

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVOTION ~ DON'T BLAME ME!

KEY VERSE:

"Don't point your finger at someone else and try to pass the blame!" (Hosea 4:4)

ILLUSTRATION:

Toby was extremely unruly, disrespectful and hard to control. He was always breaking things in his mom's apartment, getting into fights at school and physically abusing his mother. Although he was young, he was more than his petite mom could handle.

On several occasions social workers had to intervene in the situation with Toby and his mother. They warned Toby of his impending doom of being removed from his home by the state and placed into a setting where his behavior could be controlled. Yet Toby refused to listen. He continued acting out.

Finally, the state was forced to act. Toby cried as his things were packed up and his social services caseworker removed him from his home. Toby blamed his mother for this new and unfair punishment.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Was there any truth in Toby's claim that his mom was at least partially to be blamed for this situation? Why or why not?
2. Do you know anyone who has acted like Toby? What happened in his or her situation?
3. Have you ever been stubborn or unruly and had to pay the price for your actions? What was the result?
4. What are a few valid gripes that society has about today's youth?
5. What are some things that society often blames teenagers for that are not necessarily true?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 3:9-13

Exodus 32:21-24

Matthew 25:29

Ephesians 5:15

Hebrews 4:13

James 4:17