



Wisdom in our Words
Proverbs (May 6)

Series Summary: In every area of our lives we are given advice and wisdom whether it be Biblical or not, but how do we distinguish what advice to listen to? The book of Proverbs tells of Godly wisdom to follow as opposed to what we hear from the world.

Big Idea/Question: We tend to think that our words don't have a big effect on those we come in contact with, however, the words we say have a larger impact than we may realize. How can we better speak with wisdom to positively impact those around us?

Get them talking: We've all heard the phrase "sticks and stones may break your bones...", do you think that phrase is true?

Proverbs 10:19-21 Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues. **20** The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. **21** The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of sense.

Leader Note / Prudence: most kids will have no idea what this means. Definition I would use acting or tinkering with the future in mind. Aka "looking before you leap."

What are the different ways our words can tear people down?

Why is it wise to sometimes hold your tongue as stated in verse 19?

What steps can we take to better ourselves on the words we say?

Just as it is wise to sometimes hold your tongue, can it be just as wise to speak up at times? Why do you think that?

When do you know when to hold your tongue vs when to speak out?

Vs 21- What are the different ways we can build people up and represent Christ with our words? Be practical with this! What do you need to say and who do you need to say?