We all make mistakes. Sometimes it’s easier to blame someone or something else instead of taking ownership. Read the following situations. Draw an arrow to the left <----- if the person takes ownership and draw an arrow to the right ----> if they blame someone else. Discuss how taking ownership helps us to learn and grow.

TJ forgets to complete his homework. He tells his teacher that his dog needed to be walked so he didn't have time.

TJ forgets to complete his homework. He tells his teacher he forgot the assignment was due today. He agrees to complete it that night and does what he promises to do.

AJ falls off her bike. She tells her mom that her shoelaces are too long and they got caught in the chain.

AJ falls off her bike. She realizes she was riding too fast down the hill.

JT broke a cereal bowl when she put it in the sink. She tells her sister that it cracked against another bowl in the sink.

JT broke a cereal bowl when she put it in the sink. She tells her sister that she wasn't careful and dropped it in the sink instead of setting it in the sink.

RJ loses his math book. He blames his sibling because they are always in his room.

RJ loses his math book. He admits he doesn't remember where he put it and will need to retrace his steps.