

4th-5th Grade.

BIG IDEA:
Responsibility

BOTTOM LINE:
Be responsible even when it's not
your responsibility.

BIBLE STORY:
Nehemiah
(Nehemiah 1-6)

After Large Group

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how they can apply the Bottom Line: **be responsible even when it's not your responsibility.** Engage with everyone in your group and give them a chance to share and participate in the discussion.

LEVEL UP THE DISCUSSION:

Use the activity below to encourage discussion and group participation.

SUPPLIES: Marker - 1 per group

1. One person starts with a marker and answers the question.
2. Pass the marker to another person in the group and have them answer the same question.
3. Continue passing the marker until everyone who wants to share their answer has shared.
4. Move on to the next question.

SAY THIS

1. What does it mean to take responsibility instead of waiting for someone else? (Let kids respond.)
2. What are some excuses you think Nehemiah could have made instead of going back to fix the wall? (Let kids respond.) **He didn't live there anymore. Someone else that lives there could do it. The king wouldn't let him go.**
3. Why do you think Nehemiah got to work instead of making excuses? (Let kids respond.) **It was where he was from. It was his home. His family was still there. He cared about keeping the people that lived there safe.**
4. Are you someone who notices jobs that need to be done? (Let kids respond.)
5. Do you usually help quickly, or wait for someone else to do it? (Let kids respond.)

6. We all have jobs to do at our house. Everybody has to chip in and help out. And every house has a job that no one likes to do. Share a chore at your house that is not your responsibility. (Let kids respond.)

7. How could you be responsible and do someone else's job this week? (Let kids respond.)

Those are great answers. This week, we are going to be responsible even when it's not our responsibility! So let's pray and ask God to help us see a need and do it!

PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us and for giving us jobs that we can do to help the people around us and show them that we care about them. This week, help us learn to see jobs that are not our responsibility and DO them. 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 - 1 per group
- Verse Labels - 1 set per group

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.

1. See if anyone would like to say the verse from memory.
2. Give each kid a label and have them place it on their forehead.
3. Have the kids put themselves in the correct order to complete the verse.
4. After they've done it once, keep track of their time to see if they can do it again faster.

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. When we take responsibility for small things now, we show that we can be trusted with bigger things later on.

Elementary

Small Group
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