

Say What You Need to Say Use Words Wisely

Today's Bible Story: Say What You Need to Say (Use Words Wisely) • *Ephesians 4:29*

Today's Bottom Line: Use your words wisely.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large.* Luke 16:10a (NirV)

Monthly Life App: Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

Basic Truth: I need to make the wise choice.

1. Compliment Who

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

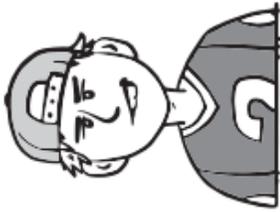
What You Need: “Compliment Who” Activity Pages (print page 2 on cardstock)

What You Do:

- Print & cut out the “Compliment Who” cards
- Place face down. One at a time, parents and kids take turns drawing a card without looking at it, stick it on their head, and their teammates give them clues about who the person on the card is.
- Instruct the kids to use words of encouragement and compliments of the person instead of normal descriptions.
- For example, for a sanitation worker they can say, “You do an incredible job of getting rid of smelly stuff. You are also a fabulous driver with that big ol’ truck!”
- Once the person on the card is guessed, the kid can put their card to the side. Then, the next kid draws a card.
- Repeat at least until each kid has a chance to draw a card and guess who’s on their head.
- Once kids finish their game, encourage them to think of other people in their life they can build up and encourage with their words.

What You Say:

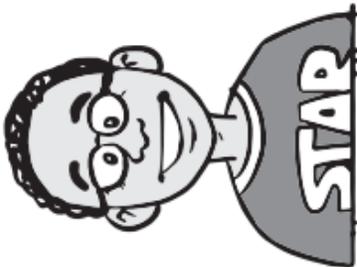
“We can forget how easy it is to see the good in people and use our words to inspire others. It can even be fun! **[Make it Personal] (Tell about a time someone used their words wisely toward you and showed you Jesus’ love.)** Here’s the thing, God put us on Earth to point everyone to Him. When you **[Bottom Line] use your words wisely**, everyone around us has a better chance of feeling His love and knowing Him! When we leave today, we can remember the awesome responsibility and role we have to show everyone the love of Jesus through our powerful words.”



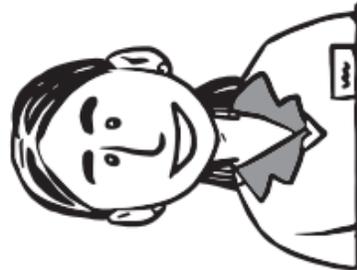
**Little
Brother**



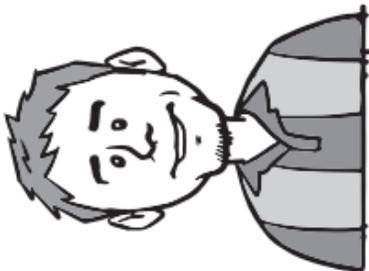
Doctor



Friend



**Grocery Store
Clerk**



**Small Group
Leader**



Grandparent

What to Do:
Print one for every three to four kids.

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2. Tough Words

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: “Tough Words” Activity Page (print page 4), sand paper squares, crayons, and cotton balls

What You Do:

- Provide each kid with a “Tough Words” Activity Page and a crayon.
- Instruct kids to fill in the missing memory verse words.
- Give each kid a sandpaper square and a cotton ball.
- Instruct the kids to rub their sandpaper across one of the words of their paper and observe how it hurts the appearance of the word.
- Instruct them to rub their cotton ball across a different word and discuss how it does not affect the word.

What You Say:

“Raise your hand if you’ve ever had someone say something to you that didn’t feel so good? (*Allow just enough time for kids to raise their hands.*) Me too. Our words can either be tough like sandpaper or gentle like this cotton ball. Here’s the awesome news, God has entrusted you to **[Bottom Line] use your words wisely**, so you can inspire and love everyone around you. The more we choose to use our words in a gentle way that pleases Him, the more room we give God to provide us with more opportunities to reach more people. What an awesome motivation to think before we speak!”

Prayer

Parent: “Dear Jesus, thank You for the forgiveness You give us in the times we allow our words to be tough like sandpaper. Please help us use our words as an encouragement to everyone we talk with! Even when we meet times of challenge, frustration, or hurt, help us remember that we can make a choice not hurt others with our words. May every person we come in contact with see a glimpse of You through the way we speak. Thank You for the example You give in the Bible to help change the world when you **[Bottom Line] use your words wisely**. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Suppose you can be
_____ with something
very _____. Then you
can also be _____
with something very
_____.”
Luke _____:10a, NlrV

WHAT TO DO:
Print one for each kid.

“Tough Words, NlrV” Activity Page
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