

January

Responsible Heart: I can do the work God has given me.

The following calendar will give you ideas to help your children have a responsible heart. Each day will have a simple task to encourage your kids to have a heart like Jesus.

- Day 1: Discuss a Bible truth
- Day 2: Review a Bible story
- Day 3: Practice a Bible verse
- Day 4: Worship God
- Day 5: Go deeper
- Day 6: Practice the character trait
- Day 7: Review the Bible verse

Remind your children throughout the month that God gives us work to do and things to take care of. When we work hard and take care of our things, we are having responsible hearts like Jesus.



Bible Verse:

“In all the work you are given, do the best you can.”

Col 3:23, ERV

day 1

day 2

day 3

day 4

day 5

day 6

day 7

Week 1 Topic: Jesus is Responsible, and I Can Be Responsible Too!						
Question to discuss: What kind of work did Jesus do?	Read <i>Jesus Heals a Man at the Pool</i> or a similar story of Jesus healing on the Sabbath from a children's Bible. What work did Jesus do on the Sabbath? Is it good to do this kind of "work" on a church day?	Practice your Bible verse several times, getting louder and louder each time.	Worship God through songs of praise. Thank Him for giving us work!	Print a color sheet of Jesus healing someone to color. Talk about ways we can help people like Jesus.	Help someone in need as a family like making a meal or doing yard work. Remind your kids that they are having a responsible heart to help others like Jesus.	Practice your monthly Bible verse by singing or playing a game.
Week 2 Topic: I can be responsible to take care of my things.						
Question to discuss: How can we take care of the things God gives us?	Read <i>Losing the Holy Box</i> from a picture Bible. What did God's people not take care of in this story?	Practice your Bible verse with your family: one person says the first word, the next person says the second word and so on until you say the whole verse.	Worship God through songs of praise. Thank Him for giving us work!	Talk about some of your new gifts from Christmas and how you can take care of them.	Practice taking care of your toys by putting them back after playing. Remind your children each day that putting toys away is having a responsible heart like Jesus.	Practice your monthly Bible verse by singing or playing a game.
Week 3 Topic: I can be responsible to do my chores.						
Question to discuss: What chores can/do you do to be responsible?	Read <i>Adam and Eve Work the Garden</i> from a children's Bible. What do you think Adam and Eve's chores were in the garden?	Practice your verse playing Duck Duck Goose saying a word for each head tapped. On the last word, the child whose head is tapped runs.	Worship God through songs of praise. Thank Him for giving us work!	Talk about what chores you can do to take care of your home.	Start a chore chart or give a new chore to your child. Remind them that when they do their chores, they are being responsible like Jesus!	Practice your monthly Bible verse by singing or playing a game.
Week 4 Topic: I Can Be Responsible to share the Good News with others.						
Question to discuss: What is one of the most important jobs God has given us to do? (share His love with others)	Read <i>Jesus Gives the Great Commission</i> from a children's Bible. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do? Is that our job too?	Ask your children to say their Bible verse the best they can and reward them with a special treat!	Worship God through songs of praise. Thank Him for letting us tell others about His love!	Discuss ways your children and family can tell others about Jesus or teach them more about God and make plans to do so this week.	Share about Jesus with the person or family you discussed.	Ask your child to say their Bible verse and reward them with a special treat!