

Aim: Discuss changes in privileges and responsibility at different ages

Have the chores which you have to do changed as you have gotten older? Do the older children in your family have to do more chores than the younger children?

What extra things have you been allowed to do as you have gotten older? Are the older children in your family allowed to do things the younger ones aren't?

Today we are talking about two very important differences between being a child and an adult.

- Once you are an adult, you have a lot more freedom to do what you want to do when you want to do it. You can go to bed when you want to; you can go where you want to; you can buy what you want to (if you have the money).
- On the other hand, you have a lot more responsibilities. You have to earn enough money to live on; pay for your house, car, food, clothes and electricity. You have to do the cooking, cleaning and washing – unless you live with someone else and you share the chores.

And so, as you get older, your parents will give you more responsibilities to start teaching you for when you become an adult. **What extra chores have you had to do as you've gotten older?** What extra chores do the older children do in your family?

- As you get older you should do more chores, and harder chores.
- You have more homework to do
- You might have to use your own money to buy things that you need like clothes or books.
- You should become responsible for your own room – to keep it clean; make your bed; put your clothes away etc.
- If you make a mess, you need to learn to clean it up yourself.
- When you were very young your parents picked out your clothes, dressed you and did your teeth and hair; as you've gotten older you will have taken over doing those things for yourself.

As you become more responsible, your parents will also give you more privileges. **What things are you allowed to do now that you didn't used to? Are there things your parents have promised you can do when you reach a certain age?** Are there things you do that your younger brothers or sisters are not allowed to do?

- You get to go to bed later
- You might be allowed to go places with your friends
- You might be allowed to cook by yourself or use certain appliances like the blender or the stove.
- You might get more pocket money or you might be allowed to work to earn your own money
- You might get to go on camps or on other fun outings

Do you ever wish you didn't have to do so many chores? – I'm sure we all wish that at times.

What would happen if no one in your house did chores?

Remember as you grow up you will have more responsibilities (like chores), but you will also have more privileges (like being able to stay up later).

When you take your responsibilities seriously, and do your chores each day, without complaining, you are showing that you are more mature; and as you become more mature you are ready for more privileges.

The habits that you learn as a child will be with you when you become an adult.

Read Proverbs 22:6

Ephesians 6:1, 2

Learning to follow the rules of your parents as a child and you will be more likely to follow the rules as an adult: rules of Australia, road rules and rules of how to act in your workplace.

Read Colossians 3:23 and Luke 16:10 to finish