I Will Use Good Words!

From Dojo Jr. Lesson 2

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - GOOD SPEECH

Strong leaders understand the power of using positive words.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that they should use good words.

LEADERSHIP STORY

David & Abigail. *(1 Samuel 25)*

MEMORY VERSE

Help your children memorize this verse.

"...an encouraging word cheers a person up." Proverbs 12:25b (NLT)

First:

Read the Leadership Story to your children. The Leadership Story for this lesson is about David's and Abigail's good words and is found in 1 Samuel 25:2-11, 23-24.

Next:

Let your children watch The Leadership Video, *I Will Use Good Words.*

Then:

Ask your children the Child Leadership Questions, and lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

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Child Leadership Questions:

1. What good words did David say to Nabal when David and his men were passing through Nabal's land?
   (He hoped his family was well.)

2. Did Nabal say good words back to David?
   (No.)

3. David got very angry when Nabal said mean words back to him, but there was someone who did say good words to David. Who was it?
   (Abigail.)

4. Imagine that your friend is sad, what nice things could you say to your friend?
   (You are my friend. I like you.)

5. Imagine that someone gives you a gift. What nice words could you say?
   (Thank you.)

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: GOOD WORDS BALL PASS

Grab a soft ball and gather your family together in a circle. Explain that the family is going to practice using good words. You'll roll the ball to someone and say something good to them. Keep the ball and the good words rolling to continue the game. You can compliment a person's outfit or hair or you can tell the person something you have seen him or her do that was good.

For variety, you can change the theme of the good words each time everyone has taken a turn. You might start with physical appearance, then move on to compliments about something each person is good at doing.

As you wrap up the game, ask each person how it felt to hear good words. Talk about how it feels good to hear someone say good things about you. Remind everyone that we should use good words when talking to friends, family, and everyone we meet.

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