

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

Bottom Line

Love God.
Love others.

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



Activity

Spin to Love

WHAT YOU NEED:

Two paper plates, pencil, scissors (plus another set of supplies if you're making an extra spinner for yourself)

WHAT YOU DO:

On the inside of one of the paper plates (the side you eat off of), use the pencil to divide the plate into six equal pie-shaped sections. On the other paper plate, use the scissors to cut out a shape equal to the size of one "slice of the pie."

On the uncut paper plate, ask your child to write down the names of six people they could show love to this week—one name for each of the six sections. Then, instruct them to write "God" on the lip of the plate in all six sections.

Next, stack the cut plate on top of the uncut plate. Use the pencil to poke a hole through the bottom of the plates at the center, holding them together. When you spin the top plate while keeping the bottom plate still, it will reveal one name at a time, as well as God (on the lip of the bottom plate).

Say, "Every morning this week, spin your Love Spinner. Whichever name it lands on, your challenge that day is to find a way to show that person some extra love. Oh—and don't forget to show love to God every day, too!"

If you have time, create a Love Spinner for yourself as well. That way you can take on the challenge and share the experience with your child.



Talk About the Bible Story

Describe someone who loves God and loves others.

What are some ways we can love God every day?

What are some ways we can love others every day?

Can you love someone who gets on your nerves? How?

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."

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DAY 1

Read Matthew 22:36-38

In school, every teacher wants their students know what's expected of them so they can have a successful year.

Write down a rule you have at school:

What happens if you break this rule?

Can you imagine what it would be like if your teacher had over 600 rules for you to follow? When Jesus lived on earth, Jews followed over 600 different laws or rules. There were rules about work, rules about clothes, and rules about caring for others. When a religious leader asked Jesus, "What's the most important commandment?" it was intended to be a trick question. But Jesus didn't fall for his trap. Instead Jesus simply said: **"Love God. Love others."**

Love God. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. When you love God and put Him first, you won't need 600 other rules. Loving God is our number one responsibility.

As you pray today, tell God why you love Him. List some things you're thankful for and ask Him to help you put Him first, every day.

DAY 2

Read Matthew 22:39-40

When Jesus answered the religious leader's question about the most important commandment, He didn't stop with "love God." He quickly added the second, equally important part: Love others.

When you think about it, loving God and loving others are like two sides of a coin. You can't really say you love God and then turn around and be unkind to your brother or the kid at school. And you can't really love your brother or the kid at school without loving God. Why? Because God is love. The only reason you know how to love is because God loved you first.

Grab a coin and cover it with masking tape. Write "God" on one side and "Others" on the other side.

Carry that coin in your pocket this week to remind yourself of your most important responsibilities. **Ask God to help you love Him and love others, even when it's hard.**

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DAY 3

Read Psalm 31:23

What are some ways you show your parents you love them? List them in space below:

One big way you show your parents you love them is by obeying them. Even when you'd rather not. Even when you think their rules are lame. A parent's job is to guide and protect their children. By obeying them, you're showing that you trust they're leading you in the right direction.

Guess what? The same idea is true when it comes to loving God. The number one way you can show God you love Him is by being obedient to Him. When you read His word and follow what it says, you're taking your responsibility to "Love God" seriously.

Remember, God made you. He loves you. He will always lead you in the right direction because His way is the best way. This week, look for ways to be obedient as you follow God knowing that obedience is best. **Love God. Love others.**

DAY 4

Read 1 Peter 4:8

List all the people that sat by you today:

From your brother in the backseat, to the kid in the desk next to you, to your parent at the dinner table, on any given day, you sit next to a lot of "one another's." Part of your responsibility is to love God and all those one another's around you.

So here's a little "one another" challenge for the week. Tomorrow, every time you sit down, pay attention the people on your right and left. Think to yourself: "How can I show love to this person next to me?" When you have an answer, then follow through and actually do it. There are lots of ways you can show love to all the "one another's" around you.

Bow your head and pray for God to help you with your responsibility of loving others well this week.

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Theme

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REMEMBER THIS

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Week One

Greatest Commandment
Matthew 22:36-40

Say This

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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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