

MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

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Grade 3

The Hardworking Ant Colony

DILIGENCE

Diligence and teamwork help us accomplish great things, and we can learn.

preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Ants are tiny insects that live together in big families called colonies. A colony can have thousands of ants working side by side. Each ant has an important job to do. Some ants find food, some care for babies, and some build tunnels. Even though each ant is very small, together they can do big things.
- 2 Worker ants search for food all day long. When one ant finds food, it leaves a special smell so other ants can find it too. Soon, a long line of ants walks from the food back to their home. Each ant carries as much as it can. They work together without stopping. This teamwork helps the whole colony eat and stay healthy.
- 3 The queen ant is the most important ant in the colony. She lays eggs that grow into new ants. Other ants care for these baby ants and feed them. The colony works hard to make sure the queen and all the babies are safe and comfortable. Worker ants also make tunnels and rooms under the ground. These tunnels are like hallways and bedrooms for the whole ant family.
- 4 Ants teach us an important lesson about hard work and teamwork. When ants work together, they can carry things much bigger than themselves. They never give up, even when their job is hard. We can be like ants. When we help our family, friends, and community, we can do wonderful things together. God gave ants the gift of teamwork, and we can use this gift too.

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ANSWER KEY

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Ants accomplish great things by working together as a team, each doing their job with diligence, and we can learn from their teamwork.

DETAIL 1

Worker ants find food and leave a special smell so other ants can follow and help carry it back to the colony.

DETAIL 2

The queen ant lays eggs and other ants care for the baby ants and make sure they are fed and safe.

DETAIL 3

Ants build tunnels and rooms under the ground where they live and work together as a family.

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