



# MY RESPONSIBILITIES ACTIVITY

In a family, everyone has specific chores that are their responsibility. When everyone does what they are supposed to do, the family runs smoothly. If a family member does not do what he or she is supposed to do, or tries to worry about what others are doing, then chaos might occur. This activity can demonstrate the importance of completing individual responsibilities.

**Time Needed:** 20 minutes

**Materials:**

- 1 tray
- 4 sheets of paper, different colors
- About 30 small items (paper clip, pencil, salt shaker....)

**Activity Instructions:**

Place the 30 items on a tray. Show your family the tray for 30 seconds, then ask them to write down as many items as they can. They are supposed to work independently of one another. While they are writing, remove all the items from the tray. Place the four pieces of paper on the tray so there are four different colored areas and then put the items back on the tray with approximately the same number of items in each different colored area.

Split your family into four different groups, and assign each group or person a different color. As a group they are to try and remember the different items. Show the tray for 30 seconds and then have each group write down their items. Compare the number of items remembered from the first time to the number remembered the second time. (When split into groups, your family should be able to remember all the items on the tray.)

**Discussion Questions:**

- How many items did each of you remember separately?
- How many items did you remember when you were in your groups?
- When you worked separately, could you accomplish as much as when you worked together?
- When everyone concentrated on their own area, did you remember everything?
- Why is it important to do what you have been asked to do in regards to family chores?