

Discuss the first two sentences of the prayer with your child and explain how when we act responsibly we are firm in the Covenant and obey God's laws. Make the "Light of Divine Guidance" shine by using colors to represent light, and then paste the prayer on the back.

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)



A pledge is a "solemn promise." Sometimes when people make a pledge they hold up their hand or put their hand over their heart. A preserver is someone who "maintains" or "protects" something.

Trace your child's hand and paste the words PLEDGE on it. Then create some sort of fortress around the hand, such as a house or box, to protect it.

Paste the quotation on the back of the project.

PLEDGE

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

-Baha'u'llah

Devotional on Responsibility

The first and foremost duty prescribed unto men, next to the recognition of Him Who is the Eternal Truth, is the duty of steadfastness in His Cause.

(Baha'u'llah, *Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah*, p. 290)

How excellent, how honorable is man if he arises to fulfil his responsibilities.

(Abdu'l-Baha, *The Secret of Divine Civilization*, p. 3)

The whole duty of man in this Day is to attain that share of the flood of grace which God poureth forth for him. Let none, therefore, consider the largeness or smallness of the receptacle. The portion of some might lie in the palm of a man's hand, the portion of others might fill a cup, and of others even a gallon-measure.

(Baha'u'llah, *Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah*, p. 8)

God has given man the eye of investigation by which he may see and recognize truth. He has endowed man with ears that he may hear the message of reality and conferred upon him the gift of reason by which he may discover things for himself. This is his endowment and equipment for the investigation of reality. Man is not intended to see through the eyes of another, hear through another's ears nor comprehend with another's brain. Each human creature has individual endowment, power and responsibility in the creative plan of God.

(Abdu'l-Baha, *Foundations of World Unity*, p. 76)

The most vital duty, in this day, is to purify your characters, to correct your manners, and improve your conduct.

(Abdu'l-Baha, *Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Baha*, p. 10)

O ye lovers of God! Make firm your steps; fulfil your pledge to one another; go forth in harmony to scatter abroad the sweet savours of God's love, and to establish His Teachings, until ye breathe a soul into the dead body of this world, and bring true healing in the physical and spiritual realms to everyone who aileth.

(Abdu'l-Baha, *Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Baha*, p. 243)

My Book About Responsibility

Responsibility is doing for ourselves what we are able to do, instead of having others do it for us.

When we take responsibility for our actions, we do our best in whatever we do and we finish what we start.

We are being responsible when we care for ourselves, like brushing our teeth or washing our hands,

and when we care for other living things, like watering a plant, watching over our sister or brother, or taking care of an animal that needs our help.

When we are responsible, our actions are pleasing to ourselves, everyone around us, and God.

As we grow up, we can have even more responsibilities! It is fun learning how to do new things and also finding ways we can be a responsible person.



Responsibility

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

-Baha'u'llah

This month our family is learning about Responsibility.

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

-Baha'u'llah

Make sure your shoes are in their place and tidy.



Brush your hair.



Check that the taps are not dripping.



Make sure your toys are put away in your room.



Make sure all the books are put away.



Check if used dishes are cleared from the table.



Make sure all the dirty clothes are in the hamper.



Check if your bed is made.



Make sure clean laundry is put away!



My Responsibilities Poster

Name: _____

Date: _____

Responsible Helpers

Lisa just woke up and her hair is very tangled. What can she do?



Terry notices his sister has spilled some water from her cup on the floor. What can he do?



Joshua has read a lot of books and now most of the books are off the shelf and on the floor! What can he do?



Clara and Thomas are playing and Thomas falls down and scrapes his knee. What can Clara do?



Jeremy's Grandmother is visiting his home on a hot summer day. What might Jeremy do to help Grandma feel welcome?



Marta's shoes are very dirty after playing outside. What can she do?



We can choose to be responsible!

Illustrate the following scenarios:

Kristy is really enjoying playing outside but it is starting to get cold. She doesn't want to stop playing to get her jacket but she knows to protect her health, she should keep herself warm. If she doesn't put on her jacket soon, she knows she will get even colder. What should Kristy do to practice responsibility?

Every afternoon Nancy has to go with her mother to pick up her brother from school. Nancy has been working on building a zoo and is having a lot of fun, but it's almost time for her to get in the car. Her mother said they will be leaving in one minute. What can Nancy do to practice responsibility?

Brian told his mother that he would pick up his toys before dinner time. His mother told him that there are three minutes before dinner time but he still doesn't want to stop playing! He knows if he doesn't stop playing, he will not have time to pick up his toys before dinner. What should Brian do to practice responsibility?