

# PROVERBS

## Homelink

July 9, 2017

### Memory Verse:

*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*

- Proverbs 1:7

### One Big Thing:

Jesus helps us use our words to build others up.

### Review:

This week, we continued our series in Proverbs by talking about how powerful our words are. God can use our words to build other people up, but our words can also tear people down (Proverbs 12:18, Ephesians 4:29). We used an illustration with building blocks where kids took turns adding blocks to a tower with examples of encouraging words and removing blocks with examples of discouraging words. We concluded by observing that in order to consistently build others up with our words, we need Jesus' help.

## Good Questions to Ask:

1. **Q:** What are examples of words that we can use to build others up?

**A:** God loves you. Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_. God has made you good at \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Q:** What are examples of words that tear others down?

**A:** You're never going to be good at \_\_\_\_\_. I don't like you. Or in a complaining way, I don't want to go to bed now, play with you now, finish my food.

3. **Q:** How does Jesus help us use our words to build others up?

**A:** He shows us in the Bible how important our words are and how we can use words in a way that helps others. Jesus lives inside of us, giving us the strength we need when we ask Him.

## Pray together as a family:

*“Father, Help us to only speak words that build other people up and not tear them down. Help us to believe how much you love us and others. We know that we need You to help us with this.”*

