



Responsibility: Getting Started

Inspiring Words

You must attach the greatest importance to the education of children, for this is the foundation of the Law of God, and the bedrock of the edifice of His Faith.

(Abdu'l-Baha, The Compilation of Compilations vol. I, p. 268)

Printables

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Questions to Consider

How do I currently model Responsibility?

What are ways I would like to model Responsibility better?

How does my child currently exhibit Responsibility?

What aspects of showing Responsibility can I help my child work on?



Responsibility: Foundation

Prayer

O Lord my God! Assist Thy loved ones to be firm in Thy Faith, to walk in Thy ways, to be steadfast in Thy Cause. Give them Thy grace to withstand the onslaught of self and passion, to follow the light of divine guidance. Thou art the Powerful, the Gracious, the Self-Subsisting, the Bestower, the Compassionate, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

(‘Abdu'l-Bahá, Baha'i Prayers, p. 165)

Responsibility

Quotation

Be...a preserver of the sanctity of thy pledge.

(Baha'u'llah, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 93)

Responsibility

Introduction to the Virtue

Being responsible is being accountable for your actions. It means others can depend on you to do what you say you will do or not do. When we act responsibly, we do a job to the best of our ability and we accept correction when we need it. With responsibility we admit our mistakes and we also take credit where it is deserved.

What jobs are you responsible for in your own home?

Can you think of a time when you made a mistake and admitted it? This is being responsible because you are taking credit for what happened.

How do you feel when you can know you can count on others to do what they say they are going to do?

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Songs

Responsibility (Virtues In Us #23)

Sleeping children (x2)

Shh, shh, shh (x2)

Now it's time to wake up! (x2)

It's a great day (x2)

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It's Up to Me

To the tune of "Farmer in the Dell"

Responsibility, responsibility, don't you see it's up to me, responsibility!

I pick up all my toys....

I help around the house...

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Responsibility: Daily Activities

Activities for Every Month

1. Spiritual Treasure Box project (prayer).	2. Assemble the booklet.	3. Make a Monthly Letter.
4. Spiritual Treasure Box project (quotation).	5. Make Radiant Hearts Book page.	6. Add a jewel to the Crown of Virtues.

Games and Role Plays

7. "Today we're going to be responsible while playing ball." Play a ball game (such as throwing or rolling to each other, or throwing it into a box or basket) making sure you do not hurt the other person. Being responsible includes taking care of yourself, others, and the things around you. Responsibility
8. "Today we're going to choose a new job you can be responsible for in our home." Discuss household jobs with your child and choose together a new task they can take on, such as brushing their own hair or putting on their shoes. As we grow, we all take on new exciting responsibilities! Responsibility
9. "Today we're going to play a game called Responsible Leader." Find a blind fold and take turns leading each other around the house or in the yard. The leader needs to make sure the other person is safe by guiding them by the hand, telling them where any hazards or steps are, and helping them get around safely. Responsibility
10. "Today we're going to learn about how we can be responsible neighbors." Role play talking politely with neighbors. Choose a way to help around the neighborhood such as picking up trash, baking an elderly neighbor some bread, or offering to help with gardening. We should help others when we see a need, without being asked and without expecting something in return. Responsibility
11. "Today we're going to play Reliable Racers." Cut out the cards on page 6 of the Printables (choose jobs your child will be able to complete) to put in a jar. Select a card then race to get the job done. Being responsible means others can rely on you to fulfill your responsibilities. Do your job whenever you see it needs to be done, even before anyone asks you! Responsibility
12. "Today we're going to learn about making promises." Have a puppet say various promises like, "I will help you put away your toys" or "I will sing a song for you" and have the puppet perform what he said he would. Talk about the importance of doing what you say you will do. Responsibility

Responsibility: Daily Activities (continued)

Creative Arts

<p>13. "Today we're going to sing a song and talk about how we can get ready for the day." Sing "Responsibility" from the Basic Lesson and talk to your child about what they need to do to get ready for the day, such as eating breakfast, getting dressed, and saying prayers. You may like to draw a picture together of your child's morning routine responsibilities. Responsibility</p>
<p>14. "Today we're going to create a Responsibility Poster." Use page 7 of the Printables to create a poster with your child, putting a picture of a task they are responsible for in each box. This could include using kind words, cleaning up toys, helping cook, being gentle with a pet, etc. Responsibility</p>
<p>15. "Today we're going to match Responsible Helpers up with the items they need in a situation." Read the situations on page 8 of the Printables and have your child draw a line to the object that will help in the situation. Part of being a responsible person is doing what needs to be done, caring for those around us and being ready to help. Responsibility</p>
<p>16. "Today I'm going to share some of the jobs I am responsible for." List some of the many responsibilities grown-ups have. It may be wise to only list (or draw) practical jobs at home which your child can understand and relate to (and not overwhelm the child with all that adults must do). Talk about ways your child can help you with some of your jobs. Responsibility</p>
<p>17. "Today we're going to learn about being responsible even when we don't necessarily feel like it." Learning how to meet obligations when we aren't in the mood or prefer to be doing something else can be really tough for grown-ups and children alike. Use page 9 of the Printables to draw pictures of children who decided to be responsible and do their jobs, even when they preferred to be playing instead. Responsibility</p>
<p>18. "Today we're going to be responsible while we cook a meal for the family." Remember to be careful with a knife, turn off the oven/stove, wash dirty dishes, and take care of other responsibilities in the kitchen. Responsibility</p>
<p>19. "Today we're going to learn a verse about admitting our mistakes and taking responsibility when things go wrong." Find actions on the Online Lesson to go along with this poem: "I am responsible/ I try hard each day/ When something goes wrong/ I know what to say/ I say "I'm sorry"/ And admit my mistake/ I always keep trying/ And learning each day." Responsibility</p>

Visit the Online Lesson where you can see example photos of the daily activities, listen to the songs, and download the "Printables" document for this lesson:

<http://www.enablemetogrow.com/responsibility/>