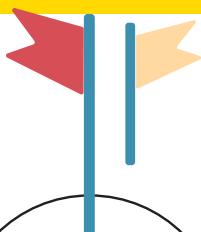


Rules for Life: Play well. Finish strong.



First, watch
this week's
video!

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

Greatest
Commandment
Matthew 22:36-40

Key Question

What are things
you're expected
to do?

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

Activity

Priority Pyramid

WHAT YOU NEED:

10 note cards and a marker

(If you don't have note cards, take three sheets of paper, divide them into quarters, and tear/cut them to create 12 equal-sized pieces of paper. You will only use 10.)

WHAT YOU DO:

Give your child the note cards and ask them to write down 10 items that are important to them—one on each card.

Say, "Now, arrange the cards in the shape of a pyramid. What's most important to you should be at the top. The things that are not as important should be at the bottom."

Discuss their choices. Why did they put some cards higher than others, or some cards lower than others in their Priority Pyramid?



Talk About the Bible Story

In our Bible story today, someone asked Jesus what the most important commandment was. How did Jesus respond?

If Jesus created a Priority Pyramid, what would be at the top?

What are some ways we can love God every day?

What are some ways we can love others every day?

Can you love God and not love others? Can you love others and not love God? (Ask your child to explain their response.)

How can you love someone who gets on your nerves?

Parent: Share a story about a time you chose to show love to someone, even when it was hard.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, You are the perfect example of love. You loved us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, for us. Help us to follow You this week by growing in our love for You and choosing to love the people You've placed in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

►Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

What are things you're expected to do?



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Day 4

Check out what Paul wrote to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12.

‘Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe.’ (NIRV)

This is a great word for you too! You may be young, but you can be an example to everyone around you, young or old, in how to live out Jesus’ command to love God and love others.

Go back and look at the list of “others” you made yesterday. Pick the oldest person and the youngest person on your list, and come up with one way you can show God’s love to them. Maybe it’s spending time reading with your grandparent or playing a board game with your little sister. Whatever it is, when you show them love with your actions, be sure and share God’s love with them too. Tell them you were inspired by Jesus’ words and wanted to love God by loving them!



Day 5

Matthew 22:37-39 can be boiled down into four words.

Love God. Love others.

Copy these four words on to a separate paper. Decorate it to make it look more like you. Then cut it out and find a spot to put it where you will see it all the time: you could pin it to your backpack, put a tape roll on the back and make it like a sticker, or tape it to your bathroom mirror.

As you go throughout your days, whenever you’re not sure what the right or responsible thing to do is, look at the situation through these words. Use these words to guide your decisions and inspire your actions.

What are things you’re expected to do?
Love God. Love others.

Day 2

Read Matthew 22:36-40

There are a lot of rules, wisdom and important truths in the Bible—important things to live by, but it can also feel a little overwhelming! Thankfully, Jesus boiled everything we need to do down to two things: love God and love others!

If you have a phone or device, pull it out and try to translate as much of Matthew 22:37-39 into emojis as you can. Then text or email it to yourself so you will be reminded throughout the day of the two things you're expected to do.

If you don't have access to a device, or if you'd just like a fun challenge, try drawing the emojis. Then hang the verse somewhere you will see it often this week.

Day 3

What are some of the reasons you love God?

What are some of the ways you can show love to God?

Who are some of the “others” in your life?

What are some of the ways you can show love to them?

Use what you wrote above to write a prayer, then read it out loud to God.

Dear God,

You are _____,
and I thank You for_____
_____. Help me to demonstrate my
love for You by_____
_____. Thank you for my friends and family,
especially _____.
Please help me show them Your love with
my actions, including _____
_____. In Jesus' Name, I pray.
Amen.

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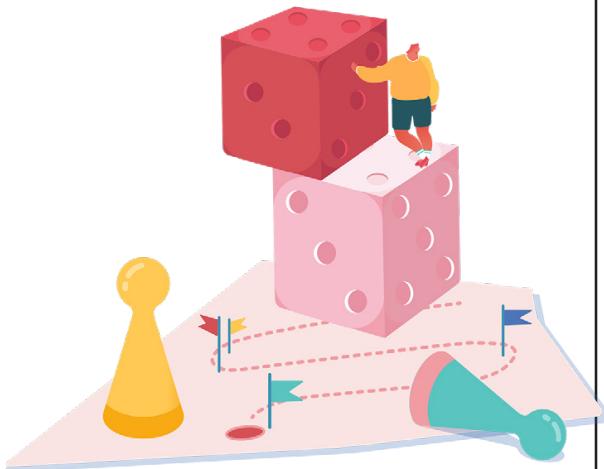
WEEKLY CUES

YOU GOT
THIS!

Theme

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REMEMBER THIS

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Week One

Greatest Commandment
Matthew 22:36-40



Ask This

What are things you’re expected to do?

Do This



Morning Time

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!



**“We have a God
who goes before.
And we have a God
who stays behind.
And no matter what
is coming or what
has already come,
His presence is
sure, even when it
doesn’t feel likely.”**

—Sarah Anderson

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