

☐ Sunday School Lesson: Responsibility

Theme: Taking ownership of your actions and being faithful in your tasks

Time: 30–45 minutes

☐ Scripture Focus

Luke 16:10 (NIV)

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

Also Reference:

Colossians 3:23

Proverbs 12:11

Matthew 25:14–30 (The Parable of the Talents)

☐ Introduction: What is Responsibility?

Ask the class:

What does “responsibility” mean to you?

What are some things you are responsible for at home? At school?

Explain:

Responsibility means doing what is expected of you and taking ownership for your actions, even when no one is watching. God cares about how we handle small things because it shows He can trust us with more.

☐ Bible Story Summary: The Parable of the Talents

(Matthew 25:14–30, simplified for preteens)

Jesus told a story about a man who was going on a trip. Before he left, he gave his servants some money (called “talents”) to take care of. One servant received 5 talents, another got 2, and the third received 1. The first two worked hard and doubled the money. But the third servant buried his talent and did nothing with it.

When the master returned, he praised the first two for being responsible and faithful. But he was disappointed with the third servant because he didn’t even try.

Point: God wants us to use what we’ve been given – our time, gifts, and responsibilities – wisely and faithfully.

Discussion Questions

Why do you think the master was proud of the first two servants?

What are some “talents” or responsibilities God has given you?

What might happen if we ignore our responsibilities?

How can we show responsibility at home, school, or church?

How does being responsible help others trust us?