

# PROVERBS

## Homelink

July 16, 2017

### Series 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 carefully.

### Review:

For the past two weeks in Kidtown, we have been learning about how powerful our words can be. Our words can be used to help people or to hurt people. That’s why wise people know that it’s important to use words carefully. Proverbs 13:3 says, “Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens his mouth wide comes to ruin.” Before we say something out loud, we should ask ourselves whether or not what we want to say is true, helpful, or kind. If it’s not true, not helpful, or not kind, we should keep our mouths closed. We played a fun group game using a closed mouth and an open mouth to get some practice. Sometimes it’s really hard to keep our mouths closed and our thoughts to ourselves. That’s when we can pray and ask Jesus to help us. Jesus always used His words to help people and He is able to help us when we want to use our words in a hurtful way.

## Good Questions to Ask:

1. **Q:** Why are our words are so powerful?

**A:** God tells us that our words are powerful because they can be used to help others or to hurt others. Words even have the power to help or hurt the person who speaks them.

2. **Q:** Who is the only person that has the power to use your words carefully?

**A:** That's right, you! You can decide when to speak and when to be quiet.

3. **Q:** When you want to say something hurtful, who can you always talk to and ask for help?

**A:** You can talk to Jesus and tell Him about how you feel. You can ask Him to help you.

## Pray together as a family:

*“Father, Help us to only speak words that are true, kind, and helpful. Remind us that we can talk to You and tell You exactly how we feel. Thank you for your love and kindness to us.”*

