



RESPONSIBILITY

I mean what I say and I
say what I mean.

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Looks



Like

Sounds



Like



I can help you do that.

I will do my school work right away.

I cleared my dishes without being asked.

Yes, I turned off the lights and closed the door.

I have my bag all packed for school.

Good morning, Mom! I have my clothes on,
brushed my teeth, and made my bed.

The play room is all picked up.

Here is the book I borrowed.

Charades

Doing your school work without being reminded.

Cleaning up your bedroom after you made a mess.

Saving money you earned.

Returning something you found.

Getting ready for the day without any reminders.

Cleaning up the kitchen after you made cookies.

Returning your library books on time and in good condition.

Responsibility: I mean what I say

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline for letter height guidance. There are ten sets of these lines on the page.

*Responsibility: I mean what I say
and I say what I mean.*

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline.

Poems for Responsibility

Responsibility

Author Unknown

Responsibility means, "I can do things on my own."

When I turn it on, I turn it off.

When I unlock something, I lock it up.

When I drop something, I pick it up.

When I open something, I close it.

When I make a mess, I clean it up.

When I find something, I return it.

When I borrow something, I give it back.

When I take something out, I put it back.

When I am assigned a task, I complete it.

When I earn money, I spend it wisely.

When I give my word, I keep it.

I choose to be responsible.

Poems for Responsibility

Responsibility

Author Unknown

I am responsible
for all that I do,
from turning in work
to making friends, too.

I choose if my room
will be messy or clean,
I make the choice
to be kind or mean.

It is up to me
just how much I will learn;
the grades that I get
will be grades that I earn.

I make the choice
to be happy or sad,
to have a good day,
or have one that is bad.

So I will choose
what is best for me.
I am responsible;
I hold the key!

Poems for Responsibility

“The Responsibility Poem”

by Charles Osgood

There was a most important job that needed to be done,
And no reason not to do it, there was absolutely none.
But in vital matters such as this, the thing you have to ask
Is who exactly will it be who'll carry out the task?

Anybody could have told you that Everybody knew
That this was something Somebody would surely have to do.
Nobody was unwilling; Anybody had the ability.
But Nobody believed that it was their responsibility.

It seemed to be a job that Anybody could have done,
If Anybody thought he was supposed to be the one.
But since Everybody recognized that Anybody could,
Everybody took for granted that Somebody would.

But Nobody told Anybody that we are aware of,
That he would be in charge of seeing it was taken care of.
And Nobody took it on himself to follow through,
And do what Everybody thought that Somebody would do.

When what Everybody needed so did not get done at all,
Everybody was complaining that Somebody dropped the ball.
Anybody then could see it was an awful crying shame,
And Everybody looked around for Somebody to blame.

Somebody should have done the job
And Everybody should have,
But in the end Nobody did
What Anybody could have.

Scriptures for Responsibility

- **Galatians 6:5** - For every man shall bear his own burden.
- **1 Corinthians 3:8** - Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.
- **Proverbs 22:6** - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- **Matthew 12:37** - For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.
- **Luke 16:10** - He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Hymn Study Routine

Complete the following hymn study routine for

“I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”

(This hymn is public domain. Simply Google the title for music and words. A link to a pdf copy is on the blog under Habits of Learning, links for responsibility)

1. Copy the words to the hymn in your best handwriting. Write each verse in its own stanza.
2. Google the hymn title and read about the history of the hymn. Write/narrate a short summary of the history.
3. Sing all the verses of the hymn.
4. If you play an instrument, learn to play the hymn.
5. Talk about what this hymn teaches you about responsibility.

Responsibility Book List

Read one of these books and complete a oral or written narration (re-telling/summary) of the story orally. Discuss what this book teaches about responsibility.

- *Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car* by John Burningham
[Picture book, ages 3 and up]
- *The Little Red Hen* by Paul Galdone
[Picture book, ages 3 and up]
- *Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola
[Caldecott honor picture book, ages 3 and up]
- *The Talking Eggs* by Robert D. San Souci
[Picture book, ages 4 and up]
- *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes
[Picture book, ages 4 and up]
- *Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Saturday* by Judith Viorst
[Picture book, ages 4 and up]
- *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
[Chapter book, ages 7 and up]
- *Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink
[Chapter book, ages 9 and up]
- *The Secret School*, by Avi
[Chapter book, ages 9 and up.]
- *Slacker*, by Gordon Korman
[Chapter book, ages 9 and up.]
- *The Red Pony*, by John Steinbeck
[Chapter book, ages 12 and up]