


# PROPER 21: WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US TO DO

THE STORY:  
MATTHEW 21:23–32



In the Bible we hear stories of many people. These people are just like us, they eat and sleep, go to school and work. God has a plan for each of them, and in hearing the stories we learn that God’s plan is for each of us too.

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## ACTIVITIES

### HANDPRINT PLEDGES

On a piece of construction paper, trace your hand, and write or draw the following:  
Inside of the hand: What are the things you can do in your family to do the work of God?

(examples: help with chores, pray at meals, be nice to my sister/brother, do something nice for my parents, etc.)

Outside of the hand: What are some things you can do in your community and in the world to do the work of God? (serve at a soup kitchen, visit people in nursing homes, make cards for the sick, raise money for those in need, help people at school, etc.)

### SERVICE TICKETS:

Identify a person and a service that you will perform for that individual, then record the details on the tickets (separate form) and hand out to others.