

“Responsibility Poem”
The Tale of Tim and Tom
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There were two brothers, identical twins, identical smiles,
they had charming grins.
One was Tim and one was Tom,
they were both loved by dad and mom.
Mom and dad said every day,
to “be responsible,” yes they would say.
Responsible means you will be true,
and always admit the things you do.
But more than that, you’ll take good care,
of all your things and you’ll be fair.
Now Tom threw his things right on the floor,
it piled up so high you couldn’t open the door!
But Tim put his books upon the shelf,
his room was clean and he did it himself!
Tom blamed the mess on his friend, James,
he refused to admit that he was to blame.
Tim didn’t have to tell a lie,
he told the truth and looked you in the eye.
Now both the boys were good in math,
they both were on a winning path.
A very big test would be given soon,
so after school the boys went to their rooms.
Each one knew what they had to do,
one studied hard, can you guess who?
One fooled around and played with toys,
you see they are very different types of boys.
The next day came, it’s time for the test,
who would fail, who would do their best?
If you guessed that Tom would do his best,
you guessed wrong, he flunked the test.
Responsible Tim did very well,
he had prepared and you could tell.
His reward was not just a good grade,
but the satisfaction his work had made.

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That night for dessert Tim got a treat,
he had his favorite cookies to eat.
Tom was mad, where was his prize?
Then all of a sudden he realized,
Tim worked hard, he earned his grade,
his responsible behavior paved the way.
Tom told Tim next time he would earn,
a special treat and that he would learn.
But Tim said something so very true,
“Tom I have some advise for you.
Listen Tom, cookies are a treat,
they taste so yummy, they’re good to eat.
You eat them up, they’re gone so fast,
but there’s another treat that really lasts.
It’s the feeling inside that won’t go away,
it’s something to remember every day.
When you know that you were responsible to,
do the things you’re supposed to do,
You can feel proud it’s very nice,
so do the right thing, take my advice.
Be responsible, start today,
and your life will be blessed in every way.”