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Grade: 5
Subject: Religious Studies
CLASSWORK#3: Rights/Responsibilities
Story: Responsibility-What Does It Mean?
Total Marks: 8

Read the passage, then answer the questions.

When I was young, I had a large, black cat, which my sister and I named Sir Blackie Tomcat. Most of the time you think of dogs, not cats, as being animals, you can depend on (count on). But Sir Blackie, the cat, was as dependable as the best dog. Each day as I returned from school, I would find Sir Blackie waiting patiently for me on the back porch steps. Each morning and evening, he would appear for mealtimes at the very same hour. Blackie must have known that I was dependable, too. He knew he could count on me to feed him at the same time every day.

One day, when the two of us were on the porch, a big angry dog came down our driveway, snarling at Sir Blackie. It was well known that this dog ate cats for dessert. I jumped up, yelling at the dog and waving him away. Sir Blackie never moved from his perch on the porch. He kept purring. He must have known that he could depend on me again. And he was right. I shooed that mean dog away.

I was responsible for Blackie, and he must have known he could always depend on me to care for him and keep him safe. You need to be responsible, too. A responsible person does what he or she promises to do. In that way, it's like being trustworthy. Your mom needs to know that if you tell her, you'll be home at a certain time, you'll be there. If you run into a problem, you'll call her on the phone. When people know that you're responsible, they don't have to worry so much about you. Parents will usually give you more freedom, and teachers will usually give you more privileges. Responsibility helps you learn to be a leader – someone who starts things and keeps them going. It means taking responsibility for yourself, too- learning to think about choices and make good decisions about ways to act and things to do. Being responsible helps make the world a better place.

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1. Blackie was dependable. What does dependable mean? Bubble in the letter next to the correct letter. [1]

(a) someone who takes from you
(b) someone you cannot trust
(c) someone who is responsible
(d) someone unreliable

2. What would Blackie do each morning and each evening? [2]

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3. According to the passage, what does a responsible person do?[2]

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4. What are **TWO** things adults will allow you to do when you are responsible? [2]

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5. How can responsibility help your world? [1]

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