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Lost in the Woods, "Consider Her Ways and Be Wise!"

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Paul and Anne were watching the ants busy at work. Some were crawling into the ant hill carrying big loads of food to store away in the rooms down below. Others seemed to be cleaning house. They crawled out of the ant hole with dirt and trash that they threw away. Everywhere it seemed to be, "Hurry! Hurry!"

One day in Sunday school Paul and Anne's teacher talked to them about the ants. They were surprised when they heard her read from the Bible, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Proverbs 6:6).

Then she told them many interesting things. They learned that there were ant soldiers that guarded the ant hill. Dairy maid ants milked the little green bugs called ant "cows" and then stored the sweet juice in ants that hung like bags from the ceiling of one of the dark rooms. Others had other work, and all were busy.

"God has put within these little ants the instinct to store away much food during the warm summer," their teacher told them. "In Proverbs 30:24-25, God says, 'There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: the ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.' They seem to know that the storms of winter will come and keep them in their ant hill for many long months. The winter does not catch them unprepared.

"The prudent (wise) man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished" Proverbs 27:12).

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