

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS

Objectives to be Understood: For children to know: that their Words contain the power of death and life in them.

Materials: Follow up Activity from Lesson 2 entitled “Tell Me Something Good.”

Parent/Teacher Script:

Did you know your words have power?

Your words can cause people to do something or not do something. Your words can cause people to think something or not think something.

Let's play Red Light, Green Light.

The rules are:

- Choose someone as caller – to call out red light, green light or yellow light.
- All players [except caller] line up next to each other [such as next to a wall].
- The goal is to get to the “goal spot” [a place you pick, such as a wall on opposite side of room, or a certain tree, fence, etc.]
- When the caller says red light--all players freeze and stop. When the caller says yellow light—all players freeze and stop. But when the caller says green light—you can walk fast toward the goal spot, but you must stop when the caller says red or yellow light. The first one to get to the “goal spot” wins.

(Play Game)

(After the Game, say Parent/Teacher Script)

Parent/Teacher Script:

Every time you heard words spoken that told you what to do, you mostly did it. When you heard, Red Light, you stopped. When you heard, yellow light, you stopped. But when you heard Green Light, you walked fast or you ran.

Your words tell people what you want them to do and what you don't want them to do. God said that the power of death and life are in your tongue. What do you think that means? *(Listen to Responses)*

Parent/Teacher Script:

When you say words that are mean and not kind, those words can go into a person's heart and make them think bad things about themselves or others.

The devil loves it when anyone says bad things about someone because he can take the power in those mean words and add a lie to it to try to get the person to believe the lie.

When someone believes a lie that someone said about them or that the devil has whispered to their mind, it causes bad and ugly things to grow in their heart. When those bad things get in your heart, you make bad choices which can cause death.

God has said good things about His children! When you say God's good words, those words go into the heart and cause life to grow.

Would you rather hear someone say good things or bad things about you? *(Listen to Responses)*

We want to hear the good about ourselves. Do you understand? *(Listen to Responses)*

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. You can hurt people with the bad things you say. Or you can help people heal and get better with the good things you say.

Let's practice saying good things to others.

Play: "Tell Me Something Good" game. (See Lesson 2 Follow Up Activity)

Scriptures:

Proverbs 18:21; Proverbs 12:18; Psalm 39:1; Proverbs 15:4; Proverbs 21:23; James 3:5