

Responsibility means showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

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Read Matthew 25:14-30

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So Much

God has given us all many things and He wants us to take good care of what we have been given. Sometimes that means using them or sharing them with others. Take a little time to go on a scavenger hunt in your room and see if you can find something that maybe you haven't played with in a while or something that you would like to share with someone else. Let's show God that we can make the most of what we have!

Remember to do our best to make the most of what we've been given.

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Don't Waste

God tells us that He wants us to make the most of what we have and that means taking good care of our things or sharing what we have been given. Have you ever thought about what it might look like if you don't do that? If we don't take care of our stuff or share what we have then we are wasting our time, our talents, and our things. And you know what else? You might miss out on fun ways that God can use you to care for the world around you. Let's pray and ask God for His help.

Dear God,

We want to show You that we are responsible with what You have given us. Help us to make the most of what we have so we don't miss out on fun ways You can use us to care for the world around us. Amen.

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Make a Difference

In the story from this week, one man hid what he was given by his boss. Ask your family to reenact the story with you. Pretend you are the workers that used the money wisely and the worker that hid the money. Think of different ways you could use the money given to you. Once you're finished talk about what it felt like to be the wise workers and the unwise worker. God wants us to use the things He gives us to help make others happy and to make our world a better place.

Know that God wants us to use what we have to make a difference.

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Share the Love

Have you ever tried to save your money to buy something that you really wanted? Instead of trying to earn money for something that you want, let's use it to make a difference in the world around us. Ask an adult to help you think of some place where you could either donate some of your toys or someone that might really need some money. This is a big way that you can show God that you are responsible with what you have been given!

Ask God to help you make a big difference to those around you!

Make the most of what you've been given.

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Read Galatians 6:7

When you buy a package of tomato seeds and plant them in the ground, what plant will grow? A tomato plant. Okay, that was a pretty easy question. Everyone knows that the seed determines what eventually sprouts and grows.

The same idea applies to responsibility. What you put in, determines the outcome. And guess what? The work you put in, the time you spend, the care you take, all of that is seen by God. But not in a “Oh I’m going to catch you doing the wrong thing” kind of way. God sees and knows all because He is God. And He’s trusted you to take care of what He’s given you.

Do you have any seeds at home? If so, ask your parent to let you plant a seed or two in a cup with some potting soil. Make sure to keep the soil moist and place it near a window so it can get the sunshine it needs to grow. As you take care of your little seed responsibly this week, remember to make the most of what you’ve been given.

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DAY 2

Read Luke 16:10a

Think about one responsibility you have. Write or draw a picture of it below:

That responsibility, like making your bed, or putting your bike away, or setting the table, might seem like a small thing. But all those small responsibilities that you take seriously now lead to bigger and more important responsibilities later on. Taking care of your room might lead to owning your own home someday. Taking care of your bike might lead to driving a car when you’re old enough. Every responsibility that you take seriously right now, no matter how small, builds trust.

Take a look at the responsibility above. How are you doing with that? Are you slacking off or taking it seriously? If not, what can you do right now to act more responsibly? **Ask God to help you do what’s asked of you right now to prove you can be trusted with bigger things later on.**

*Make the most of what
you’ve been given.*

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DAY 3

Read Ephesians 5:15-16

All wisdom comes from one source. Not the internet. Not Siri or Alexa. Wisdom comes from God. Today's verse reminds us to live as people who are wise. Wise people follow God.

Part of our responsibility as followers of God is to actually follow what God tells us to do. Take a look at the list of scenarios below. Look up each verse listed and then write the "wise" response to that scenario.

Your mom asks you to finish your homework before you go outside. (Read Ephesians 6:1)

Your older brother is taking forever on the video game. You're about to grab the controller out of his hands so you can have a turn. (Read Proverbs 15:18)

You've figured out a way to cheat so that your team wins and you're pretty sure you can pull it off with no one finding out. (Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13)

Every time you make a wise choice, no matter how big or small, you make a responsible choice. You show you can be trusted. That's making the most of every opportunity.

Ask God to give you the wisdom you need as you follow Him and make responsible choice this week.



DAY 4

Read Proverbs 16:3

Have you ever thought about all the things you do in a day? If you were to make a list of all those decisions and actions, it would probably take a long time. No matter how big or small our decisions or actions may be, God asks us to commit everything to Him.

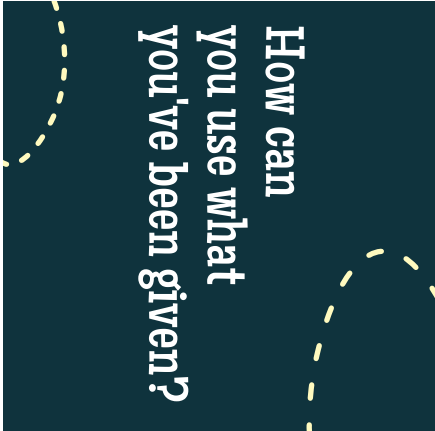
So here's a little responsibility challenge. Grab a wide rubber band and write the word "EVERYTHING" on it with a ball point pen. If you have trouble writing that small, ask an adult for help. If you don't have any rubber bands, cut out a strip of paper, wrap that around your wrist and tape to secure.

For 24 hours, wear that bracelet as a reminder to commit everything you do, every word, every action, every thought and decision, to God. Stop and pray and ask God to help you and He will! Take the responsibility to follow God and commit everything to Him.



Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.





Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

➡ Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____



Day 2

Read Matthew 25:14-30

Today you're going to do a little math. In the space below, make a tick mark for every bag of gold mentioned in Matthew 25:14-30. How many total bags are there?

From seven bags of gold to 15, the rich man got richer. But that wasn't the point of the story Jesus told. Jesus was teaching His followers that those who are responsible with what they're given will be given more. But those who waste it will end up with nothing. And Jesus wasn't just talking about money but we'll get into that later. For now, if you have 15 tick marks on your paper, give yourself an A+.

Day 3

God has given you so much!

From unique gifts and talents, to a place to live and people that take care of you, to beautiful sunsets, puppies and ice cream!

Before you can make the most of what He's given you, you first must start by recognizing all He's given you and thanking Him for it. For each category below, write at least one or two things that you're thankful for.

Talents I have:

Family members and friends I have:

Material possessions I have:

Experiences I've had:

Now take a minute to talk to God and thank Him for giving you those gifts, naming them as you pray. Then ask God to give you the wisdom and strength to make the most of each of them.

Day 4

Take the list you made yesterday of all the gifts that God has given you and share it with a trusted older friend or family member.

Ask them if there is anything they would add to it.

Now comes the hard part. Ask them if there's anything on the list that they see you not being responsible with—if there's something you've been given that you're not making the most of. Ask them for specific examples, and for advice on how you could use what you've been given in a more responsible way. Write down what they say so you can use it later.

It can be tough to hear when there are areas we haven't been super responsible, but taking personal inventory of how we're using our gifts is a great way to be responsible with them!

Day 5

How can you use what you've been given?

Now that you've talked to both God and a trusted friend about the gifts you've been given and ways you can use them better, it's time to put it into action.

Write down the steps you've decided to take to make the most of your gifts. Maybe you'll practice your piano more, or run with your dad at the park to improve your time, or you'll use some of your allowance money to buy supplies for a lemonade stand (and even donate some of your profits to a worthy cause!) By the time you've finished, you'll have a lot more talents and made the most of the talents you have too!

