

Rules for Life: Play well. Finish strong.



First, watch
this week's
video!

Responsibility:
Showing you
can be trusted
with what
is expected
of you

Memory Verse

Suppose you can
be trusted with
something very
little. Then you can
also be trusted
with something
very large.
Luke 16:10a, NIV

Bible Story

Ant and Sluggard
Proverbs 6:6-8

Bottom Line

Work hard.

Use this guide to help your family learn how
God can help us be more responsible.

Activity

Word Work

WHAT YOU NEED:

Note cards and pencil

(If you don't have note cards, take sheets of paper, divide them into quarters, and tear/cut them to create note cards.)

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask your child to sit down with you. Ask, "What words would you use to describe a lazy person?"

Write down their responses on the note cards—one for each card.

Then ask, "What words would you use to describe a person who works hard?"

Write down their responses on the note cards—one for each card.

Next, tell them to choose three cards that have words on them that they would want to be known for. Ask them why they chose those words.

Talk About the Bible Story

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Out of everything Solomon could have had, what did he ask God for? (*wisdom*)

What did Solomon become known for? (*He became known as one of the wisest people to ever live.*)

What did Solomon say about ants? (*Ants have no ruler, but they still store up food on their own; they are hard workers.*)

Describe what it feels like to be lazy.

How does it feel to work hard?

How can you tell if you're a hard worker or if you're lazy?

What's one thing that you tend to be lazy about? How can you work on being more responsible with that this week?

Parent: Share a story about a time you decided to stop being lazy in an area of your life—and how it paid off.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for giving us an opportunity, each day, to work hard. We know that everything we do can show Your love to others. Please help us see ways we can work hard this week. Please work through us so we can make a difference in each other's lives. We love You! In Jesus' name, amen."

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Key Question

When have you
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Activity

Rap It Out

WHAT YOU NEED:

Bible (or Bible app), paper, pencil

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask your child to look up 1 Corinthians 15:58 in their Bible or Bible app. Ask them to read it out loud.

Then say, "We're going to come up with a poem, rap, or cheer that's all about working hard. We can even use some of 1 Corinthians 15:58 to do it!"

If your child is more introverted and wants to work on this alone, give them 10 to 15 minutes and see what they've come up with. If your child prefers teamwork, sit together and come up with a poem, rap, or cheer. If your child is up for it, perform or read it to your family later.



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When you think of a lazy person, what do you think of? (*No names!*)

What's the difference between taking a break from work and being lazy?

What are some lazy areas of your life that you can work on to be more responsible this week?

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