

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: JANUARY 17

**Bible Story:** The Greatest (Greatest Commandment) *Matthew 22:36-40*

**Big Idea:** Love God. Love others.

**Memory Verse:** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." *Luke 16:10a (NIV)*

**Life App:** Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

**Bible Story Summary:** The psalmist wrote, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it", (NIV). God is the author of creation, and God has entrusted us to care for and cultivate it. We do that by taking responsibility. From the work we need to accomplish, to people we meet, to the words we use; life is filled with moments where we can decide to reflect God's character, take responsibility, and use what we have wisely. When we follow through and do what needs to be done, we can point others to Jesus, the One who took the ultimate responsibility for us and made it possible for us to be with God forever.

We kick off the month in Matthew 22:36-40. The religious leaders were always trying to trap Jesus with His own words. This moment was no different. They asked Jesus, out of hundreds of laws they were to follow, which were the most important. Jesus simplified everything, and made love the top priority. The most important responsibility is to love God, and love your neighbor as you love yourself.

**Love God. Love others.** These are four simple words, but they are not always simple to put into practice. We hope that, as kids discover more about responsibility, they start to understand the ways they can love God and love the people God has put in their lives.



Pick one thing that you usually do for your child in the morning and let them take charge and be responsible for it. Making sure they have everything for school? Encourage them to prepare the night before and have their bag ready. Making lunch? Teach them to do this and again, work on it the night before. Tell them that you trust they can do this!



## DAY 1

*READ Matthew 22:36-39*

Responsibility is a really big word isn't it? Ask an adult to help you look up the definition on a computer, on a phone, or in a dictionary. So, what does this big word mean? Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

See if you can match the person to the responsibility below.

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|---------|---------------------------------|
| Fireman | Takes care of you and loves you |
| Doctor  | Teaches you new things          |
| Teacher | Puts out fires                  |
| Parents | Helps you when you are sick     |

**THANK** God for people that show responsibility around you.

## DAY 2

*READ Matthew 22:36-39*

What are some things you are responsible for? Grab a piece of paper and pencil and write down or draw a picture of anything that comes to mind. Jesus talks about responsibility. There are lots of things that we are responsible for like our family, our homes, animals, the Earth and even the people around us. Take a minute to look back at your list of things and see if there is anything that you might want to add.

**REMEMBER** to take responsibility for all the things God has given to us.

# DAY 3

READ Matthew 22:36-39

This week we have learned what responsibility is and that there are lots of people around us that show responsibility for a lot of different things. Now, it's your turn to show responsibility too! Grab a piece of paper and draw a picture of ways you can be responsible at home, at school, in your neighborhood, and at a friend's house. Maybe you show responsibility by putting your toys away after playing with them or you watch your baby brother or sister while your parents are cooking dinner. These may seem like little things, but every one of them proves that you can be responsible.

**ASK** God to help you show responsibility everywhere you go!

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

## parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.

There are additional resources that Pathway will be providing for you during this time at <https://pccfw.org/covid-19/>



# DAY 4

READ Matthew 22:36-39

Ask an adult to help you look up Matthew 22:36- 39 and read it together. Jesus wants us to love everyone! And when we love God with all our heart, we become more like Him which means we can love other people just like God loves them. And God loves everyone! He called this "The Greatest Commandment." Ask God to help us with this big responsibility He has given us.

**Dear God,**  
**Thank You for trusting us with so much. We want to take care of all that You have asked us to do and show that we are responsible. Help us to love You with all our heart and to love others just like you do. Amen.**

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping until further notice! Please note that you are more than welcome turn in ALL OF YOUR GODTIMES and collect your Bible Bucks. We encourage you to save them!

### FACEBOOK:

Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be EXCITING activities going on there!



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_