

# Responsibility (Grades K-2) For PurposeFull Families

PurposeFULL  
People

## ACTIVITY:

Create a Responsibility Race at home! Make sure everyone has 3-5 chores to accomplish and set a timer to see who can do them the fastest/most creatively/most thoroughly. Establish a prize for the winner and make it into a weekly game!

## PURPOSEFULL PURSUITS:

### Lighten Their Load

As a family, brainstorm ways in which you might make someone's life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with one of their responsibilities. Could you bring your neighbor's garbage cans in off of the curb when you get yours? Could you offer to sweep the street in front of their house after they've mowed the lawn? Could you make an extra portion of a meal and take half to share?

**Toughness:** 1

**Time:** 1

**Type:** Group

### Who is Responsible for Me?

As the adult at home, think about who is responsible for where you are today. Who made choices that affected your career in a positive way? Who was a role model for you over the years that inspired you to be kind or honest or respectful? Who helped shape your life in positive and important ways?

Bring the family together and invite that person over or call them. Role model to the whole family what it looks like to thank that person for how they've impacted your life and let them know you feel responsible to pass their good influence on!

**Toughness:** 4

**Time:** 1

**Type:** Individual

### Responsibility Jar

Brainstorm a privilege or special treat that you'd like to work towards as a family. Then, write out specific ways everyone can show Responsibility around the house daily, weekly, or monthly. Create a Responsibility Jar and decorate it together. Each time someone completes one of the responsibilities on the list, place a small item like a bean or a coin in the jar. When the jar is full, celebrate with your special treat!

**Toughness:** 2

**Time:** 4

**Type:** Group

### Responsibili-Tree

Using a piece of brown construction paper (Tip: Cut apart a brown paper bag to recycle it and use it as paper) draw the outline of a tree trunk and branches. Using a different color of construction paper for each family member, cut out small leaf shapes that will fit on the tree. On each leaf, family members should write down one task they are responsible for at home. Glue the leaves onto the branches of the tree. Hang up the tree as a visual reminder of your family's responsibilities.

Discuss:

- What happens when some of the leaves start to fall off the tree and responsibilities do not get done?
- How do we work together as a family to complete all of these responsibilities?
- Are there any leaves we need to add to the tree?

**Toughness:** 2

**Time:** 2

**Type:** Group