



5KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Responsibility — showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

Main Idea

We finish the month with something Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:29 (NIRV). Paul wrote, "Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs." Our words have power to help or hurt others. When it comes to our rules for life, what we say and how we speak matter. Words are important, but even adults tend to use them without thinking. We hope that as kids hear more about what Paul wrote in Ephesians, they'll understand that how they use their words can show God's love to others.

Memory Verse

"Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large" (Luke 16:10 NIRV).

Bottom Line

Use your words wisely.

Monthly Profession

I will follow the Good Shepherd, and I know His voice. The voice of a stranger I will not follow.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Who wrote the letter that we read part of today?
 - Paul
- What church did he write this letter to?
 - The church in Ephesus
- Where was Paul when he wrote this letter?
 - In prison
- What was the point of the Bible truth that we heard today?
 - We should use our words wisely.
- Who gives us the perfect example of using words for hope, truth, and love?
 - Jesus

- Why do you think encouraging words do so much for people?
- Why do you think hurtful words do so much to people?
- When is it hardest for you to use your words wisely?
- How does using your words wisely show responsibility?
- What are some ways you can use your words wisely this week?

Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

Supplies Needed

- "Speech Bubble" activity page
- Writing utensil

Activity

- Invite your children to share some kind and helpful things that they could say.
- Give them a "Speech Bubble" page and a pencil.
- Guide them to choose one kind thing they could say this week and then write it on the card.
- Encourage your children to put their "Speech Bubble" cards where they'll see them often and be reminded to use their words wisely.
- Remind them that 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!
- Share with them our words have a lot of power, and we have the responsibility to choose words that build up and help the people around us.

Prayer

Spend a few moments in prayer with your children. Ask God to help all of you use your words wisely.

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.