



Journeys in the Spirit

Children's work

Additional resource 83.A



Engage

What does good work look like?

New Testament of the Bible, Matthew Chapter 25 verse 25 onward:

Jesus said:

*'I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.'*

*....and the people who were listening to him, his friends and disciples, said,
'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then Jesus said, 'I'm Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'*



Psalm 65

Oh, visit the earth,
ask her to join the dance!
Deck her out in spring showers,
fill the God-River with living water.
Paint the wheat fields golden.
Creation was made for this!
Drench the ploughed fields,
soak the dirt clods
With rainfall as harrow and rake
bring her to blossom and fruit.
Snow-crown the peaks with splendour,
scatter rose petals down your paths,
All through the wild meadows, rose petals.
Set the hills to dancing,
Dress the canyon walls with live sheep,
a drape of flax across the valleys.
Let them shout, and shout, and shout!
Oh, oh, let them sing!



Psalm 104:

Oh yes, God brings grain from the land,
wine to make people happy,
Their faces glowing with health,
a people well-fed and hearty.
God's trees are well-watered—
the Lebanon cedars he planted.
Birds build their nests in those trees;
look—the stork at home in the treetop.
Mountain goats climb about the cliffs;
badgers burrow among the rocks.
The moon keeps track of the seasons,
the sun is in charge of each day.
When it's dark and night takes over,
all the forest creatures come out.
The young lions roar for their prey,
clamouring to God for their supper.
When the sun comes up, they vanish,
lazily stretched out in their dens.
Meanwhile, men and women go out to work,
busy at their jobs until evening.

Psalm 90:

'...and let the loveliness of God, rest on us, confirming the work that we do. Oh, yes. Affirm the work that we do!





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Questions and conversation



A job I like
doing is...

A job I don't
like doing is...

I am happy
when I...

I like to help
by...



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Reflect

'Simple gift' song words



"Simple Gifts" was written by Elder Joseph while he was at the Shaker community in Alfred, Maine. These are the lyrics to his one-verse song:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Here are two links to short films with the music of the song:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOuGTIZiARE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwH6-QmvM5c>

They can also be used to learn the song. The music can also be downloaded (to buy) at:

<http://www.artistdirect.com/nad/window/media/page/0,,3138080-7419484,00.html>

Simple Gifts

Joseph Brackett, Jr., 1848

