



Kids Club

Leader Guide

April
Week 1

Supplies Needed:

1. **YouTube Video** (script provided if no video access): Douglas Talks - Responsibility: <https://youtu.be/gdz4GqGSats?si=zkgc6lZxMuRSdFet>
2. **White board/marker** for leader to play “guess the word”
3. **Drawing supplies** for kids

Suggested Schedule:

- 5 minutes - Pick up kids/kids arrive - bathroom, wash hands, water break
- 20 minutes - Snack, Games, Prayer/Devotion, Quality Time, Clean-up
- 30-40 minutes - RBKids Lesson & Prayer
- 10-15 minutes - Free time, Clean-up and Dismissal

Today's Focus: Responsibility!

Weekly Verse: Luke 16:10

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.”

Rock Bridge Mission: We exist to glorify God by connecting people from all walks of life to life in Christ. We know that when we Love God, Love Others, and Live Sent we can accomplish our mission! *When we are responsible, it honors God and honors other people!*

Prayer: Father God, thank you that you provide opportunities in our lives to grow our character in your likeness. Thank you for all the many ways that you have blessed us. Help us to be responsible with those blessings. Help us to embrace our responsibilities and to honor you as we do them. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader: Thank you for leading today! I pray that you are encouraged by your kids' curiosity about Jesus! The seeds of faith and the spiritual disciplines you are practicing with them are worth the investment!

Try this: Introduce the word “responsibility” through a “fill in the blanks by guessing the letters type of game”, give hints as needed. You can also have them guess the book of the Bible our memory verse will come from today (Luke).

Do this: Tell your kids that you were late for RBKids this morning to introduce a game about excuses. **Ask the children to come up with excuses for being late.** See who can make up the most outrageous excuse, the most believable excuse, the silliest excuse, the shortest excuse, and the longest excuse. For example, my alarm clock did not ring, we took a wrong turn and went to a different Rock Bridge campus before coming here, my goldfish ate my alarm clock, etc. **What does making excuses have to do with being responsible?**

Talk about this: Responsibility means taking care of what God has given you and accepting the results of your actions. You all have a lot of responsibilities. Taking care of what God has given us is a great way to say “thank you” for our many blessings! Instead though, sometimes we complain about our responsibilities or make excuses when we don't do what we're supposed to do. But have you ever noticed that most of our responsibilities come from blessings? People often want God to bless them, but few realize what that really means. With great blessing comes great responsibility. *(If you can, play the “Douglas Talks: Responsibility” video)*

Take a look at some of the excuses that Moses made when God gave him the responsibility of leading the Israelites out of Egypt.

- Excuse #1: Who am I that I should go?...Exodus 3:11
- Excuse #2: I don't even know who is sending me!!...Exodus 3:13
- Excuse #3: No one would believe me...Exodus 4:1
- Excuse #4: I can't speak well...Exodus 4:10
- Excuse #5: Someone else is probably better...Exodus 4:13

Questions to chat through:

- Why is it so hard to be responsible with what we've been given? (Highlight our sin struggle with preferences, comfort, and pride)
- What is a good way to help ourselves to be responsible? (Highlight the habits we can have and the strength the God gives us to do what's right)
- What are some blessings in your life that come with responsibility? (Highlight the gratitude we should have for our blessings)
- What are some responsibilities your parents have that they may not always feel like doing? (Highlight the compassion we can have for the parent's who are responsible for doing so much for us because we aren't able to do it for ourselves yet)

****Note:** If your kids need a reminder about what they should be responsible for in your Kids Club environment, this is a great lesson to do that! What do you want them to be responsible for in your room? (Listening, learning the memory verse, participating, asking questions, passing out supplies, cleaning up their crafts, etc)

Activity:

It takes lots of practice to show self-control when things don't go our way, to be accountable for our decisions, to finish what we start, and to keep trying even when we want to give up.

Have your kids divide up into pairs. The first partner will look at a picture you will show for 15 seconds. When you say "go," the student who saw the picture will describe to their partner the image in as much detail as possible. After one minute, the students who drew the picture will come up to the front to compare their art to the original. This game is great because both team members are responsible for one another to try and meet the goal together. Use simple pictures like a house with a chimney. The picture that most closely matches yours is the winner. Swap partners and do it again with a different image.

Memory Verse Activity:

Give each kid a word or two of the Bible verse to say, and go around saying your words in order. Take turns to press the 'mute' button on certain kids – when it gets to that kid's turn, they're not allowed to say their word, but the others are challenged to remember it for them.

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