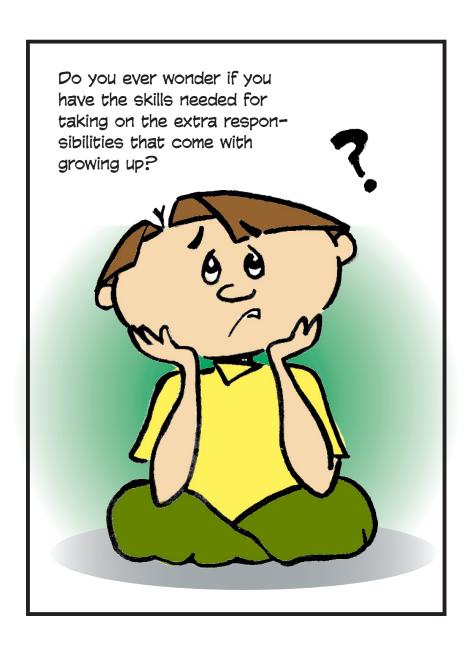
YOU'LL BE READY



Maybe you remember when you were small and played with DUPLO blocks. You could hardly talk, yet you loved playing with DUPLO blocks, building towers and simple constructions. Then one day you saw others playing with LEGO, building fun things like a big ship, or a knight's castle, or even an off-road car. It looked like so much fun, and you wanted to play with LEGO yourself.

Maybe your older brother let you try, but you couldn't build things with the small LEGO pieces because you weren't as coordinated as your older brother. Also, you didn't yet read well enough to follow the instructions.



You dreamed of the day when you would be big enough to play with LEGO like the older children. But as you got older, you remembered how difficult working with LEGO pieces was for you when you were a little kid, and you started to wonder if you would now be able to work with all those small pieces. Would you be able to follow the instructions correctly? Would you be creative enough to make fun things out of LEGO?

Then your birthday came around and you received a nice LEGO set just the one that you wanted. But instead of putting together the LEGO model, you kept the box of pieces in the closet, because you were afraid you wouldn't be able to assemble it correctly. Your friends were building cool things and invited you to play with them, but you didn't want to because you were afraid that you might not be able to build outstanding structures with LEGO like they could. (It sounds ridiculous, doesn't it?)





The truth is that you did have what it takes; you just had to try. You needed to follow the instructions step by step to make the cool models. By reading the manual and following the pictures shown, you were able to get it right and you had an incredibly fun time doing so as well. Even when you made some mistakes along the way, you were able to backtrack, disassemble that part of the model, and try again. You could do it!

It's the same with growing up. If you follow the instruction of your teachers in your academic studies, and the wisdom and counsel found in God's Word and from your parents for the growth of your character, you will be able to handle the various responsibilities that await you in the future.



