

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

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Read Matthew 22:36-39

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What Is That?

Responsibility is a really big word isn't it? Ask an adult to help you look up the definition on a computer, on a phone, or in a dictionary. So what does this big word mean? Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you. See if you can match the person to the responsibility below.

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Fireman	Takes care of you and loves you
Doctor	Teaches you new things
Teacher	Puts out fires
Parents	Helps you when you are sick

Thank God for people that show responsibility around you.

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Take Good Care

What are some things you are responsible for? Grab a piece of paper and pencil and write down or draw a picture of anything that comes to mind. Jesus talks about responsibility. There are lots of things that we are responsible for like our family, our homes, animals, the Earth and even the people around us. Take a minute to look back at your list of things and see if there is anything that you might want to add.

Remember to take responsibility for all the things God has given to us.

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Be Responsible

This week we have learned what responsibility is and that there are lots of people around us that show responsibility for a lot of different things. Now, it's your turn to show responsibility too! Flip this page over and draw a picture of ways you can be responsible at home, at school, in your neighborhood, and at a friend's house. Maybe you show responsibility by putting your toys away after playing with them or you watch your baby brother or sister while your parents are cooking dinner. These may seem like little things, but every one of them proves that you can be responsible.

Ask God to help you show responsibility everywhere you go!

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The Greatest

Ask an adult to help you look up Matthew 22:36-39 and read it together. Jesus wants us to love everyone! And when we love God with all our heart, we become more like Him which means we can love other people just like God loves them. And God loves everyone! He called this "The Greatest Commandment." Ask God to help us with this big responsibility He has given us.

Dear God,

Thank You for trusting us with so much. We want to take care of all that You have asked us to do and show that we are responsible. Help us to love You with all our heart and to love others just like you do. Amen.

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Love God. Love others.

PARENT CUE

I can be responsible at . . .

SCHOOL

HOME

FRIEND'S HOUSE

NEIGHBORHOOD

See day three for the instructions on what to draw.

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DAY 2

DAY 1



Read Matthew 22:36-38

In school, every teacher wants their students know what's expected of them so they can have a successful year.

Write down a rule you have at school:

What happens if you break this rule?

Can you imagine what it would be like if your teacher had over 600 rules for you to follow? When Jesus lived on earth, Jews followed over 600 different laws or rules. There were rules about work, rules about clothes, and rules about caring for others. When a religious leader asked Jesus, "What's the most important commandment?" it was intended to be a trick question. But Jesus didn't fall for his trap. Instead Jesus simply said: **"Love God. Love others."**

Love God. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. When you love God and put Him first, you won't need 600 other rules. Loving God is our number one responsibility.

As you pray today, tell God why you love Him. List some things you're thankful for and ask Him to help you put Him first, every day.



Read Matthew 22:39-40

When Jesus answered the religious leader's question about the most important commandment, He didn't stop with "love God." He quickly added the second, equally important part: Love others.

When you think about it, loving God and loving others are like two sides of a coin. You can't really say you love God and then turn around and be unkind to your brother or the kid at school. And you can't really love your brother or the kid at school without loving God. Why? Because God is love. The only reason you know how to love is because God loved you first.

Grab a coin and cover it with masking tape. Write "God" on one side and "Others" on the other side.

Carry that coin in your pocket this week to remind yourself of your most important responsibilities. **Ask God to help you love Him and love others, even when it's hard.**



Love God.
Love others.

DAY 3

Read Psalm 31:23

What are some ways you show your parents you love them? List them in space below:

One big way you show your parents you love them is by obeying them. Even when you'd rather not. Even when you think their rules are lame. A parent's job is to guide and protect their children. By obeying them, you're showing that you trust they're leading you in the right direction.

Guess what? The same idea is true when it comes to loving God. The number one way you can show God you love Him is by being obedient to Him. When you read His word and follow what it says, you're taking your responsibility to "Love God" seriously.

Remember, God made you. He loves you. He will always lead you in the right direction because His way is the best way. This week, look for ways to be obedient as you follow God knowing that obedience is best. **Love God. Love others.**



DAY 4

Read 1 Peter 4:8

List all the people that sat by you today:

From your brother in the backseat, to the kid in the desk next to you, to your parent at the dinner table, on any given day, you sit next to a lot of "one another's." Part of your responsibility is to love God and all those one another's around you.

So here's a little "one another" challenge for the week. Tomorrow, every time you sit down, pay attention the people on your right and left. Think to yourself: "How can I show love to this person next to me?" When you have an answer, then follow through and actually do it. There are lots of ways you can show love to all the "one another's" around you.

Bow your head and pray for God to help you with your responsibility of loving others well this week.



Journal

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

What are things you're expected to do?

Preteen

Week 1



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: _____



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Day 2

Read Matthew 22:36-40

There are a lot of rules, wisdom and important truths in the Bible—important things to live by, but it can also feel a little overwhelming! Thankfully, Jesus boiled everything we need to do down to two things: love God and love others!

If you have a phone or device, pull it out and try to translate as much of Matthew 22:37-39 into emojis as you can. Then text or email it to yourself so you will be reminded throughout the day of the two things you're expected to do.

If you don't have access to a device, or if you'd just like a fun challenge, try drawing the emojis. Then hang the verse somewhere you will see it often this week.

Day 3

What are some of the reasons you love God?

What are some of the ways you can show love to God?

Who are some of the "others" in your life?

What are some of the ways you can show love to them?

Use what you wrote above to write a prayer, then read it out loud to God.

Dear God,

You are _____,

and I thank You for _____,

_____ Help me to demonstrate my

love for You by _____,

_____. Thank you for my friends and family,

especially _____,

Please help me show them Your love with

my actions, including _____,

_____. In Jesus' Name, I pray.

Amen.

Day 4

Check out what Paul wrote to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12.

'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe.' (NIRV)

This is a great word for you too! You may be young, but you can be an example to everyone around you, young or old, in how to live out Jesus' command to love God and love others.

Go back and look at the list of "others" you made yesterday. Pick the oldest person and the youngest person on your list, and come up with one way you can show God's love to them. Maybe it's spending time reading with your grandparent or playing a board game with your little sister. Whatever it is, when you show them love with your actions, be sure and share God's love with them too. Tell them you were inspired by Jesus' words and wanted to love God by loving them!

Day 5

Matthew 22:37-39 can be boiled down into four words.

Love God. Love others.

Copy these four words on to a separate paper. Decorate it to make it look more like you. Then cut it out and find a spot to put it where you will see it all the time: you could pin it to your backpack, put a tape roll on the back and make it like a sticker, or tape it to your bathroom mirror.

As you go throughout your days, whenever you're not sure what the right or responsible thing to do is, look at the situation through these words. Use these words to guide your decisions and inspire your actions.

What are things you're expected to do? Love God. Love others.

