

Sunday, May 11

Supplies:

25 Solo-type cups, numbered 1-25 No One Will Know scenarios (end of the guide)

Colossians 3:23 coloring sheet

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:

God wants us to Grow in RESPONSIBILITY. Responsibility is how you behave and take care of what belongs to you

> Weekly Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:11 and Colossians 3:23-24

Rock Bridge Mission:

We can Love God and Love Others when we are responsible, and own up to our mistakes and correct them. **Leader Tip**: *Don't tell kids you will choose a new leader in 1 minute. *Write Bible verses on a whiteboard or have them marked and ready.

Try this: Play the classic version of "**Simon Says**" for 2-3 minutes. After 1 minute, let someone who is following very carefully be the new "Simon Says" leader for 1 minute then let them choose a new leader. Only commands beginning with "Simon says" should be followed. Those who do not follow these rules are out. This game motivates kids to think before taking action. It also teaches them that not listening is irresponsible and has negative consequences (elimination) and listening carefully has positive consequences that can lead to more responsibility.

Say this: That was fun! Why do you think I chose _____ to be the new Simon Says leader? How did you feel when you were chosen ______ to be the new leader? Do you think it would be wise to let a baby be the leader? Why?

Read this: (We should open the Bible with our kids every week) Today we are going to talk about RESPONSIBILITY--but first, Look what the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 13:11- "When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things." What are some examples of behaviors you did as a baby or a toddler that you wouldn't do today? What are some behaviors you do today that you won't do when you become an adult? Why?

(Either watch video OR use discussion below) Watch this: <u>https://www.pursuegodkids.org/responsibility/</u>

Teacher tip: *Give RESPONSIBILITY sheet with verse to color while you talk. **Memory Verse Activity:***Look for the 7 hearts in the color page. (We must work with all our heart and do things with love.) Read verse ALOUD> Colossians 3:23-24- "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." **Say this**: RESPONSIBILITY. Maybe you've heard your parents or teachers use that word when you forgot to do your homework or you left your backpack somewhere. Being responsible means that you are in charge of your own actions and stuff. When you were a baby, your parents didn't expect you to be responsible-you were just a baby! You couldn't talk or walk or do anything for yourself. But, as you've gotten older, you've learned to be more in charge of your bed, put your toys away, choose your outfit, or get your homework done. As you get older, and show that you can be trusted and are RESPONSIBLE to do what is necessary and right, you will get more privileges. A privilege is a special advantage that is conditional and can be taken away-like playing a computer game, or staying up late to read, or going to a friend's house to play. Being responsible isn't just about how you choose to act.

When we played Simon Says, you had to listen, but then you had to think before you did the action, right? If you paused and took a little moment, and asked yourself, "Did they say Simon Says?" before you acted, that determined if you got to stay in the game, right? If you just followed what they did or said, and didn't think first, you might have gotten tricked and then you lost and were out of the game. God gave you an amazing brain and as you grow up, just like in our game, **sometimes you need to think BEFORE you act. God wants you to take charge of your behavior and choices and own up to your mistakes--you have to stop and think and choose to do those things**.

Maybe some of you might be thinking, that is too much trouble. I don't want to do all that work, and have self control--because then I might get even more work! But if you think like that, it's like you are saying, "I'd rather just stay a baby...I'll just keep doing what I want." Sadly, some people do that their entire life. They just keep making messes for other people to clean up---like a baby in diapers! Eww!

God wants us to grow up and not just selfishly think about ourselves all the time. Responsibility might just sound like WORK, but being responsible comes with some pretty cool rewards. (*Share a short personal story that lead to a reward or new privilege.)

Our verse said, "whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if you were doing it for the Lord." Being responsible means you are doing your work the best you can--whether it is watching out for your baby sister, taking care of a pet or doing your chores. When you do something with ALL YOUR HEART, it also means you do it with a happy heart, not complaining or doing a bad job. It also means you do it whether anyone is watching you or not--that silly meme "NO ONE WILL KNOW.." that shows people trying to get away with something, hoping NO ONE WILL KNOW, is sometimes funny, but WE KNOW who is ALWAYS watching and SEES us, right? God!

Activity: NO ONE WILL KNOW, Game

Materials needed: 25 solo type cups numbered 1-25 and scenarios

You can spell RESPONSIBILITY with 14 of them as well if you want. Divide into 2 teams, each child takes turns choosing a cup and giving it to the leader. Leader reads # situation aloud and awards or takes away points or cups as directed.

Give points based on how good of an answer--compensate younger kids answers with equitable points. Give more points if they answer w/o help. *If a child doesn't know what to answer, they can ask the team for help by saying. "I need help" or "Huddle up." Remind them they can still get points on a negative situation if they have a good attitude or give a good answer.

Team can win by either building a 10 cup tower or having the most points- play until each child has had a turn; add double or nothing for fun if you have time/kids are engaged.

No One Will Know Scenarios

Read the one that corresponds to the cup number chosen.

 You get a new chapter book and you ask to be allowed to stay up an extra 30 minutes to read alone in your room with the door shut until the timer goes off. It goes off, but the book is SOOOO GOOOD, you don't want to stop reading What is the responsible thing to do and why? Good answer= 1 cup/ 10-20 points You love candy. You had several pieces today and it is time to brush your teeth. You really don't like to do this, and your parents are taking care of your little brother, so they won't seeWhat is the responsible thing to do? Why? Good answer= 1 cup/ 10-20 points It is your turn to walk the dog. Sometimes the dog takes a long time before they go potty and it is hot outside. Do you do it quickly and come back in or walk the dog and make sure they go potty? Why? Good answer= 1 cup/ 5-10 points Your mom asked you to clean your room. You told her you would, but then you pushed everything under your bed and started playing on your tablet. Mom calls out, "Did you finish your room yet?" What is the responsible thing to do? Why? Good answer=1 cup/ 20-30 points Your mom is cleaning the house and has asked you to watch your baby sister when she wakes up. You are looking at videos on Mom's phone and mom is vacuuming downstairs and can't hearbut you hear your sister crying. What is the responsible thing to do? Why? Good answer= 2 cups/ 20-30 points You have just started piano lessons. Practicing is not as much fun as you thought, but you are supposed to practice everyday after you do your homeworkyou haven't practiced piano yetWhat do you say/do? Why? Good answer= 2 cups/ 30-40 points Time to clean the cat litterthis isn't fun, so you only get some of it out and then say you finished. LOSE 1 cup or 20 points. Explains why this isn't responsible for +10 points or 1 cup. You are going on a trip to the beach! Mom says you are old enough to pack for 		
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yourself and gives you a checklist. Do you just throw in your swimsuit and some shorts and pajamas and pack your favorite water toys or use the list? Why? **Good answer=1 cup/ 5-10 points**

- 10. It is your turn to sweep the kitchen. Friends are coming over soon and there will be so many people, Mom really won't notice if you don't do a great job--plus you want to set up a game before they arrive. What is the responsible thing to do? Why? **Good answer=2 cups and 20-30 points**
- You walked the dog, and they went potty in the neighbor's yard. You are supposed to use a baggie and pick it up, but no one is home to see--so you leave it. LOSE 1 cup or 20 points. Explain why this isn't responsible for +10 points or 1 cup.
- 12. Mom just made cookies. They smell delicious. She asks you to let them cool and then put them in the cookie jar. She says, "You can have ONE, but please put the rest in the cookie jar" and then goes upstairs. What is the responsible thing to do? Why? **Good answer=2 cups/ 20-30 points**
- 13. You made a bad grade on your spelling test. The teacher says you have to take it home for your parents to sign it so they know. You will probably be grounded when they see this. The kid beside you whispers, "I know cursive and I forge my mom's signature all the time. Want me to sign it for you?" What is the responsible thing to do? Why? **Good answer=2 cups/ 20-30 pts**
- 14. You are at the end of the line walking to lunch. You see \$5 on the floor and quickly pick it up and put it in your pocket. LOSE 1 cup and 20 points. Explain why this is wrong for +10 points or 1 cup.
- 15. One of the popular kids is being mean to a new kid during recess. You don't really know that kid, so you walk away. LOSE 2 cups and 20 points. Explain why this is wrong for +10 points or 1 cup.
- 16. There is a dare going around the school for people to write bad words in library books and on desks with Sharpie markers. A friend told you if you bring them a Sharpie marker from home, they will give you their snacks for a week. Your mom has so many Sharpie markers, she will never miss it. What is the responsible thing to do? Why? **Good answer=2 cups/ 20-30 points**
- 17. You are at a friend's birthday sleepover and everyone voted for a movie that YOU KNOW YOUR PARENTS WOULDN'T LET YOU WATCH. You watch it anyways because you don't wanna seem like a baby. LOSE 2 cups and 20 points. Explain why this is wrong for +10 points or 1 cup.

18. You are at the store with your grandfather. You REALLY want a toy you see, but your mom told you not to ask for anything. If you hold it, he will probably ask if you want it---that means you didn't technically ASK, so you do it and of course he

wants to buy it for you--it worked! LOSE 1 cup and 20 points. Explain why this is wrong for +10 points or 1 cup.

- 19. Mom is sick but everyone needs clean laundry. You offer to collect all the laundry, sort it, put it in the washer & dryer and help fold and put away. This isn't your job, but you see a way to help, so you do it. **EARN 2 cups and 20 points!**
- 20. Dad came home from work very tired. Tonight is garbage night. You offer to collect all the household garbage, put in new trash bags and take the trash up to the road for him. This isn't your job, but you see a way to help, so you do it. **EARN 2 cups and 20 points!**
- 21. Your mom's friend comes over with her little toddler. They are excited to spend time together. You offer to watch the little kid so they can visit without interruption. This isn't your job, but you see a way to help, so you do it. **EARN 2 cups and 20 points!**
- 22. There is a kid in your class that kids don't usually pick to be on their team. You are a team captain choosing people, you see the sad look on that kid's face and decide to choose them first. Being responsible means looking out for others. **Kindness matters, EARN 2 cups and 20 points!**
- 23. You are playing a game with your friend and they ALWAYS seem to win this game! You have a chance to cheat and get the extra points that might let you finally win---you do it, but then feel guilty and tell them. They win again. When we are responsible, we own up to our mistakes and correct them. EARN 5 points.

24. It is TREASURE BOX DAY, but you didn't bring back your folder. The teacher doesn't check, she just asks if you did and lets you come choose a prize. When it is your turn, you say, "I forgot my folder" sadly. The teacher calls you up to her desk and says, "Thanks for being honest. Since this is the first time you forgot all year, go ahead and get a prize." **HONESTY MATTERS! EARN 20 points or 1 cup**

