

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: JANUARY 31

Bible Story: Golden Slumbers (Parable of the Bags of Gold) *Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)*

Big Idea: Make the most of what you've been given.

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: In Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus tells a parable about a businessman who went on a journey and left three of his workers in charge of some of his money. Two of the workers turned a profit while the third buried his portion, did nothing with it, wasted his opportunity for growth, and ended up having it taken away.

God wants us to **make the most of what we've been given**. God has given each of us responsibility over something—money, talents, even our stuff. Kids will discover some of the ways they can remember that everything we have comes from God. We pray kids discover how they can use those things wisely.

Drive Time



While in the car ask your child, "What is something you would like to be responsible for?" If it is within reason, work on a plan for your child to start that responsibility.

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WEEK 5

God TIME

DAY 1

READ Galatians 6:7

When you buy a package of tomato seeds and plant them in the ground, what plant will grow? A tomato plant. Okay, that was a pretty easy question. Everyone knows that the seed determines what eventually sprouts and grows.

The same idea applies to responsibility. What you put in, determines the outcome. And guess what? The work you put in, the time you spend, the care you take, all of that is seen by God. But not in a "Oh I'm going to catch you doing the wrong thing" kind of way. God sees and knows all because He is God. And He's trusted you to take care of what He's given you.

Do you have any seeds at home? If so, ask your parent to let you plant a seed or two in a cup with some potting soil. Make sure to keep the soil moist and place it near a window so it can get the sunshine it needs to grow. As you take care of your little seed responsibly this week, remember to make the most of what you've been given.

DAY 2

READ Luke 16:10a

Think about one responsibility you have. On another piece of paper write or draw a picture of it.

That responsibility, like making your bed, or putting your bike away, or setting the table, might seem like a small thing. But all those small responsibilities that you take seriously now lead to bigger and more important responsibilities later on. Taking care of your room might lead to owning your own home someday. Taking care of your bike might lead to driving a car when you're old enough. Every responsibility that you take seriously right now, no matter how small, builds trust.

Take a look at the responsibility above. How are you doing with that? Are you slacking off or taking it seriously? If not, what can you do right now to act more responsibly?

ASK God to help you do what's asked of you right now to prove you can be trusted with bigger things later on.

DAY 3

READ Ephesians 5:15-16

All wisdom comes from one source. Not the internet. Not Siri or Alexa. Wisdom comes from God. Today's verse reminds us to live as people who are wise. Wise people follow God.

Part of our responsibility as followers of God is to actually follow what God tells us to do. Take a look at the list of scenarios below. Look up each verse listed and then write the "wise" response to that scenario.

Your mom asks you to finish your homework before you go outside. (Read Ephesians 6:1)

Your older brother is taking forever on the video game. You're about to grab the controller out of his hands so you can have a turn. (Read Proverbs 15:18)

You've figured out a way to cheat so that your team wins and you're pretty sure you can pull it off with no one finding out. (Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13)

Every time you make a wise choice, no matter how big or small, you make a responsible choice. You show you can be trusted. That's making the most of every opportunity.

ASK God to give you the wisdom you need as you follow Him and make responsible choices.

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.



DAY 4

READ Proverbs 16:3

Have you ever thought about all the things you do in a day? If you were to make a list of all those decisions and actions, it would probably take a long time. No matter how big or small our decisions or actions may be, God asks us to commit everything to Him.

So here's a little responsibility challenge. Grab a wide rubber band and write the word "EVERYTHING" on it with a ball point pen. If you have trouble writing that small, ask an adult for help. If you don't have any rubber bands, cut out a strip of paper, wrap that around your wrist and tape to secure.

For 24 hours, wear that bracelet as a reminder to commit everything you do, every word, every action, every thought and decision, to God. Stop and pray and ask God to help you and He will! Take the responsibility to follow God and commit everything to Him.

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: _____