WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

As mothers in Zion, we know it is our responsibility to love, nurture and teach our children. One thing they need to be taught is the joy of working and doing it well. This is an attribute that will bless them throughout their lives.

Because of their busy schedules with school, music lessons, sports and church activities, it may seem as they have no time to help around the house. While we may feel we are helping them by using this thinking, we are actually doing them a big disservice.

Not only is work necessary in this life, it is a commandment. When Heavenly Father expelled Adam and Eve from the Garden, they were commanded to “till the earth.” Along with them, we find many examples throughout the scriptures of hard working people: Esther gleaning wheat, David tending the sheep, Mary and Martha cooking and cleaning and Nephi building a ship and hunting for food. Even the pioneers were known as being incredibly industrious and hard working people.

We, too, need to teach our children to be industrious and hard working. In the process, they will also learn satisfaction and gain confidence and self esteem as they learn to do their work well; and will have a work ethic instilled in them that will flow over into all aspects of their lives. In doing this, you will find your home will be filled with more love and harmony, and less chaos and frustration. You will also create an atmosphere where peace and the spirit of the Lord can reside.

In the scriptures, we are counseled to “Organize yourselves... establish a house of order, a house of God.” (D&C 88:119) In establishing a “house of order” in our own homes, we will be creating a place of peace and refuge for our families, where we can feel the love of the Lord amidst the troubles of the world. We can have a piece of heaven in our homes.
Below is a guide to the handouts contained in this station. Each is designed to help you teach your children different aspects of working and systems to implement in your home. To start, use the family home evening packet to introduce the subject of work to your family, and then watch as the magic begins.

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We know that the lessons your children learn through working and serving each other will have a long-lasting effect throughout their lives and one day, they will appreciate all that they have learned and thank you for teaching them.

We wish you much success in your teaching endeavors!!

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