



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

Bigger Barns  
Luke 12:16-21

#### Key Question

What do you have that you can share?

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

## Activity

### Draw It

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

Scrap paper, pencil, jar or bowl

#### WHAT YOU DO:

On small scraps of paper, write down the names of people who fit the following categories. Write one name per piece of paper.

- an elderly neighbor
- someone who didn't get much for Christmas
- a friend who is sick
- a teacher or coach
- a family member
- a family in need
- your church

When you're finished, fold the papers and place them in a jar or bowl.

Say, "Let's take turns taking out one scrap of paper at a time and reading what's on it. Then, let's both think of ways we can share what we have with whoever is on the paper." Take turns drawing a paper out of the jar or bowl.

When you're finished, say, "There are lots of ways we can share what we have with others. We can give our time, our money, our talents, and our possessions (our stuff)."

Depending on your current circumstances, choose one of the ideas you came up with and put it into practice! Together with your child, find something to share with one of the people on the list above.

## Talk About the Bible Story

Why do you think God was upset with the rich man in the story? (*The rich man was selfish; he could have shared his extra grain with a lot of people.*)

In your own words, what makes a person "foolish"? (*No names!*)

Who or what was the rich man focused on? (*himself, his own success*)

How can we NOT be like the man in the story?

How can we share with others without making them feel embarrassed or less important?

*Parent: Tell a story about a time when you struggled to share something. Then, tell a story about a time you shared what you had. Talk about how you felt after each experience, and how those feelings were different in each situation.*



## Prayer

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

"Dear God, it's so easy for us to hold on too tightly to the things we have. When we see others in need, help us to be willing to share what we have. You've given us so much! You even gave Your own Son to die in our place. Help us to look for opportunities to share what we have with others. Amen."



## Day 1

Go to [Studio252.tv](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

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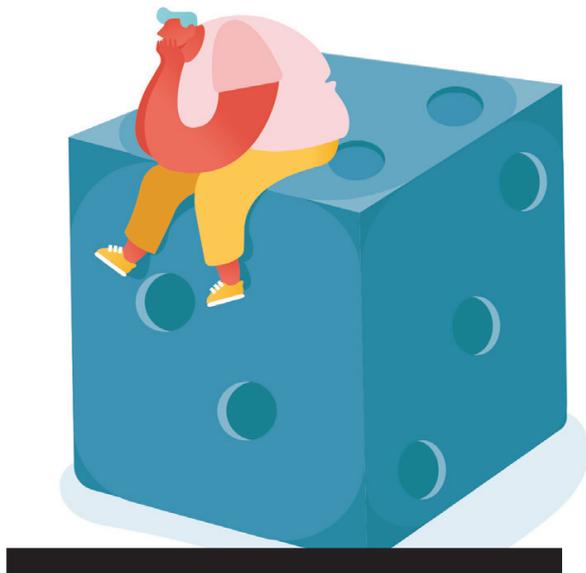
## Day 4

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### What do you have that you can share?

Sometimes we don't realize that we have more than we need, and it takes others pointing it out to show us what we have that we could be sharing with others. Find a friend or family member who knows you really well and ask them for help figuring out something you have that you can share with others. Remember the guidelines from yesterday—this doesn't have to be material objects, although it can be!

As you talk to your friend or family member, they too may realize they have things they can share with others. Together, make a plan for how you can share the things, time, talent, and expertise you have with others!



## Day 5

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### Think back to days three and four—what thing(s) did you come up with that you know you could share with others?

Today you're going to make a plan to share on the regular. Fill in the blanks to make your plan.

What I will share:

Who I will share it with:

When I will share it:

How I will share it:

Lastly, figure out how to remind yourself of your plan. If you're going to share your time by going to visit an elderly neighbor once a week, figure out a day and time that works for both of you and put it on the calendar. If you're going to give away gently used clothes or toys you have, set a reminder on your phone to do a cleanout once a month. Whatever you commit to share, make a plan and stick to it!

## Day 2

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### Read Luke 12:16-21

The story Jesus was telling in this passage of Luke was a parable—a story He told to illustrate an important truth. After you read Luke 12:16-21, retell the story in your own words and in a modern-day situation that you can relate to. Replace the following words with something you can relate to (e.g., “rich man” becomes boy or girl, “land” becomes video game collection, etc.)

Man \_\_\_\_\_

Land \_\_\_\_\_

Produced a very large crop \_\_\_\_\_

Crops \_\_\_\_\_

Tear down my barns \_\_\_\_\_

Build bigger ones \_\_\_\_\_

Grain \_\_\_\_\_

Now read back through Luke 12:16-21, and when you read the words in the list above, substitute the words you wrote. Isn't it cool how the truth Jesus was illustrating in the story He told still comes through even when you update the story details?

## Day 3

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### What are some of the reasons you love God?

Sometimes it's hard for us to share because we're just being selfish, but sometimes it's because we truly don't realize just how much we have to share! Start out by asking Him to show you what things you have more than you need. It could be material objects, like toys or clothes or shoes, or it could be more intangible things, like your time or talent. As you pray, walk around your room and house and take in all the things you have. Take a look in the mirror and ask God to show you what talents and experiences He's given you. After your “prayer walk,” take a minute to jot down anything God brings to your mind that you could share with others.

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Then ask God for help sharing what you have. You can use the sample prayer below or write your own.

**Dear God,** thank You for meeting my needs, and also for giving me more than I need so I can bless others. I know I have enough \_\_\_\_\_ that I can share with others, but sometimes it's hard because \_\_\_\_\_. Please help me to be responsible with what You've given me and to share it with others. In Jesus' Name, I pray, **Amen.**

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# Preteen

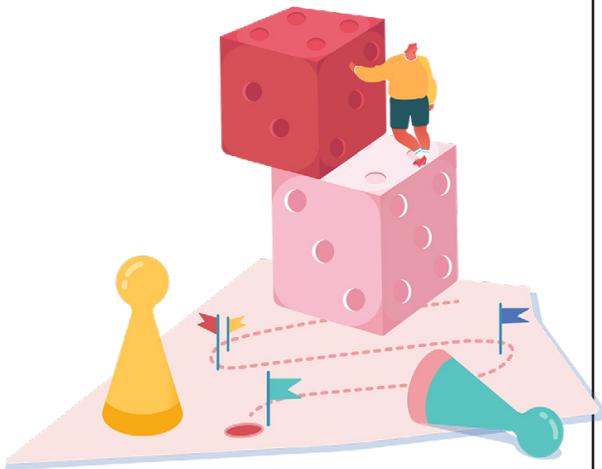
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YOU GOT  
THIS!

## Theme

# Rules for Life: Play well. Finish strong.

Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.



## Week Two

**Bigger Barns**  
Luke 12:13-21

## Ask This

What do you have that you can share?

## Do This



### Meal Time

**Q&A FOR KIDS:** What is something you're responsible for that you really enjoy doing?

**Q&A FOR PARENTS:** When you were a kid, what kind of responsibilities did you have around the house?

### REMEMBER THIS

"Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large."  
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**Ask yourself:  
“What’s the one  
best thing I can do  
to help my family  
better connect  
this year?”**

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