



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

HOW TO USE YOUR WORDS

PROPS NEEDED: A bucket of Legos.

LESSON:

- Pass out one Lego for each child to hold.
- We can use Legos to build things like Bionicles, ships, castles and walls to make houses.
- If I take these Lego bricks I can put them together to build a wall (start connecting the Legos to form a wall). If I make four walls and connect them I can make a house.

POINT TO MAKE:

- These Lego pieces that you are holding are just like words.
- Words can either “build someone up” or “break someone down”.
- The Bible tells us to talk to others with love and use words that build them up.
- Don’t “break down” the walls in others hearts by using mean words. We can use Legos to build walls, houses, castles and ships. Let’s use our words to build walls of love, hope, and joy in others!

PUT INTO PRACTICE:

- Let’s practice building up a wall with words right now.
- Have each child take a turn giving an example of a way to use words to build others up.
- (For example: you look nice today, I’m glad you are my friend, Jesus loves you).
- As they share their example have them add their brick to the wall you already were building with the Legos.
- Look at this wall we built! When we use kind words we are building walls of love inside others.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Why does the Bible tell us to use words that “build” others up?
2. How did you feel when someone said mean words to you?
3. How did you feel when someone said kind words to you?



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Super Church 2.0 Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

AGAPE WORDS ARE POWERFUL

MEMORY VERSE:

Ephesians 4:29, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up.” **(NIV)**

BOTTOM LINE

Speak words that build people up.



1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER Questions:

Question #95:

- Tell everyone something “good” about a family member.

Question #568:

- What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

ICE BREAKER Game:

Words Of Cheer

PROPS NEEDED:

A container of Cheerios

- Pass around Cheerios allowing each child to take a handful of cereal (don’t warn them how many to take or not take) and continue to pass around until everyone has some.
- Starting with the first child have them share something that makes them “cheer” – they have to share one thing for every Cheerio they have in their hand.
- Remind them that because God is so good we always have good things in our lives that we can “cheer” about.

2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: This story is **not** in the Day By Day Bible
3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Numbers 12:1-16

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

BIBLE STORY:

Miriam’s Big Mistake

BIBLE CONNECTION:

Moses was the leader of the Israelites. Two of his top leaders were his brother and sister, Aaron and Miriam. Miriam began to complain about Moses and gossiped about him to other leaders. God was very serious about not complaining and Miriam got leprosy, a terrible, painful disease, for what she had done. Leprosy is contagious so Miriam had to go live in a tent alone. Even though she spoke against him, Moses went to God and asked Him to have mercy on her.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Moses leading? (the Israelites)
2. What did Miriam do wrong? (she gossiped and complained about Moses to others)
3. What happened to Miriam because of what she had done? (she got leprosy)
4. What did Moses do for Miriam? (he asked God to have mercy on her)

POINT TO MAKE: *First, God does not want people to talk negatively about others. Second, we can go to Him and talk to Him about having mercy on others. In both cases “words” were important – our words are important to God.*