

K-ONE 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 Idea

SUPPLIES:

- Early Arriver (Activity Page) – 1 per kid
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

HOW-TO:

1. Give each kid an Activity Page.
2. Ask them to finish the picture and create their own animal. They may add things to their animal and color it.
3. Use the “**HIGH FIVE**” questions below to have some fun discussion about their creations.

HIGH FIVE (Optional Conversation Starters):

1. How much do you think it would cost at a pet store to buy the animal you’re creating?
2. Do you have a pet? What’s your favorite thing about it?
3. What animal do you wish you could have as a pet?
4. What was your favorite thing you did this weekend?
5. Would you rather clean up after a dog or clean up after a cat?

AFTER LARGE GROUP

Bible Story and Bottom-Line Review

SUPPLIES:

- Bible Story Review (Activity Page) – 1 per group
- Scissors – 1 pair per group
- Plain paper – 1 sheet per kid
- Markers or crayons

HOW-TO:

1. Cut out the animal cards. Show the group an animal picture.
2. If a kid knows its name, they’ll jump up with both hands raised. Whoever jumps up first will guess the animal’s name. If they’re correct, they get to answer a question below about today’s Bible Story.

3. Give each kid a sheet of paper. Place the markers or crayons in the middle of your group.

4. Ask each kid to draw a picture of one thing they’re responsible for taking care of at home (e.g., their pet, bedroom, toys, school supplies, backpack, clothes, or bike).

5. Let them share their drawing with the group.

QUESTIONS

1. True or false? It’s our responsibility to take care of what God has given us. **(True)**
2. What did God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to do? **(To work it and take care of it.)**
3. What did God ask Adam to name? **(The animals)**
4. True or false? You’re too young to have responsibilities. **(False)**
5. True or false? It’s important to take care of the things that have been given to you. **(True)**
6. True or false? We should treat everything as if it was given to us by God. **(True)**

SAY THIS:

God gave Adam a pretty fantastic job when he had him take care of animals and the Garden of Eden. Like Adam, we have things that we need to take care of too. All of our pets and clothes and games are gifts from God, and he wants us to be responsible for them. When we clean up our things, put away our clothes, or clean up after our dog, we show God that we love the things he’s given us. You show God that you’re grateful for them when you **[Bottom Line] take care of what has been given to you.**

Today in Treasure Cove we learned that God wants you to [Bottom Line] Take care of what has been given to you.

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If you haven’t had a chance to pray with your small group yet, take the time now.

Prayer

Be sensitive to any visitor during this activity, and don’t ask them to pray out loud if they’re not comfortable.

SUPPLIES:

- No supplies needed

HOW-TO:

1. Circle up with the kids.

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2. Have them repeat after you as you lead them in the prayer below.

SAY THIS:

Dear God, **(repeat)**

Thank you for all that you have given us. **(repeat)**

Help us take care **(repeat)**

of what has been given to us. **(repeat)**

And please help us to be responsible. **(repeat)**

We love you so much. **(repeat)**

Amen. **(repeat)**

Verse Activity

SUPPLIES:

•Bible, marked with a sticky note at Luke 16:10 – 1 per group

•Verse Activity Page – 1 per group

HOW-TO:

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 trusts us to take care of.

1. Have a kid open the marked Bible to Luke 16:10.

2. Point out "Luke" at the top of the page and the large number 16 at the start of the chapter.

3. Have another kid find the small number 10 and place the sticky note underneath the verse. Explain that Luke 16:10 is like the verse's address—it tells us exactly where to find the verse in the Bible.

4. Read the verse aloud. Pre-readers can repeat the verse after you.

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 these motions.

1. Teach the kids the motions.

MOTIONS

Whoever (point out around the room)

can be trusted (lock hands like you are shaking hands with yourself)

with very little (hold thumb and index finger close together, a typical sign for something really small)

can also be trusted (lock hands like you are shaking hands with yourself)

with much. (spread arms wide)

Luke 16:10

SAY THIS:

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 bedtime. If you're responsible for going to bed NOW instead of staying up late, goofing off, or getting up three times for water, then later on you might get a later bedtime. When we take responsibility for small things now, we show that we can be trusted with bigger things later on.