



## Character Builder: Responsible

Kids can be responsible for knowing what they are supposed to do, and evaluating how well they did it. When kids depend on parents to tell them the job has been finished, the parents have the ultimate responsibility for the job. When kids determine how well they have done the job, based on a standard, they take on the responsibility. They know what's expected and can even see how to exceed expectations. Here's how you can make that happen in your home.

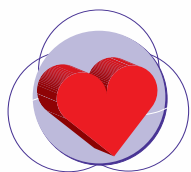
On a card make a task breakdown for a specific job. Include ways to do a

## Reward Excellence

Reward your kids with points or stars when they excel. When they receive a certain number of points, take them to an activity they love but don't get to do very often. Or after a certain number of times, give them a week off from that chore.

## Preschool Focus

To teach your young kids how to do a chore, show them how to do it as you explain it. Then do it together with them while you explain it. Then watch them do it themselves while you talk them through it. Adjust your expectations according to their abilities.



# Connect Your Kids to God You Can Do It!

Why does God have rules?

If you had a dog that you loved, and he kept running out in the busy street, what might you do to keep him from getting hit by a car? Maybe you would put him on a leash every time you took him outside. You limit your pet because you love him and you want what's best for him and what will give him a long life.

When God made you, He knew what things would help you grow and stay healthy and what would destroy you. His rules are for your protection and for your health. He tells you in the Bible how He wants you to live because it's for your best and because He loves you.

† Ask your kids to tell you what the rules are at your house and why they think you have each one. Clarify the reason for your rules emphasizing safety and healthy development, as well as your love.

† Ask your kids to tell you what rules they think they might have in their homes when they are adults. Ask them why those rules are important to them.

## Family Fun

Play together with your family while you practice what you would do if you had a fire in your home.

† Two people act like they are making cookies. They open the oven and see that it's on fire. One pretends to call 9-1-1. Everyone in the house goes outside to the designated family meeting place. One or two (or all) can play the firefighters who come into the house and put out the fire.

† What would you do if you woke up to smoke during the night? Go to each person's bedroom and act out how you would crawl to a safe place from there and meet at your designated place.

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

## Did You Know?

† To grow and become all that God created you to be, you must submit to Jesus Christ as lord, master, and maker of your life. Following Him is not a list of do's and don'ts, but rather a moment-by-moment encounter with Jesus. †

† Dennis & Barbara Rainey Growing a Spiritually Strong Family Sisters OR: Multnomah Publishers, Inc., 2002), p. 14.

## Easy Bonus Activity

Talk about Joseph from the Old Testament, who was wrongly accused and put in prison. He excelled in every responsibility he had, and God gave him success in whatever he did (Genesis 39:2-21). Each person acts out excelling at something for others to guess what it is.

## Preschool Focus

Explain to your child that you want him to put napkins on the table. But if he wants to do more than you asked, he could also put on the eating utensils. If he does it, say, "You did even more than I asked!" Give a reward he would enjoy.