

# 10

God's Words Are Good

## "KID'S CARRYING THE KINGDOM"

"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."  
I Corinthians 14:1



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### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Genesis 37:6-7,9	I Samuel 3:4,8,10	I Samuel 9:15	Ezekiel 1:28	Ezekiel 27:14
Nehemiah 2:12	Isaiah 1:18	Ezra 6:17	Numbers 12:6	Jeremiah 1:11,13
Matthew 10:1	Mark 4:30	Luke 4:21	Luke 8:43-49	John 15:15
I Corinthians 2:14-16	I Corinthians 12:8	I Corinthians 14:1,3	I Corinthians 14:31	Acts 2:17 Acts 16:9
Romans 1:2	Romans 15:4	Ephesians 4:5	II Timothy 3:16	Hebrews 5:14
Revelations 9:6				

### Keys

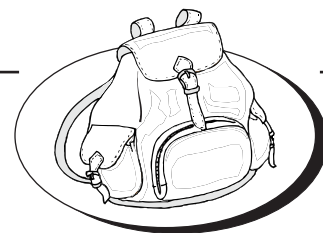


- Hearing and speaking God's heart comes from a close relationship with Him.
- Prophecy builds up the Body of Christ.
- Everyone needs to hear what God sees and thinks about them.
- God's words are good, because He is Good!

### Thoughts to Ponder

### for the teacher

One of the most effective tools for building up the body of Christ is the gift of prophecy. When this gift is received and released within an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father, there is a powerful demonstration of exhortation, edification and comfort (I Corinthians 14:3). For several years our children have operated in this gift as part of their "normal Christian life". It has resulted in creating a Kingdom culture that has drawn children, not only closer to God, but to one another as well. When children continually speak what the Father sees in each other, in an atmosphere of love, a culture of honor and respect is created.



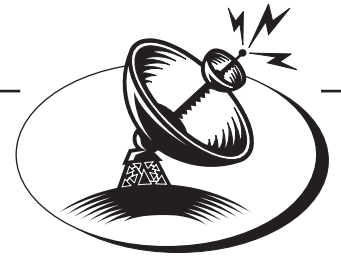
(Have cell phone ready)

One of the most exciting things we get to do on our journey is blessing others by letting them know what God thinks about them. When we hear from Papa God (show cell phone) and tell others what He sees, they are encouraged, comforted, and are drawn closer to the Father. This is called the gift of prophecy.

Prophecy is a great tool that builds people up and brings Heaven down to earth.

(Place cell phone in backpack)





- ITEMS NEEDED:**
- Large heart-shaped sign or inflatable heart labeled, "I LOVE YOU!"
  - Satellite dish or picture of one
  - Telephone
  - A gift bag labeled, "PROPHECY"
  - Bible

**PREPARATION:**  
 Put Bible in gift bag and then place items on table in front of class.

**TEACHING**

**God is talking all the time:**

- Because He loves us.  
 (Have child show large heart)
- God has many gifts for us and prophecy is one of them.  
 (Show present and read I Corinthians 14: 1,3)



**How we hear from God:**

Since God is talking all the time, we need to have our hearts turned toward Him in order to receive what He has to say. It is like this satellite:

(Show satellite dish and point it toward a wall)

If it is not pointed in the right direction, it cannot receive a signal and our TV's would have a blank picture.

(Turn satellite dish away from wall and toward the ceiling)

When we turn it in the right direction it can receive and then transmit a picture we can see. When we turn our hearts toward Father God, we can receive what He is saying and then transmit it to others.

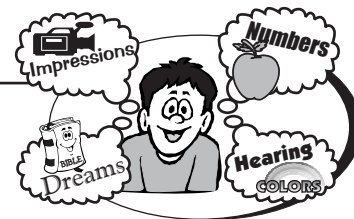
It is also a lot like a phone:

(Show cell phone and have someone nearby with another cell phone ready to call)

God speaks to us first,

(Have other person call your phone, answer the phone, then tell another person what you heard on the phone)

When God speaks through us this is called "prophecy". We become like a "phone" when God wants to make a "call" to someone else.



**ITEMS NEEDED:**

- 8 Signs labeled: "Pictures", "Dreams", "Visions", "Colors", "Bible", "Numbers", "Impressions", and "Hearing"

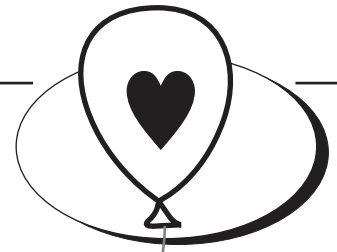
**PREPARATION:**

Have signs face down on table in front of class. You might want to have children volunteer to hold signs as you introduce each language.

**TEACHING**

God is not human and His first language is not English. He speaks to us in His own unique ways. (Have children try and name ways God might talk to us)

- Pictures** is the primary and most common language, these are images in your mind.  
 Jeremiah 1:11, Mark 4:30
- Dreams**: God is talking while we sleep. Gen. 28:12, Matt. 2:13, Jer. 1:11,13  
 (Joseph's dreams Gen. 37:6,7,9)
- Visions**: usually moving images seen in our mind or with our eyes, like a video  
 Num. 12:6, Acts: 16:9, Acts 2:17, Jer. 1:11,13
- Colors**: colors have various meanings in the Bible. Ezekiel 1:28,  
 God used a rainbow as a sign of His promises. Gen. 9:12-17  
 Red represents salvation. Isaiah 1:18
- Bible**: you may think of a scripture verse or reference.  
 Luke 4:21, Romans 1:2, Roman 15:4, II Tim. 3:16
- Numbers**: can have special meanings: 3 can represent the Trinity, 5 often means  
 God's grace extended. Eph. 4:5, Ezra 6:17, Matt: 10:1
- Impressions**: feelings or emotions when you are near or touch someone. Jesus felt  
 healing power come out of Him when the sick woman touched Him.  
 Matt. 5:30, Heb. 5:14, Neh. 2:12
- Hearing**: God speaks words to your mind. Acts 9:3-4  
 You can also hear the actual voice of God. I Sam. 3:4,8,10,11
- Word of Knowledge**: when God gives you information about someone  
 1 Sam. 9:15, I Cor. 12:8



**PREPARATION:**

Place balloon and blanket on table in front of class. Place rope on throne and have "Jesus" figure ready to enter room.

- ITEMS NEEDED:**
- Large deflated balloon with a heart drawn on it
  - Rope (10-12 feet long)
  - Signs labeled "EDIFICATION", "COMFORT" and "EXHORTATION"
  - Soft blanket
  - Costumed Jesus figure
  - Five child volunteers
  - Throne set-up

**TEACHING**

(Read I Corinthians 14:3)

**EDIFICATION** means, "to build up one another".

(Show sign and have everyone repeat the word)

Words are powerful. They can build up or encourage someone.

(Gradually blow up balloon as you give examples of encouraging words)

Words can also hurt others,

( Then deflate balloon as you speak words that are hurtful)

God's words only edify others.

(Inflate balloon again as class gives examples of encouraging words)

**EXHORTATION** means, "to draw near to"

(Show sign and have everyone repeat). (Have "Jesus" figure sit on throne and hold one end of rope. Have a child volunteer hold the other end of the outstretched rope. As you speak words of Godly affirmation and love, have "Jesus" figure gently pull the child closer to Himself).

Godly words will draw others to Jesus.

**COMFORT** means, "to cheer up"

(Show sign and have everyone repeat).

When people are sad or frightened, they need comforting words.

(Have Jesus figure come forward and wrap blanket around child volunteer as you speak words of comfort)



- ITEMS NEEDED:**
- Three child volunteers
  - Signs labeled, "NO FUTURE", "NO SCARY STUFF", "NO CORRECTION"
  - Hammer
  - Board with a nail in it
  - Empty can

**PREPARATION:**  
Have children volunteer to hold signs as you introduce each "NO..." sign.

**TEACHING:**

Just like with any tool (Show hammer), you can either build something nice, or break something.  
(Hammer nail into board, then smash the can with the hammer)

We just found out how great the gift of prophecy is when used in the right way. There are three things though that we don't have permission to do when we prophesy:

**"NO FUTURE":** (Hold up sign) We don't tell people detailed things about the future like, "in two years you will go to Africa", or "you are going to find a hundred dollars next week". Instead, say "God has an exciting future planned for you" or "God promises to bless you"

**"NO SCARY STUFF":** (Hold up sign) Even if you see something that may be scary, we don't tell them bad things. Remember, God gives us this gift to build up, not to bring fear. If you see someone saved from a car crash you would simply say "I see God's protection all around you" instead of telling them about the crash.

**"NO CORRECTION":** (Hold up sign) We don't correct people with prophecy. Even though God knows all about the "bad stuff", He only speaks positive, good things through the gift of prophecy.

**NO Future**

**NO Scary  
Stuff**

**NO  
Correction**



**I DEMONSTRATE:**

I Cor. 14:3 "But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their edification, exhortation, and comfort."

**Bring a person (preferably an adult) to be prophesied over to the front of room.**

- Remind the group about the different languages of God
- Remind them God only has GOOD things to say
- Review those things we do not have permission to say
- Let them know that no "word, impression, color, etc." is too small or unimportant
- Have children close their eyes, then pray and release the Holy Spirit to give "words"
- Ask "who got something?"
- praise each effort and be prepared to gently "redirect or reword" things that are on the "What Not to Say" list
- Ask the person receiving the prophecy how they felt about what they received
- Bring another person up to get words if time allows

**II RELEASE:**

I Cor. 14:31 "For you can all prophesy in turn so **everyone** may be instructed and encouraged."

**Break up into smaller groups with a leader**

**Leader chooses first person to get words from their group.**

- Every person gets to prophesy. Encourage each child to share at least one word from God. If they appear to be having a hard time, ask them to close their eyes again and ask God to show them something. (We have very few children who don't receive a word.)
- Every person gets a prophetic word from each person in the group
- It is good to have someone write the words down for each child if possible

**III WRAP-UP:**

**Gather everyone back together in main area/room.**

**Leader asks if everyone got to prophesy.**

- Ask for testimonies from those who received a prophesy
- Ask for testimonies from those who gave a prophesy

**Bless the children and thank God for what He has done.**



**Dear Parents:**

**Our Memory Verse this week:**

"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." I Corinthians 14:1

**Today we discovered:**

- That God has many languages
- Hearing & speaking God's heart comes from a close relationship with Him
- Prophecy builds up the Body of Christ
- Everyone needs to hear what God sees and thinks about them
- God's words are good, because He is Good!
- We only speak good things
- We do not tell the future, scary things or corrections

<b>Scripture Study:</b> Genesis 37:6-7,9	I Samuel 3:4,8,10	Ezekiel 1:28	Isaiah 1:18
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**Parent's Points to Ponder:**

One of the most effective tools for building up the body of Christ is the gift of prophecy. When this gift is received and released within an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father, there is a powerful demonstration of exhortation, edification and comfort (I Corinthians 14:3). The gift of prophecy helps to create a Kingdom culture that draws children, not only closer to God, but to one another as well. When children continually speak what the Father sees in one another in an atmosphere of love, a culture of honor and respect is created.

**Ask Your Child:**

Ask your child if they gave and/or received a word from God today. Ask them how they felt when this happened. Have them share with you what some of God's languages are ("Pictures", "Dreams", "Visions", "Colors", "Bible", "Numbers", "Impressions", and "Hearing")

**Home Activity:**

Set up a family time where the family members can give and receive prophetic words from each other. Write these words down so each person has their own "word" to read and re-read. Your child can post them on the "Heaven's Window" bulletin board or write them in their journal.

**A Parent's Blessing:**  
 ( Your child's name ), I bless your spirit to hear this instruction from God's Word in I Corinthians 14:1: "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." I bless your spirit, that in the pursuit and realm of the Father's love, you would receive and flow in God's wonderful gift of prophecy.  
 ( Your child's name ), I bless you that in your hearing the Father's heart and love for others, you are able to convey His words of comfort, edification, and exhortation. I bless the fruit of this gift in you, that the body of Christ would be strengthened, encouraged, and be drawn closer to their Heavenly Papa. I bless you in the name of Jesus, Amen.





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Unscramble the words below to find out what God's languages are.

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