

Heart For The Work

The Principle to Learn	In God's Word
Heart for the project survives obstacles	Nehemiah 1 - 6

Preclass

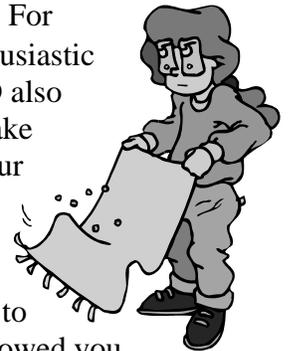


- Review the goals of ComputiVerse
- Review the Class Tips
- Review the Gospel Message

Process

Include the steps of the gospel throughout the lesson; so while student attention is fresh, the real lesson is being planted.

“Shake the rugs Tina!” “Awww, mom...” For most of us, we’ll shake the rugs but certainly not be enthusiastic about it. It’d probably scare her if you shook them AND also made a big sign and hung it on your dresser, saying “Shake rugs each Saturday”. She would probably call one of your schoolteachers to check and see if you’d been kicked out of school.



Can you guess your dad’s surprise when his instructions to you were to sweep out the garage and later inspection showed you had done that AND also hung up all the lawn tools AND replaced the burnt out bulb over his workbench?

How would you feel if the doctor that’s going to do your knee surgery just does a carefree work in the operating room? Well, you’d definitely want him to put his heart into his work. Or how about the pilot flying your dad back from his business trip. What would you say to the pilot if he put no more pride in the things he does, than those you do?

The Contest

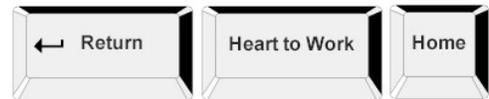
Create two teams – Red and Blue. Try to make them as even as possible by age and gender. A judge scores the responses to each scenario. Alternating back and forth, one team poses an action-based situation for the other. The other team must think of an action response that shows a **heart-felt** concern for meeting the need of the scenario.

The situations should be rather mundane real-life situations.

The point of the red-blue game is to prove to ourselves that we already know how to go the extra mile – to put our heart into a task before us. Why?

1. That is what we expect of others.
 2. A healthy family thrives on it.
 3. A healthy business must have it in their employees.
 4. This is a good way to show others that God is more powerful than satan's forces.
 5. Most importantly, God's Word demands it and gives many examples.
- Whether at school, home, or work, satan will actively, with great effort try to thwart our efforts to work in a way that pleases God. We need to aggressively develop or enhance our passion our deep desire for the things we do.

If not, time is wasted, money is spent foolishly, relationships begin breaking down, our witness moves toward being phoney. If your heart isn't in it, you will probably not finish the project or meet the goal. To have a heart for the work says that you will define clearly what the goal is and set a date to have it done... maybe even have intermediate ones. For example your plan might be:



1. **Get permission from Pastor – by June 14th.**
2. **Put numbers on all the audio tapes of the sermons. – by July 10th.**
3. **List the subject of each tape on the computer. – by September 1st.**
4. **Print them out for Pastor. – by September 15th.**

“And these things I'm going to do, even if no one else helps me.

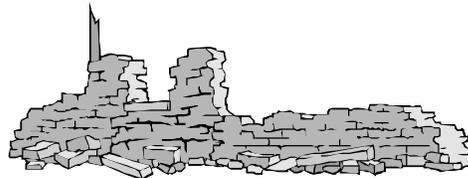
God's Word is filled with examples of determined people, both good and bad, and how they affected others. Ask your students what IIPeter 5:8 tells us about determination.

ComputiVerse

Mr. Nehemiah became broken hearted to the point of tears when he learned the city of Jerusalem layed in ruins. (Nehemiah 1:4) The verse says he fasted and prayed.

And then in chapter 6:15 the was wall was finished. And in 52 days too! That's pretty fast. This monumental work was done quickly, carefully, and done with great opposition. Let's see who the workers were and what they did.

- Each family had their defined goal of repairing a specified part of the city wall. Chapter 3.
- Learning of obstacles they prayed. 4:8
- Enemy mocked the workers. 4:2
- God provided the supplies (through the king) . 2:7,8



- Every kind of person helped. Mayor's children 3:9,12. Girls helped too 3:12.
- Everyone had a weapon by their side. 4:17
- An alarm system (trumpet) and defense plan established. 4:18-20
- The enemies were discouraged and recognized the work was done by God. 6:16

More exciting things are learned by another large construction project in the second book of the Bible, Exodus. The tabernacle was being built and shows us more interesting things of people who had a heart to Work.

- God provides training for the task. Exodus 35:34
- People willingly brought more than enough supplies for the task. Ex. 36:5-7
- Chapter 35 and 36 chock full of mentions of their willingness for the work.

So the conclusion is that to reach your goal and finish your computer task, follow the many detailed examples in God's Word. ☺

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Jungle Hospital Computing

[Theme: Computer dedication.]

With heart-pounding excitement Neenah walked past the workers. A missionary field hospital was being built right where she stood.

This modest African hospital near the jungle's edge was bustling with all sorts of activity in every direction she looked. It was contagious, the excitement, I mean. One group of workers putting the final touches on a thatched roof was singing as they worked. Neenah saw hospital staff already stacking medical supplies in neat rows with great care – and the walls hadn't even been put up yet.



Like each of the Thursday s before, she quietly seated herself under the tree at the back of the group learning how some magical thing called a computer was going to be used to keep track of all sorts of medicines, native patients, and all sorts of things. Learning how computers help organize things reminded Neenah of the happy staffers organizing the bandages she had just passed not long before. She listened intently and made the best notes she could on the scraps of paper she had found on her every-Thursday she walked from her home a day and a half away.

Miss Thompson, the computer teacher from America began noticing a strange habit of Neenah's every time the group broke for lunch. While the others were eating their lunch, talking, and laughing, Neenah stayed by herself and occasionally put one hand in front of her mouth and took a nibble of something in her other hand. After some casual questions here and there, Miss Thompson learned what was being nibbled were the total of what Neenah had to eat from the time she left home on Tuesdays till she got back home. Oh yes, her mother dutifully always packed three oranges and a few assorted nuts; these provisions were always consumed in the same way. On the one and a half day's journey each way, Neenah had to cross a deep raging river. The boatman always took as his fare, all her nuts and the three oranges. That covered the return trip too. As the boatman peeled the oranges and crudely ate them in front of Neenah, she would carefully pick up the orange peels, dust them off and deposit them in her pocket; her only food till she got back home.

That night, in her personal devotions, Miss Thompson reflected upon her own dedication to missions and using her teaching skills in the far away land, but freely admitted to the God that she loved, her dedication and heart for the work, was very small compared to that of Neenah. In all of the teaching she did, in this mission hospital or back home in America, she would never learn how precious a thing it is to some people that they dedicate their computing efforts to God's great commission. And how did she learn this monumental lesson? From orange peels. ☺