

Girls Only

College & Career

Additional Project Ideas

Do some research. Have each girl choose a college or technical school she is interested in. Have the girls research those schools and present to the group strengths and weaknesses of the school she has chosen.

Bring in some guests. Choose several women in your church to come and talk to your girls about the different career paths they've chosen. Choose a teacher, businesswoman, stay-at-home mom, doctor, minister, lawyer, or other women who have interesting careers. Encourage the women to talk about how God uses them in their careers to minister to those around them. Talk to your girls about the variety of choices they have for their careers and how they can be used by God in those careers.

Compare and contrast. If you don't have an opportunity to take your girls on an actual college visit, have the girls choose their top three schools and do a virtual tour of each. Have the girls point out strengths and weaknesses of each school, campus, programs offered, tuition costs, etc. Have the girls report their findings.

Interview some experts. Have each girl choose a field she is interested in pursuing. Have each girl interview an individual or several individuals who is/are already working in that field. Have the girls summarize their findings to the group.

Create a list. Have the girls research different scholarship options. Encourage the girls to visit with their school guidance counselor about scholarship opportunities, research scholarships available from schools of interest, and from private organizations (www.colleges.ag.org is a good place to start). Have the girls create a list of scholarships available, what's required for the application process, how much money the scholarship offers, and if there are any stipulations for the scholarship.

Look forward by looking back. Help the girls create a scrapbook documenting their time together in Girls Ministries Clubs. Collect pictures from parents, children's pastors, youth pastors, and the girls. Talk with the girls about some of their favorite memories together and incorporate their memories into the scrapbook.

Budget it. Have the girls research a career they're interested in. Help them find average salaries for the your area, and help the girls create a budget based on the average salary for their career of choice. Make sure the girls include tithe, rental/mortgage payments, utilities, car payment/insurance, grocery money, cell phone costs, school loan payments, etc. What sounds like a lot of money in the beginning may not seem like as much when you factor in bills and costs of living.

Resource Ideas

- *God Goes to College* available at www.gospelpublishing.com.
- *A Young Woman After God's Own Heart: A Teen's Guide to Friends, Faith, Family, and the Future* by Elizabeth George, Harvest House, 2003.
- *Being a Girl Who Leads* by Shannon Kubiak Primicerio, available at www.gospelpublishing.com.
- *Choose: Steer Wide of Total Stupidity* by Kevin Johnson, Youth Specialties, 2008.

Additional Discussion Questions

Discovery #1

- What does it mean to acknowledge God in all your ways? Why is this important?
- Are you acknowledging God in all your ways right now? How can you do this better?
- Are you seeking to know God better right now? Are you applying what you're learning about Him in your life right now?

Discovery #2

- How does acknowledging God direct your paths? Why is it important for God to direct your path?
- Why is it so important that we know right from wrong? How does God help us know right from wrong?
- How do you know God is guiding you? What if you don't hear God guiding you? How can we make good decisions if we're not hearing from God?

Discovery #3

- Why is training important? Why is learning beyond graduation from high school necessary?
- What are the benefits of getting more training even if you plan to get married and stay at home?
- How can continued education help you in your relationship with God? What if the training isn't at Bible college? Is all education good?

Discovery #4

- Why is attending college important? What are some benefits of attending college?
- What are some of your dreams? How can you set yourself up to achieve them?
- How should you decide what college to attend? What are some important things to think about when you're looking at colleges?

Discovery #5

- What if you realize you don't like your career choice?
- What are some important things to think about before you take any job? How should you decide whether or not to take a job?
- What are some careers you're interested in pursuing?

Discovery #6

- Will God ever change your career? Does it mean you didn't hear from God if He asks you to change careers?
- What can we learn from David about changing careers and hearing from God?
- How should you prepare for the future? How does it feel to know that God has your future in mind?