



that's what we're made of

Character Counts Responsibility

TAKING FULL RESPONSIBILITY

means looking to yourself for answers when things go wrong and giving yourself credit when things go right

Follow three rules: Respect yourself, Respect others, and take responsibility for all your actions

~ Dalai Lama ~



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Lesson/Activity Don't Be A Blamer!

Taking responsibility for one's own actions is important for children to learn. Some people have trouble with this and they blame others when something goes wrong. Have the children think of times when someone else blamed others rather than taking responsibility (do not have them use the person's name). Have them make a picture of what the blamer would do and another picture of what a responsible person would do.

Example: I was late for school because my mother wouldn't drive me.

Picture 1: Someone walking to school. I was late for school because I was playing when I should have been dressing.

Picture 2: A person playing.

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R-E-S P-O-N S-I-B-L-E

Lyrics by Barbara Gruener
(sung to the tune of MIC-KEY-MOUSE)

When I do things to the best of my ability, I'm
r-e-s p-o-n s-i-b-l-e-l
I think before I act so you can always count on me;
r-e-s p-o-n s-i-b-l-e-l
Choose what's right (clap clap clap)
day and night (clap clap clap)
Always take responsibility {two three four} -
Do what I'm supposed to do, stay in control of me;
r-e-s p-o-n s-i-b-l-e-l

