

RULES FOR LIFE: PLAY WELL. FINISH STRONG.



FIRST, WATCH
THIS WEEK'S
VIDEO AT:

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Responsibility:
Showing you
can be trusted
with what
is expected
of you

Memory Verse

Suppose you can
be trusted with
something very
little. Then you can
also be trusted
with something
very large.
Luke 16:10a, NIV

Bible Story

Ant and Sluggard
Proverbs 6:6-8

Bottom Line

Work hard.

Use this guide to help your family learn how
God can help us be more responsible.

Activity

Word Work

WHAT YOU NEED:

Note cards and pencil
(If you don't have notecards, take
sheets of paper, divide them into
quarters, and tear/ cut them to
create note cards.)

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask your child to sit down with
you. Ask, "What words would you
use to describe a lazy person?"

Write down their responses on the
note cards—one for each card.

Then ask, "What words would you
use to describe a person who
works hard?" Write down their
responses on the note cards—one
for each card.

Next, tell them to choose three
cards that have words on them
that they would want to be known
for. Ask them why they chose
those words.

Talk About the Bible Story

Who was the young ruler of Israel who later wrote
the wise saying we learned today? (*Solomon*)

Out of everything Solomon could have had, what
did he ask God for? (*wisdom*)

What did Solomon become known for? (*He
became known as one of the wisest people to ever
live.*)

What did Solomon say about ants? (*Ants have no
ruler, but they still store up food on their own; they
are hard workers.*)

Describe what it feels like to be lazy.
How does it feel to work hard?
How can you tell if you're a hard worker or if you're
lazy?

What's one thing that you tend to be lazy about?
How can you work on being more responsible with
that this week?

*Parent: Share a story about a time you decided to
stop being lazy in an area of your life—and how it
paid off.*



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking
about the Bible story or sometime before bed
tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for giving us an
opportunity, each day, to work hard. We know
that everything we do can show Your love to
others. Please help us see ways we can work hard
this week. Please work through us so we can
make a difference in each other's lives. We love
You! In Jesus' name, amen."