



An Invitation

RESPONSIBILITY

Children in 1st grade take a huge step in their level of responsibility. They're asked to attend school, complete homework, help out at home, navigate friendships, and join in extracurricular activities. There are a number of responsibilities in each of these areas. We can help our children navigate all the different pulls on them, since this is only the beginning.

Kickstarter 1: School

Define responsibility in a way your 1st grader can understand. Ask them what they think responsibility means. Responsibility is choosing to do the right thing.

Ask, "If God told you that you could have anything you wanted, what would you ask for?" God asked King Solomon this and his answer was WISDOM (knowing what is true and right). This answer pleased God, so He made Solomon the wisest man to ever live. This wise man had a lot to say about knowledge. We develop knowledge through learning.

Read Proverbs 2:10

*Your heart will become wise.
Your mind will delight in knowledge.*

Proverbs 8:10

*Choose my teaching instead of silver.
Choose knowledge rather than fine gold.*

Proverbs 15:2

*The tongues of wise people use knowledge well.
But the mouths of foolish people pour out foolish words.*

We can gain knowledge by being responsible at school. Help your child fill out the responsibility chart listing the things for which he/she is responsible for at school.

Kickstarter 2: Home

Children are ready for more responsibility at home around this age. They have the ability to unload a dishwasher, put up clean clothes, make their bed, clean up toys, etc. These opportunities help them grow into a responsible person.

Read Luke 16:10a

"Suppose you can be trusted with very little. Then you can be trusted with a lot."

Help your child fill out the responsibility chart including his/her current responsibilities in the home column. As you talk with your child about being a big kid, maybe there are some responsibilities you can add to this column.



Kickstarter 3

We all need friends. Even Jesus surrounded Himself with a group of friends. Look together at the end of John 1 and figure out who the first disciples were. Help them scan for the names. Jesus knew living life alone wasn't good. We can choose to be responsible in our friendships. Fill out the responsibility chart under the friendship column. Help your child to think through a few specific friends, then ask how can you show responsibility in your friendships?