

4th-5th Grade.

BIG IDEA:

Responsibility

BOTTOM LINE:

When you can be trusted with a little, you can be trusted with a lot.

BIBLE STORY:Parable of the Talents
(Matthew 25:14-30)

REMEMBER: BRING YOUR INDEX CARD AND SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH TO LARGE GROUP.

After Large Group

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how they can apply the Bottom Line: **when you can be trusted with a little, you can be trusted with a lot.** Engage with everyone in your group and give them a chance to share and participate in the discussion.

LEVEL UP THE DISCUSSION:

Use the questions below to encourage discussion and group participation.

1. Give kids an opportunity to lead through the questions.
2. Pass the questions to a kid and have them read the first one aloud to the group.
3. Allow another kid to ask the next question. Continue until all questions have been asked.

SAY THIS

1. What did the master give to each servant? (Let kids respond.) **His money, bags of gold**
2. Which one of the servants did you relate to most? (Let kids respond.) The first or second servant, who were responsible with the money and made more for the master? Or the third servant, who buried the money? Why? (Let kids respond.)
3. After the master returned and saw what the servants did with the money, he gave even more responsibilities to servant 1 and servant 2. Why do you think small responsibilities are important? (Let kids respond.) **When we take care of small responsibilities, it shows people that we can be responsible with bigger things.**
4. What are some small responsibilities kids your age have? (Let kids respond.) **Chores, homework, feeding the dog, making your bed, keeping the stairs clean**
5. What's one thing that you're responsible for right now at home, school, or on your team? (Let kids respond.)

6. How could showing responsibility with that one thing lead to bigger responsibilities later on? (Let kids respond.)

Those are great answers. **When you can be trusted with a little, you can be trusted with a lot.** Do you think you'd be given more responsibilities if you weren't responsible with the things you are in charge of now? (Let kids respond.) Nope! That's why we've got to take care of what we have now so we can be trusted with more later. Let's pray and ask God to help us be responsible and take care of what's been given to us.

PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you so much for loving us. Thank you for showing us how important it is to be responsible. And even if it seems like something small now, we know that when we can be trusted with a little, one day we can be trusted with a lot. We love you. Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."

Luke 16:10

VERSE ACTIVITY

- Bibles
- Verse Cling Activity Page

SAY THIS

LEARN IT! (Find the verse and understand what it means.)

The Bible is full of wisdom from God. Let's look up our verse to learn what God says about being responsible for the things he's trusted us to take care of. (Pass out Bibles and look up the verse. Demonstrate how to locate the Table of Contents to find the correct book, and explain how to find the verse based on the reference.)

LOCK IT! (Memorize the verse to lock it in our hearts.)

It's important to lock the verse in our hearts. One way we do that is with this activity.

1. Have the kids line up single file on one side of your small group area. Designate a spot on the other side of your area using one of your supplies (like a pencil box or a crate).
2. The first kid will run to that spot and do FIVE jumping jacks while saying the first part of the verse: "Whoever can be trusted with very little..."
3. They will then run back, tag the next kid, and go to the back of the line.
4. That next kid will run to the designated spot and say the second part of the verse: "...can also be trusted with much" while doing 10 jumping jacks.
5. Continue until every kid has a turn.

LIVE IT! (Apply the verse to the way we live every day.)

Now that we've learned the verse and locked it in, we need to live it out. Living out the verse is knowing what it means and applying it to the way we live every day.

Do you know what "trust" means? It means that others can depend on us. Think about your chores at home. When you're responsible for things now, like playing with your little sister while your mom is busy, it might lead to more responsibility later, like babysitting for someone in the neighborhood. When we take responsibility for small things now, we show we can be trusted with bigger things later on.

You'll get a verse cling like this (hold up Verse Activity Page) when you leave. Put it in a place where everyone will see it, and practice the verse this week with your family!