

Christ Community Church
2nd-5th Grade Sunday School Notes
24 January 2021

Call to Worship: Psalm 15

Assurance of Pardon: James 3:1-12

Title: Wise Speaking

Text: Proverbs 10:19, 15:4, 25:11

These notes are drawn from the sermon notes and outline. They are designed to help you prepare 2nd-5th graders for listening to the sermon.

The Key Truth and Overview are provided as preparatory materials to help you as parents grasp the meaning of the text and the sermon to follow.

*Each lesson includes three main steps: Activity, Teaching, and Discussion.
At the end of these materials is a prayer prompt and some additional points of application.
Usually these will have to do with Scripture memorization.*

*Please feel free to contact Matt if you have any questions or feedback about these materials
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May the Lord bless and guide your efforts to disciple the next generation!

Overview:

Proverbs 10:19, 15:4, 25:11 teach us about the power of our words. In our sin, our words can be destructive and deeply hurtful. But in Christ, our words can be life-giving and edifying. God's wisdom teaches us to choose our words carefully and to use them to build up others.

Key Truth: God's wisdom helps us to carefully chose our words and rightly apply them for His glory and the listener's nourishment and healing.

Activity: Proverbs Memory Verse Matching Game

We will continue to play the memory verse matching game each week during the remainder of our Proverbs series. The Proverbs are great verses to help our children memorize because they were written to be memorable.

Supplies: 20 notecards and a pencil, or the flash cards from last week (if you still have them!)

Step 1: Make flash cards for this week's memory verse: **Proverbs 25:11**. Write the *reference* on one card and write the *verse itself* on another card. Every card should have one side that is *blank*.

Step 2: Use the flash cards from last time or make flash cards for the memory verses from this sermon series (**Proverbs 1:7; 1:23; 2:6; 3:5; 4:23; 8:10-11; 9:9; 16:18; 15:31**). Including this week's cards, you should have **20** cards in total.

Step 3: Shuffle the cards and lay them out in a grid with the *blank* side up.

Step 4: Have your children take turns flipping over two cards and trying to match a *reference* card with a *verse* card.

Step 5: After playing the matching game, use the *reference* cards to see how many of the memory verses your children can say by heart.

Step 6: *Save your flash cards for next week!*

Teaching

Read **Proverbs 10:19, 15:4, 25:11**. Discuss any questions your children have about the text.

- **Help your children understand why God calls us to choose our words carefully.** Sometimes we hear the saying, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me!” Whoever came up with that saying was probably trying to deal with pain that words had caused them. We have all been hurt by someone else’s words before! This is why **Proverbs 10:19** teaches us to choose our words carefully. We should think before we speak. Will my words build someone up or tear them down? We cannot take back our words once we say them. God’s wisdom teaches to take the time to patiently think about our words.
- **Help your children understand the purpose of our words.** God calls us to use our words to build other people up (**Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:5-6**). This is why **Proverbs 15:4** says a gentle/healing tongue is a tree of life. Our words have the power to comfort someone who is sad. Our words have the power to make friends and strengthen relationships. Our words can make life sweeter! That is why Solomon describes a fitly spoken word as “apples of gold in a setting of silver” (**Proverbs 25:11**). The point is that our words can be beautiful and lovely when we use them thoughtfully to build up others.

Discussion

- Have you ever hurt someone with your words? What can you do to choose your words more carefully?
- What is the kindest thing anyone has ever said to you? Who can you encourage with your words this week?

Prayer: Thank God for giving us the gift of speaking. Ask the Holy Spirit to grow you as someone who uses your words to build up others this week.

Application: As an additional avenue for application, ask your children about their use of words each night at the dinner table this week. How did they use their words to build up others? Were there any words they should have thought about more before saying them?