

Family Guide

When the church and family come together to invest in kids, we believe, kids are given the greatest opportunity to build a lasting relationship with Jesus. This guide is meant to help your family further explore the concepts of this week's online kids experience. Spend some intentional time with each other and complete the activities and discussions that are best for your family.



Circle Up 1

Today's Bible Story: Golden Slumbers (Parable of the Bags of Gold) ·
Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

Today's Bottom Line: Make the most of what you've been given.

Supplies Needed: Bible, seeds, a cup, and soil (if you have them at home) or go outside and examine the plants growing in your neighborhood.

DO: Read Galatians 6:7

SAY: When you buy a package of tomato seeds and plant them in the ground, what plant will grow? A tomato plant. Okay, that was a pretty easy question. Everyone knows that the seed determines what eventually sprouts and grows. The same idea applies to responsibility. What you put in, determines the outcome. And guess what? The work you put in, the time you spend, the care you take, all of that is seen by God. But not in a "Oh I'm going to catch you doing the wrong thing" kind of way. God sees and knows all because He is God. And He's trusted you to take care of what He's given you.

DO: Do you have any seeds at home? If so, ask your parent to let you plant a seed or two in a cup with some potting soil. Make sure to keep the soil moist and place it near a window so it can get the sunshine it needs to grow. As you take care of your little seed responsibly this week, remember to make the most of what you've been given. OR go outside and examine the plants growing around your neighborhood, if you've got some in your yard, ask a parent if you can help water them.

Read the Bible 2

Supplies Needed: Bible or Bible App, paper and pencil

DO: Read Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

SAY: Sometimes the world tells us we need even more, bigger, or better things to accomplish something great. But God tells us He will give us what we need to accomplish His plans! And God's plans are really awesome! That means all you have to do is look around and [*Bottom Line*] **make the most of what you've been given.**

Think of all the things you've been given and write them down!

Parents: *It's easy for kids to identify certain talents such as being smart, good at sports, art, or music, but help them to think about skills that may not be as obvious but are talents God can use in unique ways. For example:*

- o *love of animals*
- o *cooking or baking*
- o *sense of humor*
- o *creativity*
- o *physical strength*
- o *compassion*
- o *calm and quiet spirit*
- o *technology*
- o *writing*
- o *love of helping wherever needed*
- o *hard working*
- o *friendly*

Now think about ways you can make the most of what you've been given and discuss as a family.

Let's Practice
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Supplies Needed: a piece of paper and crayons or play-dough

DO: Think about one responsibility you have. Write or draw a picture of it or create it using play-dough.

SAY: That responsibility, like making your bed, or putting your bike away, or setting the table, might seem like a small thing. But all those small responsibilities that you take seriously now lead to bigger and more important responsibilities later on. Taking care of your room might lead to owning your own home someday. Taking care of your bike might lead to driving a car when you're old enough. Every responsibility that you take seriously right now, no matter how small, builds trust.

Take a look at the responsibility you drew or made with play-dough.. How are you doing with that? Are you slacking off or taking it seriously? If not, what can you do right now to act more responsibly? Ask God to help you do what's asked of you right now to prove you can be trusted with bigger things later on.

Memorize It
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Memory Verse: *Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a (NIRV)*

Supplies Needed: Bible or Bible App,

DO: Review the memory verse together from Luke 16:10a and discuss the following questions below as a family while you work on a puzzle, go for a walk, or make dinner together.

SAY: Fill in the blank to finish this sentence: If I could _____, I would make the most of it by _____.

- What are some reasons why people might waste the gifts God has given them?
- Of the following reasons, which do you feel are hardest for you to overcome when it comes to using what you've been given?
 - o Being afraid to use my gifts because I might fail or be made fun of
 - o Being lazy

- o Being too busy with other things
 - o Not really knowing what to do with my gifts
 - o Not really sure what my gifts are
 - o Waiting until I'm older to use my gifts
 - How important do you think it is to *know* the gifts God has given you? Why?
 - What are some ways you can make the most of what God has given YOU this week?
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Supplies Needed: no supplies needed

PRAY: "Dear God, thank You for giving us everything we need to live out the plan You have for us. When we face situations where we are left wanting more or for something different, help us cling to the truth that You take care of all our needs. Help us remember that each and every day we can show responsibility and *[Bottom Line]* make the most of what you've been given."



YOU just made a difference in your child's life by spending intentional time together in God's word! Yay! Here are some ways you can stay connected to Mountain this week:

- Reach out to your Campus Kids Pastor with any questions.
- Remember to stay connected through social media, email, and website updates. Follow our "**Mountain Families Facebook Group.**"
- Remember to Subscribe to [Mountain's Youtube Channel](#) to view all of Mountain Kids Videos.