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Tips for Raising a Responsible Child

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Explain God wants us to be responsible. Help your child understand this means we keep our promises, take care of things without being asked or reminded and take the credit or blame for the results of our words and actions.

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Start by giving young children small responsibilities and gradually make them larger and more difficult as your child gets older.

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When giving your child a new responsibility, explain each step of completing that responsibility and demonstrate or teach each step if necessary.

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Be realistic about your child's early attempts at a new responsibility. It may take some time to master it. Encourage your child during the learning process.

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Have a set structure and routine to your child's day whenever possible. This will help your child remember to complete their responsibilities with less reminders. Make a visual schedule for your child if he/she struggles with remembering tasks.

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After a responsibility has been mastered, set and give consequences for failure to complete it well and in the time required.

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Remember to hold your child responsible for his/her actions or words and not just for completing certain tasks.

Bible Verses to Share with Your Child About Being Responsible:

Galatians 6:5 • I Corinthians 3:8 • Luke 16:10 • Matthew 25:14-30 • Colossians 3:23



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