



Session 4: Speak Well

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Women speak an average of 20,000 words a day, but how many of the words spoken are intentionally pointing our children to God? In this week's study, we'll learn how important it is to speak well. Think about the limited time Moses' mother, Jochabed, had with her son. Knowing she would return him to the Pharaoh's daughter, do you think she was careful to speak words of life to him at every opportunity? The words we speak to our children are of great influence. They have the power to heal, hurt, encourage, ridicule, inspire, tear down and redeem. We can learn to speak well to our children about God and equip them to live for Him as they grow older.

1. Read the key scripture passages for this study.

Exodus 2:1-10

Hebrews 11:23-27

2. Think about your words in the last month. What did you talk about most? List 5-6 topics you discussed regularly. Note with whom you had the conversations.

3. Read the following scriptures about the words we speak. Write the main thought for each one.

Acts 4:20

Luke 6:45

4. *We talk about what is important to us. Look at your list above. What do your words reflect as being important to you? How many of those conversations were spent talking with your children about the things of God?

5. Read the following scriptures about passing on the Word of God. Write the main thought for each one.

Psalm 145:4

Psalm 78:4

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

6. *What instruction does the Bible give us regarding our responsibility to tell the next generation about Him? What challenges you in those scriptures?

7. *The famous quote by Francis of Assisi said, *“Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words.”* In the video, Kim mentions, *“Although our actions can speak as loudly as our words, there is no substitute for a word aptly spoken, especially when we are speaking God’s truth.”* In your opinion, how important is it for your children to hear you speak about God’s Word? Explain your answer.

8. Read these scriptures about the power of our words. Write the main thought for each one.

Proverbs 25:11

Proverbs 18:21

Proverbs 12:18

9. How do those scriptures encourage you to use your words wisely? How does that affect the legacy you will leave to your children?

10. *Jesus' words ultimately pointed people to His Father. Consider the following situations. How can you use your words to lead your children to the heart of God?

When they are hurting...

When they are sad...

When they've done something wrong...

When they are scared...

Lord, grant me the boldness to speak well of Your greatness to my children. I know the words I speak have great influence with them. I want to be a good steward of the things that come from my mouth, that they may be life-giving and declare Your mighty works to the next generation. Father, control my tongue and let me speak well of Your glory. Amen.

Notes for Thrive Group Discussion:

1. Briefly share your thoughts on the video, [Session 4: Speak Well](#).
2. Talk about how your words affect your child's perception of God.
3. Discuss the questions marked with *. If time allows, share answers to other questions from the study.
4. Consider one thing you can do this week to build your legacy through your words.
5. Pray for the needs in your group.

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