

Character Education Theme of the month is **Responsibility**

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As a parent, there is an infinite amount of things I want to teach my children how to be thoughtful and caring, how to be creative and innovative, how to be trustworthy and honest, how to be a good listener, and much more. One character trait that is a priority on that list is how to be **responsible**.

Responsibility means being dependable, keeping promises, and honoring our commitments. It is accepting the consequences for what we say and do. It means developing our potential.

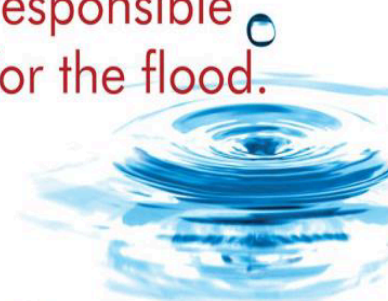
People who are **responsible** don't make excuses for their actions or blame others when things go wrong. They think things through and use good judgment before they take action. They behave in ways that encourage others to trust them.

People who are **responsible** take charge of their lives. They make plans and set goals for nurturing their talents and skills. They are resilient in finding ways to overcome adversity. They make decisions that take into account obligations to family and community.

Children need to learn that being part of a family and a community involves accepting **responsibilities**. When each of us acts **responsibly**, our families and communities are stronger.

RESPONSIBILITY

No single
rain drop
thinks it is
responsible
for the flood.



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What You Can Do

- ★ Talk about the point of view of others as you watch TV, read books or discuss other people with your child. For example, ask, "What do you think that character is feeling and thinking?"
- ★ Show care toward others, such as doing errands for sick neighbors or opening doors for others.
- ★ Give others the benefit of the doubt. If your child complains that a classmate deliberately pushed her down on the way to lunch, explain that sometimes when people are in a hurry, they don't watch where they're going—they don't mean to push or hurt anyone.
- ★ Be open to differences. If your child says, "Our new neighbors dress funny," explain that people often wear clothes that reflect their cultures or native countries.

How will you be responsible today?