GENESIS TO REVELATION | WISDOM LESSON

Words That Bring Kindness

Proverbs 15:1-4,18;16:24



YOUR BIBLE READING

Wise speech brings truth and care into the same answer.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Gentle Answers and Truthful Speech

Proverbs 15:1-4,18;16:24



Proverbs gathers short teachings about living wisely. These verses are not a story about one named argument. They place different ways of speaking beside each other so that readers can compare their effects. A gentle answer can calm anger, while a harsh word stirs it up. The contrast asks us to notice not only whether we speak, but how our answer affects the person hearing it and the conversation that follows.

Another saying compares wise speech with foolish speech. Wise people use knowledge well, while foolish words pour out without that care. Speaking quickly is not automatically wise, and having something to say does not make every statement useful. The passage turns our attention toward what words contain: understanding or nonsense, something reliable or something offered without thought. It invites a slower question about whether an answer helps someone know what is true.

The next line says that God's eyes are everywhere, seeing both evil and good. Hidden behavior still matters. A person cannot make cruel speech harmless simply by choosing a place where a teacher or parent is not listening. This is wisdom teaching about accountability, not a new scene in which God is described walking into a classroom. The saying places private choices within the same moral world as things other people can easily see.

A gentle tongue is then compared with a tree of life, while dishonest or twisted speech crushes the spirit. A tree can offer life and nourishment; the saying uses that picture for words that help people flourish. It does not claim a sentence literally grows branches. The contrasting image reminds us that speech can deeply discourage someone. Kindness therefore involves more than sounding pleasant while telling a damaging lie or making another person feel worthless.

Remember: I can pause, check what is true, and choose words that help.

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Words Can Nourish or Wound

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The selected sayings also compare an angry person who stirs up conflict with a patient person who helps settle it. Patience creates room before an answer is given. It does not mean that a person never feels anger or must remain where someone is threatening them. A useful pause may help a speaker understand the issue, ask for support, or choose words that name the problem without adding insults of their own.

Proverbs also describes pleasant words as a honeycomb, bringing sweetness and health. This is a poetic comparison within wisdom teaching. Encouraging words can be strengthening, but they are not medicine guaranteed to cure an illness or repair every hurt. The picture helps us notice how speech may nourish another person. It is possible to offer truthful encouragement without making promises about outcomes that we cannot control or pretending that real pain is already gone.

Consider an ordinary example: a child spills water during a group activity. One response calls the child useless; another names the spill and asks for towels. The second response still tells the truth and deals with the problem. It does not need cruelty in order to be clear. This example is for understanding the sayings, not an incident recorded in Proverbs. It shows how tone, content, and a practical next step can work together.

Wise words also leave space for not knowing. If someone asks what happened and you did not see it, saying so may be more useful than guessing confidently. A gentle answer should not become a polished disguise for deceit. Across these sayings, wisdom involves knowledge, truth, patience, and care for a listener. None of them promises that another person will always respond kindly, but they give a speaker choices about what kind of words to contribute.

Pause and think: How could you name a real problem clearly while removing an unnecessary insult?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Try a Clear and Caring Answer



Make two speech bubbles for an imaginary disagreement about sharing supplies. In one, write a harsh response. In the other, keep the real need but remove the insult. Read them with a trusted adult and compare what each might make harder or easier. You do not need to use a private conflict. A made-up example gives you room to practice before a conversation becomes tense.

Think of encouragement you could honestly offer someone learning a skill. Instead of promising that they will win or never struggle, you could notice a careful effort, an improvement, or a useful question they asked. What makes that encouragement true? Helpful words point to something real. They can strengthen a person without deciding that their value depends on being the best.

Sometimes the safest answer is asking an adult for help or leaving a harmful exchange. You are not responsible for calming every angry person. These sayings guide your contribution, not give you control over someone else's choices. If cruel words keep coming, tell a trusted adult what is happening so that care includes protection as well as conversation.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Proverbs connects wise speech with truth, patience, and words that help rather than deliberately wound.

How could you name a real problem clearly while removing an unnecessary insult?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What is contrasted with a harsh word?

_____

2. What two nourishing things picture helpful speech?

_____

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Practice an answer that is both clear and caring.
- ☐ Compare gentle and harsh answers.
- ☐ Notice the place of knowledge, truth, and patience.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a tree with speech-bubble leaves showing truthful, kind, and useful words.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can pause, check what is true, and choose words that help.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Proverbs 15:1-4,18;16:24

A thoughtful conversation

These are wisdom sayings and poetic comparisons, not guarantees that gentle speech will stop an abuser or that kind words cure disease. Anger can signal a real problem; children need not suppress it or manage adults' emotions. Encourage truthful, respectful expression and adult help when an exchange becomes threatening or repeatedly cruel.

Activity answers

1. A gentle answer that can calm anger.
2. A tree of life and a honeycomb picture it.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me pause and speak with honesty, patience, and care.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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