

CLEARVIEW CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT

KIDSVIEW

JANUARY 31ST, 2020 | WEEK 5

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

Ephesians 4:29

Today's Key Question: Why do your words matter?

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.

STARTER ACTIVITY

Once Upon a Time

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Lead kids to sit in a circle.
- Begin a story with the line: Once upon a time there was (name something interesting to your group such as a small snowman, a happy horse, or a little dinosaur).
- Going around the circle, lead kids to take turns adding a line to the story. If kids get stuck, ask guiding questions to spark ideas. You might ask: What did they do? Where did they go? How did they feel?

What You Say:

“You used words to make a great story! Let’s learn how GOD wants us to use our words. Let’s go learn more.”

BIBLE STORY

Before Video: I can’t believe it’s the last week of January. This month has flown by!

“This month we’re talking about responsibility.

“Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

“With God’s help, we can live in a responsible way, every day! When we show that we can be trusted with our responsibilities, we can show others what God is like. And not

only that—if we show people that we can be trusted, then they’ll want to trust us with more and more! I’ve got one more important Rule for Life to share with you today. It comes from the book of Ephesians in the Bible—which was originally a letter written by the apostle Paul. Paul’s letters make up many of the books in the New Testament. Paul traveled from city to city, teaching people about Jesus. He then wrote letters to the different churches to encourage them to keep living God’s way. Let’s go watch our Bible Story video to learn more.

PLAY VIDEO

“Our words are powerful. We remember the things people say to us. So let’s make sure that we use words that build people up, not tear people down. And if we mess up and say something we wish we hadn’t, let’s be brave enough to use words that make things better—words like: I’m sorry; I was wrong; please forgive me.

“Remember what Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians. *“Don’t let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs. Then what you say will help those who listen.”* “We have a responsibility to choose words that will build others up. Let’s use our words to show love, so we can build people up and fix broken relationships.

“Remember . . .

**Bottom Line [Bottom Line] “Use your words wisely.
Today’s Key Question: Why do your words matter?”**

“Every day, let’s make the choice to speak words of truth, hope, and healing. Let’s pray now and ask God to help us.”

Prayer: “God, thank You for loving us and always being there to help us. Please give us the wisdom to choose our words carefully. We want the things we say to build others up and encourage them. But when we mess up, please give us the courage to say we’re sorry and ask for forgiveness. Help us use our words wisely. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

Make the Most of It

What You Need: “Speech Bubble” Activity page & pencils

- Invite kids to tell some kind and helpful things that they can say.
- Give each kid a “Speech Bubble” and a pencil.
- Guide kids to choose one kind thing they can say this week and write it on the card.

- NOTE: It's okay for kids to use "inventive" spelling. The fact that your emergent spellers are engaging in critical thinking and taking risks as they explore sound and letter relationships is a valuable part of their literacy journey and helps facilitate future reading success.
- Encourage kids to put their "Speech Bubble" cards where they'll see them often and be reminded to use their words wisely.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids in prayer.

What You Say:

"Paul wanted to remind the Ephesians what God had done for them, and how it should change the way they treated each other—especially when it came to their words! Our words have a lot of power, and we have the responsibility to choose words that build up and help the people around us. So let's ask God to help us use our words wisely. Let's pray. "Dear God, thank You so much that all of Your words are trustworthy and true. Help us show others what You're like by saying words that build up and help the people around us. Help us say words like (restate what kids wrote on their speech bubbles). And when we make mistakes with our words, please help us be quick to say, 'I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?' Thank You for loving us so much, God. We love You, too. Amen."

FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION

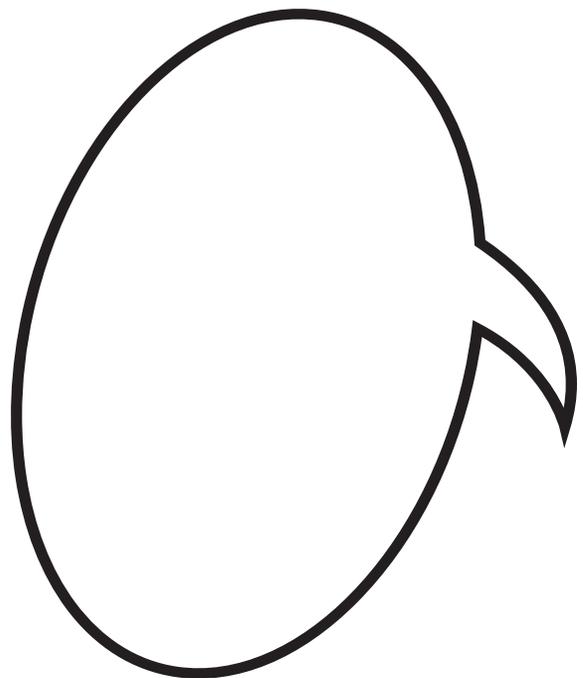
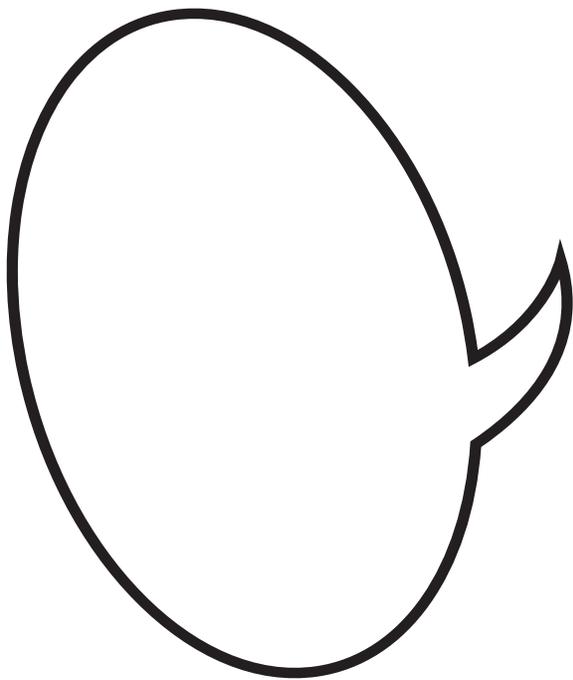
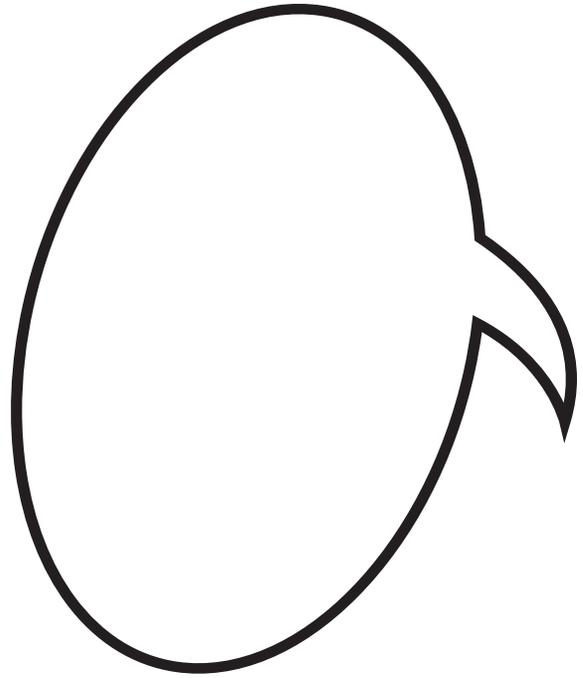
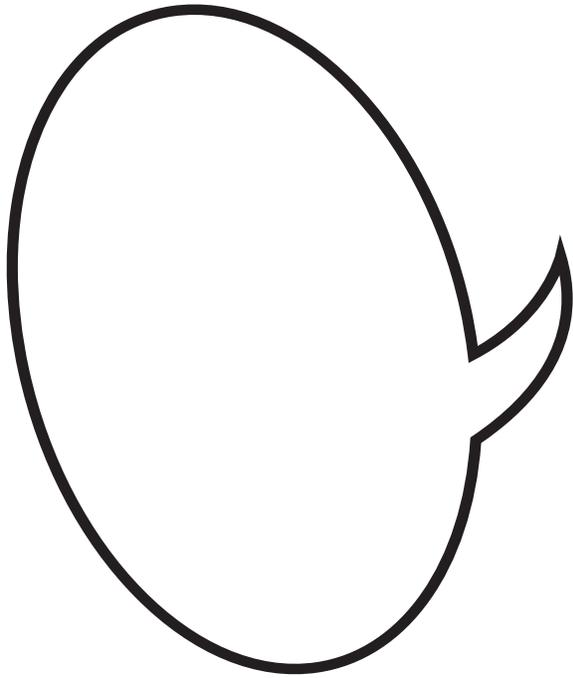
Discussion Questions

These discussion questions are typically for the 3rd-5th grade range. If you'd like you may ask the younger age group but be aware this may be a little advanced for them to have an answer.

- Why do words matter so much?
- Think about times at home, school, or other places when it's hardest for you to watch your words. What sets you off? What can you do to respond the right way?
- If you're going to show God's love to those around you, how do you need to speak differently to those around you (family, friends, teammates, teachers, coaches, etc.)?
- There's an old saying that goes like this: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why?

If your child would like to do an additional activity to make extra points for their team, they can draw a picture of the monthly memory verse using their best creativity. If they bring it to church or a parents sends Ms. Ally a picture then they will receive points for the Yellow Team!! Their memory verse is on the front page of this guide or you can check out our social media page.

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What to Do:

Print on cardstock and cut apart. Provide one card for each kid.