

1. Watch chapter 9 from The Complete Learning System, Marie Curie DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

2. Read Moroni 7: 5

“For I remember the word of God which saith by their works ye shall know them; for if their works be good, then they are good also.”

3. Do you think Marie Curie was an example of good works? (Yes.)

Marie Curie’s parents taught her the importance of hard work. Working hard to do good made Marie Curie an example that all of us can follow. Although most of us will never make a discovery that will change the world like Marie did, we can all still work hard to bring forth good works.

4. Elder Bednar said this about learning hard work from his parents, “As a boy I always looked forward to canning season. I did not like scrubbing the canning jars or working in our hot kitchen. But I did like working with my mom and dad....The basic lessons I learned about temporal self-reliance and provident living while picking and canning produce have blessed me throughout my life.” David A. Bednar, April 2007 General Conference © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

5. Why do you think it is important to work hard, like Marie Curie?

“Hard work is a blessing of God. It involves going after it ‘with all your heart, might, mind and strength.’ (D&C 4:2.) That alone is the difference between the average and the excellent.” F. David Stanley, Ensign, May 1993 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved

6. Is it important to continue working even when the job gets tough?

“An outstanding example of perseverance is Madame Marie Curie, who worked together with her French physicist husband, Pierre Curie, in an old abandoned leaky shed without funds and without outside encouragement or help, trying to isolate radium from a low-grade uranium ore called pitchblende. And after their 487th experiment had failed, Pierre threw up his hands in despair and said, ‘It will never be done. Maybe in a hundred years, but never in my day.’ Marie confronted him with a resolute face and said, ‘If it takes a hundred years, it will be a pity, but I will not cease to work for it as long as I live.’ She was eventually successful, and cancer patients have benefited greatly...” James E. Faust, Liahona, May 2001 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

7. Is it important for parents to teach their children how to work?

“Teaching children the joy of honest labor is one of the greatest of all gifts you can bestow upon them.” L. Tom Perry, *Ensign*, Nov 1986 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

8. Why do you think honest labor brings us joy? (Discuss ideas.)

9. Can being an example by working hard bring joy?

When we work with “a heart full of song” (good attitude), the job goes faster and when it’s done you will feel great joy from doing something good.

10. Praise each family member for a job that they have worked hard at to be an example of good works and then ask how they felt afterward.

11. Sing: Hymn #252 “Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel” verse 1.