

FOUR-FIVE CURRICULUM

Responsibility

Verse of the Month: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."

(Luke 16:10)

Bible Story: Adam and Eve – Genesis 2:15

Bottom Line: Take care of what has been given to you.

Before Large Group

EARLY ARRIVER

SUPPLIES: Cups for Cup Stacking

After Large Group

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how they can apply the Bottom Line: **take care of what has been given to you.** Engage with everyone in your group and give them a chance to share and participate in the discussion.

LEVEL UP THE DISCUSSION:

Use the activity below to encourage discussion and group participation.

SUPPLIES: Die – 1 per group

1. Have kids roll the die.
2. Use the key below to determine how they will answer the question based on the number rolled.

1 - Answer yourself.

2 - Pick someone else in the group.

3 - Everyone answers together.

4 - Act it out.

5 - Use a silly voice.

6 - Leader answers.

SAY THIS

1. Why do you think responsibility is important? (Let kids respond.) **It shows that we value the things we have. It shows that we can be trusted.**
2. You might have some chores or responsibilities right now that you do around the house. What are you in charge of right now? (Let kids respond.)
3. What is one thing you take really good care of? (Let kids respond.) **Your device, your room, your homework, your legos, your sibling**

4. Is there something you could do a better job taking care of? (Let kids respond.) **Your room, your laundry, your homework.**

5. What's something that you wish your parents trusted you to do or to have? (Let kids respond.) **A dog, a device, riding your bike around the neighborhood**

6. What's something you could do right now that would help your parents trust you more? (Let kids respond.)

You're at an age where you're wanting to be trusted to do more things. And if we want our parents to trust us with more things, then we have to show them how responsible we are with what's already been given to us. So let's pray and ask God to help us take care of what has been given to us so we can be trusted with more things later on.

PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you for everything you have given each one of us. Help us to be responsible and take care of what has been given to us. We love you so much. Amen.

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VERSE ACTIVITY

•Bibles

•Verse Cling Activity Page – 1 per group

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LEARN IT! (Find the verse and understand what it means.)

The Bible is full of wisdom from God. Let's look up our verse to learn what God says about being responsible for the things he's trusted us to take care of. (Pass out Bibles and look up the verse. Demonstrate how to locate the Table of Contents to find the correct book, and explain how

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to find the verse based on the reference.)

LOCK IT! (Memorize the verse to lock it in our hearts.)

It's important to lock the verse in our hearts. One way we do that is with this activity.

1. Have everyone sit in a circle. Each kid will place their left hand on top of the hand of the kid to their left and their right hand under the hand of the kid to their right. Go around the circle and have each kid say one word of the verse as they slap the hand of the kid to their right.

2. The kid's hand that's slapped on the last word of the verse is out. The last kid remaining wins!

LIVE IT! (Apply the verse to the way we live every day.)

Now that we've learned the verse and locked it in, we need to live it out. Living out the verse is knowing what it means and applying it to the way we live every day.

Do you know what "trust" means? It means that others can depend on us. Think about your chores at home. When you're responsible for things now, like playing with your little sister while your mom is busy, it might lead to more responsibility later, like babysitting for someone in the neighborhood. When we take responsibility for small things now, we show that we can be trusted with bigger things later on.