

Responsibility (Grades K-2)

For PurposeFull Families

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People

EXPLANATION:

This month we are talking about Responsibility! The dictionary talks about Responsibility in a few ways: duty, accountability, and the independence to make decisions. We are using a slightly different definition at school:

Responsibility: to take action and understand how our choices affect others, ourselves, and the world.

Every day we make choices and take actions. Being responsible means we know how those choices impact all people and things involved! Sometimes we get to choose what we are responsible for, sometimes we earn new privileges through consistent and healthy choices, and sometimes we are responsible for things simply because we are a part of a community (and we all have to do our part!). We will spend time talking about what it means to be responsible for our classroom. We will practice self-control and develop helpful practices. We will think about people with a lot of Responsibility like Michael Jordan and Eleanor Roosevelt. Together, we can take Responsibility for a more kind, generous world!

CONVERSATION STARTERS:

- You really want a new game, but you need a new pair of shoes. How do you decide between wants and needs so that you can spend your money responsibly? Talk about wants and needs in your life and how you've learned to tell the difference!
- What are the responsibilities you have at home? How do people know what they are responsible for? Which responsibilities are you really good at?
- What's something that you want for our home? Would getting this thing demonstrate Responsibility with our time, money, or energy? If so, how might we earn this special something by showing Responsibility?

QUESTIONS YOU COULD ASK:

- Why is it important to consider other people when you're making your decisions?
- Who is the most responsible person you know? What makes them responsible?
- What are some things that might get in the way of showing Responsibility? What are some things that might help us practice Responsibility?
- What does Responsibility feel like to each person in your family?

APPLICATION:

Books:

- [*Alexander, Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday*](#) by Judith Viorst
- [*But It's Not My Fault*](#) by Julia Cook
- [*Dream Big, Little Pig*](#) by Kristi Yamaguchi
- [*Interrupting Chicken*](#) by David Ezra Stein
- [*After The Fall*](#) by Dan Santat
- [*Do I Have To?: Kids Talk About Responsibility*](#) by Nancy Loewen

FOR YOUR READING:

- [*Are You Teaching Your Kids Responsibility?*](#) by Cara Sue Achterberg
- [*14 Factors That Influence a Child's Behavior or Trigger Their Misbehavior*](#) by The Pragmatic Parent
- [*Teaching Responsibility with The Jewel Method*](#) by Ashley Phipps
- [*Parenting with Love and Logic*](#) by Foster Cline and Jim Fay