

**D6 Family Theme:**  
BIBLICAL ACCOUNTABILITY**Objectives:****Know:** Believers are to help each other grow by humbly giving and receiving accountability.**Think:** I will be open to giving and receiving accountability with other believers.**Do:** Build trusting relationships with other believers that allow for mutual accountability.**READ: LISTEN TO GOD**

**Read Galatians 2:11-14; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 Samuel 15:17-31; Psalm 51:1-17; Galatians 6:1-5.** The Trinity teaches us that God, by nature, is relational. He created us to be in a relationship with Him. He also created us to be in a relationship with each other. The church, the body of Christ, is one of His great gifts to us. We do not have to walk the path of discipleship alone. Scripture provides us with examples of how we can take full advantage of the relationships available to us and grow together for the glory of God.

**PRAY: TALK TO GOD**

Allow God to grow you through being accountable to other believers. Pray that you and your family would find believers to hold you accountable and that you would be open and honest with them.

**DO: WALK WITH GOD**

**OPTION 1:** Even though we spend time studying God's Word and talking to Him through prayer, it is not always easy determining the right way to live. That is why it is important that we are held accountable by other believers. It is difficult to humble yourself and be honest about your struggles with another person, but it allows godly counsel into your life. Talk with your child about the accountability partners in your life and the role they have played. Encourage your child to find a godly mentor or friend in her life that she trusts enough to make her accountability partner. Remind her that the relationship will not be easy, but in the end, it will bring encouragement and wisdom.

**OPTION 2:** Start your family thinking about accountability by asking these questions:

- *What is the purpose of accountability?* (To help one another glorify God. This takes many forms, such as obedience to His commands, demonstrating His character and the glory of His ways to unbelievers, loving others as an example of His love for all, etc.)
- *What does accountability practically involve?* (Asking and answering questions related to personal conduct and thoughts, group discussions regarding specific topics, deep and ongoing relationships between a small group of people, etc.)
- *What prevents accountability from being practiced in our lives?* (Pride, shame, timidity, fear, etc.)

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SCHOOL

Today your child learned Joseph trusted God in the good times and bad. Joseph's brothers sold him to travelers. Joseph worked for Pharaoh saving food for times when food was hard to get. His brothers came to Pharaoh needing food. Joseph forgave them and gave them food. **I Can Live by Faith** like Joseph.

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Kids2 & 3  
GRADE

EXPLORERS

4 & 5  
GRADE

Today your student learned what biblical accountability means and to whom we are accountable. He or she looked at an event in Joshua 22 when a misunderstanding about an altar could have led to a bad situation. He or she was reminded that one day each of us will stand before God and give an account of our lives. Your student was challenged to make a difference by love and obedience to Him.

VELOCITY

YOUNG  
TEEN

FORWARD

HIGH  
SCHOOL

Accountability is a good practice. Your teen explored that idea today. If we recognize that we must give an account of ourselves, we are more likely to do the right thing. However, accountability requires us to be humble and honest, to take responsibility for our behavior. Everyone is accountable to someone. Talk with your teens about different persons or organizations that hold you accountable: the IRS, the bank, your employer, your neighbor, the police, family members, and others. Do you enjoy having to report to these people? Is it to your benefit? Your teenager is also accountable to various people. Help him or her make a list of them and consider ways that accountability is helpful. Read together Romans 14:12. Who are we all ultimately accountable to?

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YOUNG  
ADULT

The group studied the importance of biblical accountability and was challenged to build trusting relationships with other believers for mutual accountability.

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Group members explored how believers are to help each other grow by humbly giving and receiving accountability. Members were challenged to seek out an accountability relationship to help them grow in Christ.