



# Raising Up SPIRITUAL CHAMPIONS

**RESPONSIBLE: Get It Done!**

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**TIP:**  
Display this newsletter at home, and use the activities as desired throughout the week.



## Questions to Go at bedtime, mealtime or car time

- How do you feel when you finish something?
- How does it feel when others notice that you were responsible to get something done?
- Do you like to get things done right away or put them off until the last minute? Why?

## Verse to Chew on

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all” (James 1:5, *NIV*).

- Read this Bible verse with your kids. Talk about times you might need to ask for wisdom. (Wisdom is knowing what is right or true and applying it to your situation.)
- What would you expect from God when you ask Him for guidance?

## Character Builder: Responsible

Expect your kids to be responsible to get things done. They will want to live up to your expectations, and will enjoy seeing benefits from being responsible.

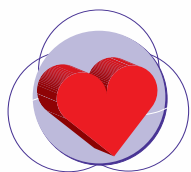
- **Make a list** of the responsibilities each person in your family has. Ask your kids what they think would happen if everyone stopped being responsible. What about in their school or at church or in the neighborhood? Share how being responsible and getting things done has benefited you.
- **Write** household chores for the week on separate craft sticks and put them in a container. Let family members choose a stick. (With young kids, work as partners.) At the end of the week, ask everyone to report back on how they approached their chore and what they would do differently next time to get it done well and efficiently.
- **Let your kids** make a plan for getting schoolwork done. Give them time to work their plan. Notice the positive things they've done. Ask them how they feel things are going and what they plan to do to get better and getting it done.

## Ease out

What is one thing you still do for your kids that they could be doing themselves? How can you transfer that responsibility to them? Give privileges with new responsibilities (they get to pick out some lunch items at the store when they pack their own lunches).

## Preschool Focus

Be patient with young kids learning to get things done. They have a slower pace and can easily get distracted. Strengthen their confidence by telling them about how great they're doing and how you see them growing.



## Connect Your Kids to God

What does the Holy Spirit do?

Jesus told His friends that the Father would send the Holy Spirit, who would testify about Jesus (see John 15:26). It is the Holy Spirit who brings you to God through Jesus (see John 6:44). The Holy Spirit helps you to live right (see Romans 8:9). He helps you to get to know God and to make right choices.

The Holy Spirit helps you to pray (see Romans 8:26-27). The Holy Spirit helps you to remember what you've learned through God's Word (see John 14:26). He helps you to share with others the Good News about Jesus (see Acts 1:8).

## You Can Do It!

Help your kids understand the terminology of "Holy Spirit" and "Holy Ghost" with this information.

- Some Bible versions use "Spirit of God" or "Holy Spirit." The *King James Version* often uses "Holy Ghost."
- In 1611, when the *King James Version* was published, "Ghost" meant a being without a body, describing God. It did not mean the spirit of someone who was dead.

### Family Fun

Make a simple treat together as a family. Keep some and share some! Wrap them up and deliver together. Here's a fun recipe everyone can help with (or choose your family favorite).

Combine the following and mix well: 4 cups peanut butter, 3 lbs. powdered sugar, 1 lb. butter at room temperature. Then roll into small balls and put on a cookie sheet. Refrigerate for at least 10 minutes.

Melt together 24 oz. package of semi-sweet chocolate chips and 1 sheet paraffin.

Stick a ball with a toothpick and dip it in the chocolate mix. Then set it on wax paper to cool. Makes 200 balls.

Visit [www.raisingupspiritualchampions.com](http://www.raisingupspiritualchampions.com) for more Family Fun.

### Did You Know?

If you "instruct a wise man . . . he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning." —Proverbs 9:9, *NIV*

### Easy Bonus Activity

- Make a chart listing a few tasks. Explain the rewards for completed tasks and consequences for uncompleted tasks and when the tasks are due.
- Draw a smiley face next to completed tasks. Give out rewards and consequences on the due dates. Ask your kids what they might do differently next time.

### Preschool Focus

Get your kids in the habit of doing work first and then play. Say, "When this is finished, then you can . . ." Be consistent and they will come to expect it. For example, "When your toys are put away, we can play this game" or "When you've finished picking up your clothes, you can play outside."