

# AT HOME CHALLENGE

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10, ESV

### Truths from this verse

- We are saved by faith for good works.
- God chooses to use you to complete his plan in this world.
- We are given God's grace (salvation) and power (Holy Spirit) to do good works that bring Him honor and glory.

#### Items needed

Globe, puzzle, and hand-held mirror

### Introduction

Each of us are a part of God's plan for this world, He chooses to use you to make a difference! Have each family member write his/her name on the back of his puzzle piece. Place the puzzle pieces in the basket.

## Spotlight

Let's take a look in our mirror here! What do you see?

Pass the mirror around allowing the children to look at themselves & say their name and what they want to be when they grow up!

God's Word tells us, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." *Ephesians 2:10, ESV.* 

God has created you for works that He has already prepared for you to do!! He wants to use you to make a difference in this world! He wants to use you even now to make a difference in the lives of other kids around the world!

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These children live in orphanages that Rice Bowls partners with so that they can have 3 meals (and yummy snacks) a day! Check out a few of their stories at ricebowls.org/stories

Just like you they were created for good works and they have dreams. The food they get to eat, that you help provide, helps them to grow strong. Your good works can start now by filling your rice bowl!

You are a part of the puzzle that God uses for a beautiful work! Time yourself as a family and see how quickly you can put together your puzzle!

### Here's a fun 7 day challenge to fill your heart and your bowl!

#### Day 1

Find and read Ephesians 2:10.

**Scavenger Hunt Challenge:** take your bowl on a scavenger hunt for loose change - kitchen counter, drawers, coat pockets, car (check under the seats), sofa cushions, loose change in the bottom of purses, bookbags - add to this list and get going!

### Day 2

What are you created for? Good Works

What are some of those good works that you can do right now? Pray, give food (by filling your bowl), smile and encourage others.

**Friendly Neighbor Challenge:** Take your bowl and ask your neighbors you know to join you in doing good works, explain that you are a hunger fighter, and the change collected will help feed orphaned children all over the world! Be prepared to give some facts about orphans.

### Day 3

What two things does God give us to do the good works he has planned for us? *Grace (salvation)* and *Power (Holy Spirit)*.

**Watch the short film:** Lazaro's Story today. God has given him grace and power too! **Road Trip Challenge:** Today take your Bowl on a road trip, everywhere you go (school, the dentists office, the grocery store, grandma's house) - share with others about the children you are helping and ask them to be a part too!

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#### Day 4

Check out Rice Bowls Around the World. Would you like to go and share the hope of Jesus with others?

**Prayer Challenge:** Pick one of the places and pray specifically for the children at that home! Keep the bowl on your table where you gather for meals. Pray for those who are without and for those children with whom, by giving, you are sharing a meal.

#### Day 5

- Now name your favorite food or treat.
- Name something you like to go and do.
- Name one way you can give hope.

**The "Instead Of" Challenge:** Instead of getting your favorite ice cream treat, McDonald's Happy Meal, buying that video game - you decide...Instead of getting a little something for yourself put that amount of money in your Rice Bowl!

#### Day 6 & 7

You were created for good works now!

**Small Business Challenge:** Think of a "small business" you could do or make & sell. What are you good at, able to do, or really enjoy doing? Use the funds from your small business to fill your bowl.

Here are a few ideas for goods you can make & sell:

- Tie-dyed socks
- Handmade cards
- Candles
- Baked goods
- Jewelry

If making stuff is not your gig, how about yard work, cleaning, or laundry? Be creative! Perhaps get a local small business to match the amount you make! Set a goal and aim high for it how your \$\$ can Give Yum!

# Go change your world!

Do the good works that you were created by God to do.