

The Awesome Activator™



1: Think of an activity (project or task) you are going to do. Write this activity inside the bubble shown in the center of the box below. This activity may be as simple as washing dishes, or as big as creating a new computer software program.

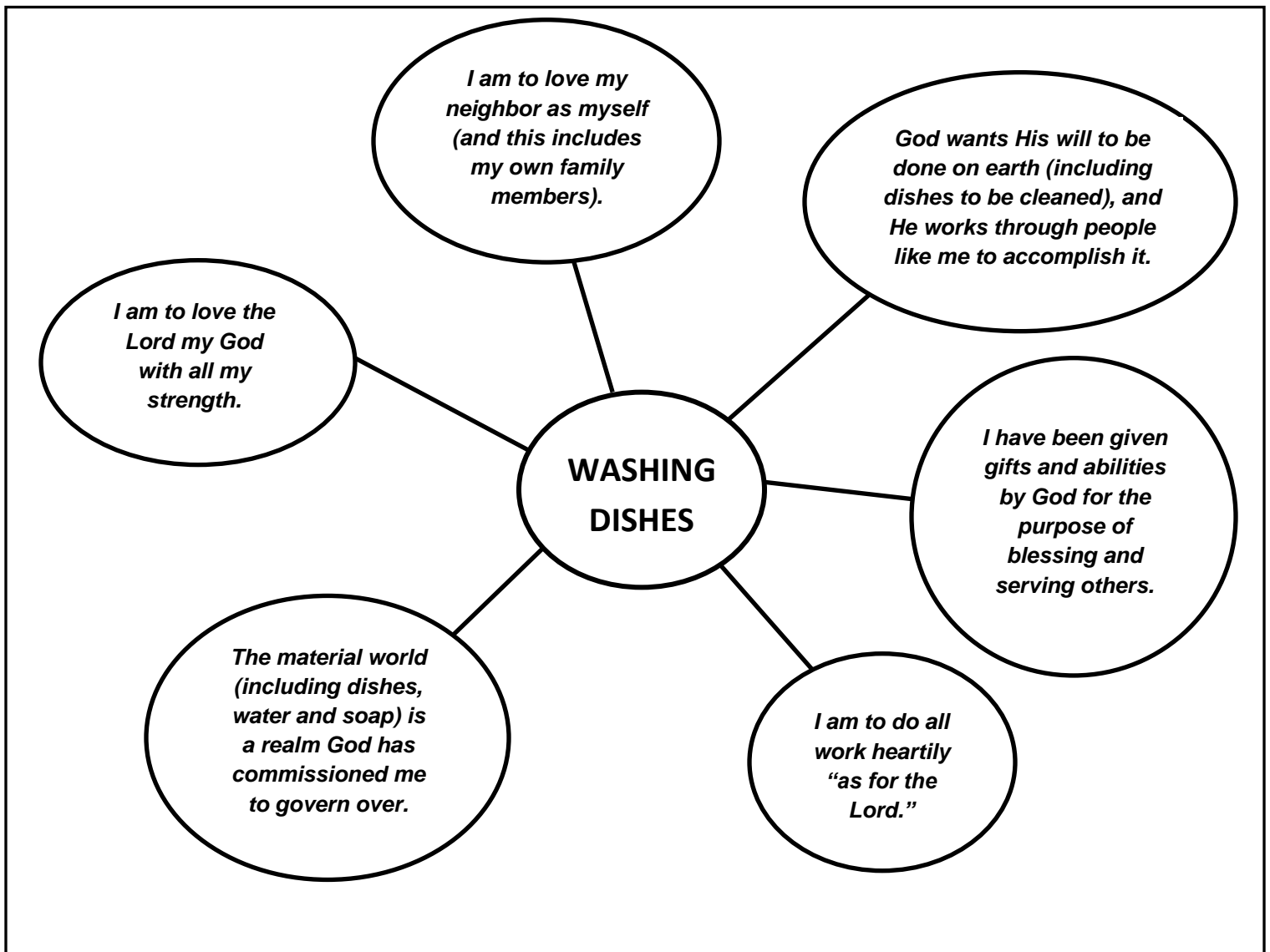
2: Brainstorm specific ways in which your activity relates to the “bigger picture of life” [as given in Scripture]. To prompt ideas, you may want to refer to *99 Truths about Work, Economics and Human Flourishing*, and *Questions for “Contextualizing” Work*.

3. Narrow down your key ideas to 5 or 6 thoughts that particularly “speak to you.” Write these ideas in new “bubbles” around your activity below.

4: On the next page, write down specific ways you could apply your ideas to your work. Ask God for help. Think outside the box. Talk it over with someone.

5: Think about any preparation you may need to do in order to be successful. (Any training you need to have? Any research you need to do? Any changes to be made?) Write these things down in the “skills I must develop” section on the next page.

6: Write down action steps you will take. Be specific. Give yourself some time-deadlines.



Some ways I could apply biblical truths (as shown in the outer bubbles) to my work, written as visionary “I could see...” statements:

I could see washing dishes as an act of loving service to my family, and it could be a direct expression of my love for those who are closest to me.

I could see washing dishes as an act of service to God Himself, and as fulfillment of His commission for me to govern over all the earth—including water, soap, cups and plates.

Some skills I must develop (or preparation I must make) in order to succeed: (Training? Research? Changes?)

I must be convinced that dishwashing is the will of God for me, and that He wants His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven through me in this way.

I must be conscious of the fact that when I am washing dishes, I am doing work that God wants done.

I must keep in mind that I am washing the dishes as though Jesus were going to eat on them.

I must fully realize that I am loving and serving God and others through washing dishes.

Action steps I will take: (Be specific, and include some time-qualifications.)

I will put a little sign near my sink that reads: “Here I directly serve God, love others, and fulfill my role of governing over the material world.”

I will use my dishwashing time as a time of practical discipleship, putting my faith into action in a very real and practical way.

I will wash dishes regularly and consistently “as unto the Lord,” in a timely and organized fashion.