



## *1st Grade Video Scripts - Invitation to Responsibility*

### **Why...**

I know it's hard to imagine but you your child did make it through Kindergarten and they are ready to head off to 1st grade. You're not quite as scared of the year ahead probably and lucky for you, your child is probably pretty excited. When a kid hits 1st grade there is a sense of confidence that comes with it. They know what to expect when they show up at school. They probably have some new friends they look forward to seeing everyday again. They also know now that you will be there to help them figure this school thing out.

What they don't know is that school and life are about to go to a whole different level as the people they trust the most...their teachers, their parents, and their friends... expect so much more of them than before! For the first time they will experience homework. Your child will probably be given some new chores around the house. They will probably be invited to spend the night with a friend...AWAY FROM HOME. This year will be filled with some new challenges and we want to help you develop a plane to guide the process.

This year we are inviting your first grader to responsibility. You are probably ready for this and honestly they are also, they just don't know to ask for it. This year we want to help your child fully move to "BIG KID" status and every 1st grader I know wants to be known as a big kid! In order to get to that level

in your home we are going to help them embrace responsibility at school, home, and with their friends. We are going to lead you toward a rite of passage experience where you have the chance to give them your blessing, as they become a "BIG KID." Your next step is to watch our video explaining the rite of passage experience for 1st grade. When it comes to responsibility don't just give it to them. Help your child grow into responsibility!

### **How...**

1st grade means two things...your child survived kindergarten and they are growing up. I wish I could tell you in this video how to slow this process down. I personally have tried everything to freeze my daughter here in 1st grade but I don't think it's possible. Since they are becoming big kids we want to invite them responsibility this year. Remember don't just give responsibility away. Make sure and help your child grow into responsibly.

Here is how we are going to invite your son or daughter to embrace a new level of responsibility. Your next step is to check out the three kickstarter experiences we have created for you and your child. You are going to be able to walk your 1st grader through what the Bible says about responsibility at school, at home, and with friends. After each kickstarter experience we are going to give you a responsibility chart so you and



your first grader can decide ways they can be responsible in each of these three major areas of their world. You can spread these sessions out in a way that fit your family and your child. Once again these family talk experiences set up your rite of passage experience this year.

Next we want you to start preparing for a rite of passage experience using what we call the blessing box. Yes, it's a literal box and it is going to be filled with some important letters from people in your child's life. You can buy a cool box or you can decorate a box to fit your child's personality if you are "super crafty." Next you are going to ask their teacher at school, parents of your child's friends, other siblings, and you as parents to write letters letting your child know how they have seen them be responsible. We have provided you with a sample letter in the planning guide to help you along!

This is going to be a fun year! This year you get to officially welcome to your child to the land of being a big kid who understands what responsibility is about.