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Respect Recognizing that all people are created in God’s image and that everyone is deserving of dignity. Treating others the way you would like to be treated. Showing reverence toward others.

Responsibility Doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Doing the right thing when everyone else is watching. Owning up to one’s behavior without blaming/making excuses.

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