Main idea: God expects employers to treat employees fairly and employees to work diligently and faithfully as unto the Lord.

Key Verse: Col 3:23

Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson 1 Brainstorming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials: pencils, slips of paper/index cards • Give each student a pencil and a piece of paper/card • At the signal, have them brainstorm as many occupations/professions as they can think of in two minutes • The one who has the most wins a treat • Ask the students what they would like to do when they grow up
	Pre-Lesson 2 Charades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write down a number of occupations that could be acted out on slips of paper (dentist, pilot, cook etc.) • Have each student draw a paper and act it out for the class to guess • Option: Divide up into teams and have a game
	Lesson Discussion groups Eph 6:5-9; Col 4:1; 1 Tim 6:1, 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials: index cards, markers • Divide the class in two: assign one as employers and the other employees and give each group markers and several index cards • The 'employers' will look up Eph 6:9, Col 4:1 and 1 Tim 6:2 and write down a quality or duty of employers on each index card • The 'employee' will look up Eph 6:5-8 and 1 Tim 6:1 and write down a quality or duty of employees on each index card • As a class, put all the cards up on a board or chart in two columns and discuss their findings
	Post-Lesson Role-Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign groups of kids to a situation on the "Role-Play Situations" sheet • Either have the groups work out the situations and rehearse • Each group will present their role-play 'skit' for the class • If time permits, discuss their solutions

ROLE-PLAY SITUATIONS



You are baby-sitting with a friend who is not a Christian. The parents instructed both of you to keep an eye on the three children at all times. Your friend wants you to watch the video with her and says it's O.K. to leave the kids in the other room to play by themselves.

Your boss who is very kind and fair asks you to go on an errand for him. He asks you to stop at the 7-Eleven store on the way back to buy a couple of packs of cigarettes for him.

Your supervisor is away for the day and it's lunch time. Your two co-workers are going shopping at lunch and ask you to go with them. Having gone with them you realize that they are planning to take a longer break since your supervisor would never know the difference.

You and a co-worker are putting away stocks of stationery supplies. You notice that he is putting a few items like batteries and calculators into his pockets. When you ask him about it he says that the company will never miss them and you could do the same.

As the employer, you notice that one of your newer employees has arrived late at work again, for the third time in three days. When you ask her about it, she explains that her daughter has been sick and she had to drive her to the grandparents' home across town each morning.

Two of your co-worker at the hamburger restaurant are really polite when the supervisor walks by. But as soon as he's out of sight they start to joke about him and mimic his talk. They try to get you to join in.



Employers and Employees

List the qualities you would look for in an employee if you were the employer.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)

List the qualities you would like to have in an employer if you were to be the employee.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)

An Honest Day's Work

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being worst and 10 being best) rank the following activities that often occur in the work place.

- ___ Telling lies for your boss.
- ___ Calling in sick to have the day off for fun.
- ___ Reading memos and mail meant for your boss or other employees.
- ___ Being consistently late for work.
- ___ Taking extended coffee/ lunch breaks.
- ___ "Borrowing" supplies - pens, paper, envelopes etc.
- ___ Using a "business only" company car for personal use.
- ___ Adding an extra meal to an expense report.
- ___ Talking about your boss negatively to other employees.
- ___ "Fudging" slightly on your hours to make sure you get a full paycheck.