### EPISODE #94 - PROVERBS 25:17

# RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S SPACE

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### **OVERVIEW**

It's the last weekend before school, and Red wants to be left alone to watch his favorite movie series. Bart, however, wants to hang out with Red, and doesn't seem to realize that he is getting on Red's nerves. When Red finally kicks him out, Bart learns the lesson of Proverbs 25:17— respect other people's space.

### **PROUERBS 25:17**

Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.

### **WHAT DID WE LEARN?**

- Sometimes we don't realize how much we're getting on someone's nerves—especially when we just want to be included. But the Bible gives us wisdom to help us love people well, not just by being around them, but also by knowing when to give them space.
- Proverbs 25:17 reminds us that if we're always at someone's house, we might wear out our welcome. That doesn't mean we're not loved—it just means people need rest and quiet sometimes.
- Even when friends or family get tired or need a break, Jesus never does. He never gets annoyed by us or tells us to go away. In fact, He invites us to come to Him—any time, all the time. He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest."
- Be thoughtful with people, but also remember that Jesus is the friend who always welcomes you.

# LET'S PRAY

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of friendship and the wisdom to know how to care for others well.

Help us to respect others' space and to be good listeners when someone needs time alone.

But most of all, thank You for Jesus—our forever friend who never turns us away and always has time for us.

Teach us to be more like Him, patient and kind.

In Jesus' Name we pray.

Amen!

## **DISCUSSION QUESTION**

Have you ever had someone wear out their welcome?

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