

Accountability

Objective: Your child will be able to understand the importance of taking accountability.

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Opening Statement

Have you ever done something and knew if someone found out you would get into trouble? When asked if you did it, you said no or made up an excuse because you did not want to be in trouble. When you take accountability for your actions, you are taking responsibility for them no matter what may happen. It is better to tell the truth and get in trouble than to tell a lie.

Vocabulary Words

Accountability- taking responsibility for the decisions and choices that you make no matter what the consequences are.

Responsibility- the opportunity or ability to act independently and make decisions without authorization.

Key Scriptures:

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

- We will have to answer to God when the time comes.

Matthew 12:36-37 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

- Excuses also count as idle words.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

- Every time you do not take accountability it is written in the book of life. You will be judged for all the things you did and didn't do.

Activity: Accountability Checklist Options

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Genesis 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Genesis 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Genesis 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

- Eve was told by the serpent that she could eat from any tree in the garden and she would not die. She listened to the serpent instead of God, ate the fruit and then convinced her husband to eat the fruit also. When God asked Adam if he ate from the tree he said he ate it because the woman he was given, gave it to him. When Eve was asked if she ate from the tree, she said the serpent tricked her so she ate it.

Q. Did Adam and Eve take accountability?

Cain

Genesis 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

Genesis 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Genesis 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

Genesis 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Genesis 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Genesis 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Genesis 4:9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

- Adam and Eve had two children names Cain and Abel. The Lord had respect unto Abel because he brought his best sheeps to the Lord while Cain brought whatever crops he wanted to give to the Lord. Abel was trying to get Cain to repent when they were talking but Cain killed him. When TMH asked Cain where his brother was, he said he didn't know where his brother was.

Q. Did Cain take accountability?

David

2 Samuel 11:1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

2 Samuel 11:3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

2 Samuel 11:4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

2 Samuel 11:12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

2 Samuel 11:13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

2 Samuel 11:15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

2 Samuel 11:24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

2 Samuel 12:4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

2 Samuel 12:5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

2 Samuel 12:9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

2 Samuel 12:10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

2 Samuel 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

- David saw a beautiful woman washing herself on her rooftop. He inquired to see who she was and found out that she was married. Although David knew she was married, he committed adultery with the woman and she got pregnant. To try and hide this, he had it set up for Uriah to get killed in battle. TMH sent a traveler by the name of Nathan who gave David a parable that was about him. David admitted to killing Uriah and taking his wife.

Q. Did David take accountability ?

Saul

1 Samuel 10:2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

1 Samuel 10:3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

1 Samuel 10:5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

1 Samuel 10:6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

1 Samuel 10:7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee.

1 Samuel 10:8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

1 Samuel 13:10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

1 Samuel 13:11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

1 Samuel 13:12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

- Saul was a king who was given direct instructions from the Lord by Samuel. He was supposed to wait for Samuel to come to offer a sacrifice before going to war. Because Samuel was running late, Saul did not wait for Samuel but offered up the sacrifice instead. When Samuel asked why he didn't wait for him he said that he was afraid because the people were scattering from him, and because he did not come when he said he would come. Because of Saul not waiting his blessings was taken from him and he lost the ability to have the kingdom forever.

Q. Did Saul take accountability ?

Accountability Checklist Options- As the parent you will be setting clear expectations for your child to do to encourage accountability.

- 1) Make a list of chores for your child to complete based off their age for the week. Have them check off each chore as they complete it.
- 2) Every Friday night, give your child the responsibility of making sure their lunch box is packed for the Sabbath.
- 3) Give your child a list of task they must complete by the end of the week and allow them to check off the box.
 - Options: Read a book for 30 minutes, watch a class and take notes, put away your laundry, clean your room, etc.
- 4) Have your child be accountable for daily task such as: making the bed, brushing their teeth, eating breakfast, taking a shower, daily chores etc.

Q & A- Review

- What is accountability?
- Will you have to pay for every word that comes out of your mouth?
- What is a way that you can show accountability?
- What can happen to you for not showing accountability.

Closing

Yes you will make mistakes as you are learning and growing but you have to make the conscience effort everyday to own every action that you decide to do. When you say you did something because of someone else, you did not take accountability. You must also keep in mind that when you sin, you have to take accountability for your actions and confess it to the Lord when you pray. Everything is not about a punishment, but you can make things worse for yourself because you chose to lie and make up an excuse instead of coming clean. By being accountable, you are taking ownership of your actions and the last thing you want is that when judgement day comes, you don't get the kingdom because you couldn't take accountability. With accountability comes growth and it shows that you love the lord because it's a commandment.

- Matthew 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
- 1 Samuel 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.