

Girls Only



Part-Time Job

Additional Project Ideas

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, 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.

Interview some experts. Have each girl choose a field she is interested in going into. 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.

Try it out. Bring in several copies of a simple job application. Have the girls fill out the application. Talk through filling out an application. Encourage the girls to write legibly and neatly, talk about how to list references, and how to use a resume when applying for a job.

Bring in a boss. Invite a business owner from within the church to talk to the girls about what they look for in part-time employees, what to expect in an interview, and how to get a good job. Allow plenty of time for questions.

Get prepared. Have the girls prepare a sample resume. Walk the girls through writing a cover letter, listing references, and how to prepare your resume for different kinds of jobs.

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.

Compare and contrast. Have each girl choose a different part-time job or volunteer position. Have the girls gather facts and information about different job opportunities and present their findings. After everyone has presented, have the girls talk about the benefits and downfalls of each option.

Resource Ideas

- *Destination Unknown: A Guide to Discovering God's Will* by Gordon Jackson, NAV Press, 2004.
- *Cool Women, Hot Jobs... And How You Can Go for It, Too!* By Tina Schwager and Michele Schuerger, Free Spirit Publishing, 2002.
- *What the Heck Am I Going to Do with My Life?* By Margaret Feinberg, Tyndale House, 2006.
- *Choose: Steer Wide of Total Stupidity* by Kevin Johnson, Youth Specialties, 2008.

Additional Discussion Questions

Discovery #1

- Why do you want a job?
- Do you have a job now? What do you like about it? What could be better about your job?
- If you don't have a job, what kind of job would you like to have?

Discovery #2

- How do you get a job?
- If you have a job, what was the process of getting your job like?
- If you don't have a job, what kinds of things should you expect during the process of getting a job?

Discovery #3

- What are your options for a part-time job?
- What are the benefits of having a part-time job? What are some of the cons of having a job?
- What are the benefits of volunteering instead of working? What are some of the cons of volunteering?

Discovery #4

- If you have a job, how many hours do you normally work? If you don't have a job, how many hours would you have time to work?
- How important is having free time? If you have a job, will your free time be limited?
- How can you work to maintain your priorities if you have a part-time job?

Discovery #5

- How can you do your best at your job?
- How can working hard in school prepare you for having a job?
- How can you represent Christ as you're working?

Discovery #6

- How can you witness in the workplace?
- Why is it important to share your faith wherever you go?
- How can you overcome fear when you're witnessing?