WEEK OF
January 24, 2021

Rules for Life: Play well. Finish strong.

PARENT GUIDE
1ST-3RD

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

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, NIrV

Bible Story

Parable of th Bags of Gold
Matthew 25:14-30

Bottom Line

Make the most of what you've been given.

Activity

Surprise Sandwich

WHAT YOU NEED:

Two pieces of bread, and random items from your fridge

WHAT YOU DO:

Tell your child that you're going to make a Surprise Sandwich. Show them all the ingredients you've gathered, and tell them they have to choose at least three of them to make the most delicious sandwich possible.

Say, "I know that normally we wouldn't use some of these ingredients on a sandwich. But today, we're making the most of what we have!"

Help your child assemble a sandwich. It can be as weird, sickeningly sweet, or gross as you want it to be. The sillier you get, the more likely your child will be engaged in the activity.

When you're finished, say, "You did a great job using what you had to make that sandwich! You get to take the first bite!"

Talk About the Bible Story

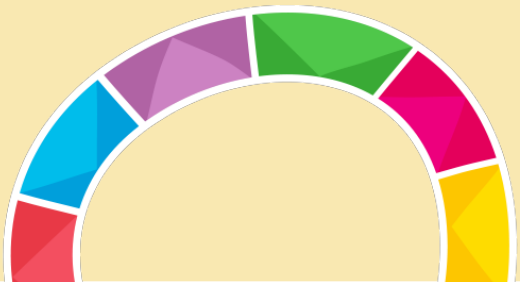
In the story Jesus told, two servants doubled their money while their boss was away. But what did the third servant do with his bag of gold? *(He buried it in the ground.)*

What happens if we don't find a good use for the things we have? *(We waste them.)*

What are two things that you're good at?

How can you make the most of those things?

Parent: Share a story about a time you used what you had to help someone else. Talk about how, as people who love Jesus, we have a responsibility to share His love with others.



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 everything we need to live out Your plan for our lives. Help us remember that You always provide for us, and You take care of all of our needs. Please show us how to be responsible and make the most of what You've given us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."