### PARENT CORNER

weekly **TODAY: JULY 20** 

Bible Story: Wisdom with Words *Proverbs* 18:21,10:19,15:1,12:18

Big Idea: God is wise.

Focus: God is wise and gives us wisdom in how we speak.

Memory Verse: The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding

comes from His mouth." (Proverbs 2:6 NIrV)

#### **Bible Story Summary:**

Read and meditate on Proverbs 18:21, 10:19, 15:1, 12:18, James 1:19, Ephesians 4:29, Psalm 19:14, Proverbs 21:23.

Our words are powerful. They can hurt or harm, bringing life or death to others. God wants us to be wise in how we speak to others. We honor God with kind, gentle, honest and careful words that bring life to those around us. When we speak harshly, argue or gossip we hurt others and ourselves. Proverbs reminds us that often it is better for us to not speak. Our words show what is in our hearts. They should honor God.

He Question: Does God care how I speak to others?

God wants me to honor Him and others with my words. Our words can be used to bring Him glory rather than hurt others.

We Question: Why do our words matter?

Our words are powerful. Our words can hurt others and ruin our own lives. God calls us to be wise in how we speak.

Me Question: What does God want me to know about Him, and what

does this mean for my life?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about

God and respond accordingly.



The words that we say really matter! God gives us wisdom to help us encourage others with our words. Pass out a piece of paper to each person. Help each person write a message that is encouraging on the paper. Then, have each person put their piece of paper in a place in the house that people use a lot. Allow the messages to be encouraging to your family throughout the week.





## DAY (1)

READ "The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding comes from His mouth." Proverbs 2:6 (NIrV)

Proverbs 2:6 is our memory verse for this month. Practice the memory verse by saying the verse using each of the following voices.

Villain scientist

Superhero

Farm animals

Disney® princesses

A western cowboy

Which of the voices was your favorite way to say the memory verse?

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that God is wise.

### DAY 2

**READ** "The words of thoughtless people cut like swords. But the tongue of wise people brings healing." Proverbs 12:18 (NIrV)

You have probably heard of the saying, "Sticks and stones may break your bones, but words can never hurt you." Do you think that saying is true?

Find a piece of paper and some scissors. Fold the piece of paper as many times as you can. Then find a corner where there are a lot of folds and cut a small part of the paper off in that corner. After you cut that small corner, open your paper and unfold it.

You cut one little piece of paper but look at how many holes it made!

The words we say are just like the piece of paper. Sometimes we think that the words we're saying are small or won't be that bad. We can't immediately see the damage our words do. But, our words can cause a lot more damage than we realize. The words we use are powerful and they do matter!

**KNOW** that the God is wise and gives you wisdom in how you speak.

# DAY 3

**READ** "Those who are careful about what they say keep themselves out of trouble."

Proverbs 21:23 (NirV)

Do you remember the toothpaste activity you did with your small group this week? It didn't take very long to squeeze all of the toothpaste out of the tube. But once the toothpaste was out of the tube, it couldn't really go back inside the tube again.

The same thing is true with your words. Once you say something, you can't make the words go back inside your mouth. This is why you need to be wise with your words. Your words can hurt others, and you can ruin friendships, if you aren't wise in how you speak.

There are two mean or hurtful comments below. Next to each mean or hurtful comment, write something nice or encouraging that you could say instead that would be loving and encouraging to someone else.

Your hair looks funny.

I am better at soccer than you.

BE THANKFUL gives you wisdom in how you speak.

### **HEY PARENTS** SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

## DAY 4

**READ** "A gentle answer turns anger away. But mean words stir up anger." Proverbs 15:1 (NIrV)

This week we learned that the words we say can really hurt someone else. Throughout the Bible, God tells us that He wants us to honor Him and others with our words. Our words can be used to bring Him glory rather than hurt others!

Take a moment to pray to God. Pray that He helps give you wisdom when speaking with others. Also pray that you can honor Him by using encouraging words this week.

"Dear God, Thank You for sharing Your wisdom with me. Help me to seek You and make wise choices with my words this week. I want to use my words to bring You honor and glory. In your name I pray, Amen."

### parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

### at a GLANCE



#### **Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping**

July 27 Kindergarten
August 3 4th Grade
August 9-10 3rd Grade
August 16-17 2nd Grade
August 23-24 1st Grade



Bring a friend .......... 1 Buck
Bring your Bible ...... 1 Buck
Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks

UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks



**PRAY** and thank God for giving you wisdom in how you speak.

Child's Name: