

WEEK OF
January 10, 2021

Rules for Life: Play well. Finish strong.

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



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

Bigger Barns
Luke 12:16-21

Bottom Line

Share what
you have.

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



Activity

Acting Out

WHAT YOU NEED:

Scrap paper, pencil, jar or bowl

WHAT YOU DO:

Write the following scenarios on small scraps of paper (one scenario per paper scrap).

- Sharing your snack with someone
- Giving someone money
- Mowing the lawn
- Opening a door for someone
- Giving someone a hug
- Giving away toys

When you're finished, fold the scrap papers and place them in a jar or bowl.

Say, "We're going to play a game where one person acts something out without making a sound. If you see something laying around that you can use as a prop, grab it and use it, but no talking! The other person has to guess what the actor is doing. Ready? Let's play!"

Take turns with your child(ren), each of you drawing a paper out of the jar or bowl and then acting out the scenario. If someone gets stumped, give them a word or two as a hint (or let them skip one and leave it for you to act out).

When you're finished, say, "Do you know what all of those actions had in common? They were ways we can share what we have with others."

Talk About the Bible Story

In Jesus' story, what "problem" did the rich man have? (*His land produced so much grain that he didn't have room in his barns to store it all.*)

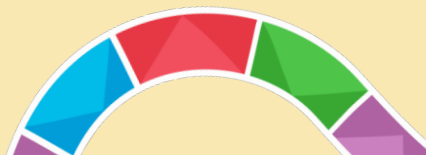
What did the man decide to do to solve his problem? (*Build bigger barns*)

Why do you think God was upset with the rich man in the story? (*The rich man was selfish; he could have shared his extra grain with a lot of people.*)

Have you ever had a hard time sharing something you loved?

This week, what's one way you can share what you have with someone else?

Parent: Tell a story about a time when you struggled to share something. Then, tell a story about a time you shared what you had. Talk about how you felt after each experience, and how those feelings were different in each situation.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, it's so easy for us to hold on too tightly to the things we have. When we see others in need, help us to be willing to share what we have. You've given us so much! You even gave Your own Son to die in our place. Help us to look for opportunities to share what we have with others. Amen."

Responsibility means showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

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K-5TH

DAY 1

Read 1 Timothy 6:18

Did you catch the first part of the verse that says, “Command the rich”? Maybe you’re thinking, “Yeah, but this verse talks about the rich doing good. I’m not rich.” Hold on, you’re not off the hook yet. Read the second sentence. Tell them to be rich in doing what? Good things! Good things have nothing to do with money or stuff. Good things can include: being helpful, showing courtesy to others, putting others first, listening, being kind.

God wants us to be rich in good things and good deeds. He wants us to take our responsibility to love others seriously and to share what we have. As you pray today, picture one person you see almost every day. Ask God to help you “be rich in good things” toward that person this week.



Share what you have.



DAY 2



Read Hebrew 13:16

What is an offering? Usually when we think of an offering, we think of money. But the offering today’s verse is talking about has nothing to do with money.

Today’s verse is all about sharing and doing good for others, not ourselves. And when we share what we have God is pleased. Why? Because helping others costs us something. When we choose to stop and help someone else, when we share what we have, the sacrifices we make are pleasing to God.

On each line, write one way you could help in each example.

A classmate has used up all of his eraser trying to fix his incorrect math problem.

A kid on your ball team is sad because he missed the shot and the other team scored.

A friend in your neighborhood has to finish raking the leaves in his yard before he can play.

Ask God to help you pay attention this week so you “don’t forget to do good.” Remember to share, and serve, and love others this week, knowing that this makes God very happy!



DAY 3

Read Romans 12:13

Today's verse reminds us of our responsibility to share what we have. If we aren't careful, we can walk through life never noticing the people around us that need our help. We can be so focused on our lives, that we forget to look for the needs all around us.

The key to sharing what you have is first identify or find the need. Tonight, at dinner, start a discussion with your family about your own community. Ask the following questions:

- What are some organizations in our community that are doing good things to help people in need?
- What do we know about this organization?
- What is one thing we could start doing to support this organization?

Thank God for all the ways He has provided for your family and ask Him to help you do the same for others by helping out in an organization that's helping others where you live.

DAY 4

Read Galatians 6:10

Just do it.

You've probably heard that phrase before. This three-word slogan was first introduced in Nike ads in 1987 as a way market their brand and inspire athletes of every level to push themselves to keep going and do the work.

But these words aren't new. Paul wrote them in a letter to the churches in Galatia thousands of years ago, saying, "When you can do good to everyone, just do it!" In other words, when you have the opportunity to help, to share, to show love to others, don't sit there, just do it.

Write the words "Just Do It" on an index card and tape it to your doorframe. As you leave your room each morning, read those three words out loud. Ask God to help you share what you have with others and then give the card a tap to acknowledge your willingness to "do good to everyone" as you head out the door.