

# City LG - January 19-20, 2019

**Bible Story:** What Would You Say? (Choose Your Words Carefully) • *Proverbs 12:18*

**Bottom Line:** Choose your words carefully.

**Memory Verse:** “God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.” 2 *Peter 1:3a (NirV)*

**CG: 2-minute Countdown Video**

Large Group Leader/Worship Leader enthusiastically greets children and invites them to stand for Worship.

**WORSHIP: “Turn it Up” and “Live Differently”**

**NOTE: If desired, take some time to demonstrate a few of the dance moves to the children before beginning Worship Time.**

*(Worship Leader Prays)*

**Supplies Needed: Toy Sword (1 per Campus)**

“Hi, everyone! Believe it or not, there’s something you’re carrying around with you right now that’s so sharp and so dangerous that it’s like you’re carrying one of these.

*Hold up the toy sword.*

“That’s right. There’s something you’re carrying right now that could hurt people just like a real sword. Yikes! But it’s true. (*Hold up Bible.*) Check out this verse from Proverbs 12:18.

*Open the Bible to Proverbs 12:18 (NirV) and read.*

**CG: Proverbs 12:18 Slide**

*“The words of thoughtless people cut like swords. But the tongue of wise people brings healing.*

“Okay. So what do we have that cuts like a sword? (*Pause for response.*) Right. Our words. When we’re thoughtless—when we say things without thinking—our words can be like swords. It’s like they cut others. If we’re not careful, our words can really hurt someone!

“This is another verse in Proverbs from King Solomon, who was one of the wisest people who ever lived. King Solomon used a lot of word pictures in his writing. That means that when he was trying to explain something that might be difficult to understand, he would often use words and ideas we already know. He knew that most people would understand that a sword could hurt someone, so by saying that thoughtless words are like a sword, it helps us to understand just how dangerous and powerful our words can be.

“Has anyone ever said something mean to you? Or have you heard people use mean words to each other? How does that feel? Not good, right? Our words can be dangerous. If we don’t have self-control, we might end up saying something we wish we hadn’t. But words aren’t just

dangerous when they're spoken. They can be dangerous when they're written or texted, too.

"When we SAY mean words, they can cut like a sword.

"When we WRITE mean words, they can cut like a sword.

"When people TEXT mean words, or when we post something mean online, our words can cut like a sword.

"Our words are like a sword when we say something mean TO someone or even when we say something mean ABOUT someone. It's easy to see why we need to be careful with our words! That's what our lesson is all about today. Let's take a look!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:45)**

"It's so important to control the words we say. We need to think before we speak. We need to make sure that the words we're about to say will help and not hurt.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

"Remember to **[Bottom Line] choose your words carefully.**

"But even though we might know the right words to say, it might be hard to say them. We need God's help. Let's pray and ask God to help us have self-control with our words.

**Pray:** "God, thank You for giving King Solomon such great wisdom to share with us. Please help us learn to use self-control and **[Bottom Line] choose our words carefully.** Help us to use our words to bring healing to the people around us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

"When we get angry or upset, it can seem almost impossible to be able to control our words. We've got to stop and think first, so we can use healing words instead of hurtful words. Remember, we get to choose the words we say. And we don't have to do it on our own!

"We know that God has promised to be with us and to help us with everything along the way. He can help us make the wise choice with our words. Look at our memory verse: 2 Peter 1:3a.

**CG: Memory Verse Slide**

*"God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life (NirV).*

"It's so good to know that God is always there to help. He has given us everything we need! You'll get to talk some more in Small Group about choosing your words carefully. Before we head there, let's worship God with our offering!"

**Offering Time:**

"Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else's life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called 'Missions of Hope' to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God's love for them."

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

***Homer Glen: Victor***

***New Lenox: Daniel***

***Orland Park: Michael and Valerie***

***CG: Picture of Child***

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Here’s how far away Nairobi is from Chicago!”

***CG: Distance between Chicago and Nairobi JPEG***

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while this video plays! (*show offering container*).”

***CG: Dear God Offering Video (Runtime: 1:05)***

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*