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May: Being Responsible

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| [Have you Filled a Bucket Today? Lesson Plan](http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/elementary/dobys-mill-elementary-school/) | [This site has several ideas! (Mostly elementary](http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/beverlywoodsES/Documents/Octresponsibility.pdf)) | **Helpful Hands Coupons\***  | **Excuses to Responsibility Activity \*** |
| **Rights & Responsibilities** **Activity \***  | **WANTED: Responsibility! \*** | [Character.org - many lesson plans!](http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/) | **What is in the****News? \*** |
| **Create a tweet about responsibility** | **Weekly Check-up\*** | **Create a poem about Responsibility\***  | **Community Responsibility\*** |
| [K-2 lesson plans: literacy focus](http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/ssaw/SRR/2013-14/grade1-2.pdf)  | **Media Project\*** | [**The Responsibility Song**](https://www.havefunteaching.com/songs/character-songs/responsibility-song/) | **Changing Responsibilities Timeline\*** |

Resources (\*)

Rights & Responsibilities Activity: It's been said that "There are no rights without responsibility, and there is no responsibility without rights." What does that mean? Do you agree? What is the relationship between rights and responsibilities?

Helpful Hands Coupons Activity: Students create coupons for special tasks that they will do at home. The students are reminded that they are to be responsible about these coupons and only make commitments for the ones that they will be able to complete. Students are asked to share these at home and to later discuss how this made them feel.

What is in the News? Have students gather newspaper/magazine/on-line news articles depicting youth demonstrating responsible behaviour. Divide the students into small groups and distribute one article to each group. Have them discuss the meaning of responsibility in each article and be prepared to share with the larger group.

Weekly Check-up Activity: For one week have students keep a daily record of all their responsibilities. Include school, club, team, home and community responsibilities. At the end of the week have them reflect on the responsibilities that they are handling well and those that will require an extra effort. Have them create a ‘responsibility’ goal for the upcoming week. Follow-up on that goal the following week.

WANTED: Responsibility Poster Activity: Have students create ‘Help Wanted’ posters for the trait ‘responsibility’. Showcase their creations in the classroom and around the school.

Responsibilities Mosaic Activity: Create a mosaic that represents the many types of responsibilities. For example, social responsibility, digital responsibility, etc. Discuss.

A Responsibility Poem: Can you think of a word for each letter of responsibility? Create a worksheet that requires students to come up with an appropriate word for each letter in the word responsibility. R could be respect, reasonable, reliability, E could be empathy, esteem, S could be sincerity and so on.

Excuses to Responsible Activity:

* Ask students to write down several excuses they have made recently.
* Ask students to rewrite their excuses as statements of responsibility.
* Illustrating these different statements into a comic series where students can show the reactions of others would make the project more involved.

Community Responsibility: This activity will encourage young people to play a responsible role in society. Have everybody in the class write a letter to their mayor or Premier about an environmental issue that is currently in the news. Inform the students that you are going to put all their letters into a large envelope and mail it. Share any response with the students.

Media Project: Have students write a commercial about responsibility. Have them try to sell responsibility so others will want to start using it. Have them create a jingle, catchy song or video.

Changing Responsibilities Timeline: Have each student create a timeline between their current age to adulthood. Have them record and write about the differences between adult responsibilities and children's responsibilities. What does responsibility have to do with growing up?