



DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

As the Apostle Paul was nearing the end of his life, he passed the baton of leadership and influence to his protégé, Timothy. The letters of 1 and 2 Timothy are Paul's parting words, intended to encourage the young disciple. Generations later, these words still inspire God's people to continue growing as disciples and disciple makers of Jesus.

Complete and return this discipleship challenge to the KidPix store by **May 24, 2020 to receive **30 tokens**.**

***Please take your time and enjoy this discipleship challenge.**

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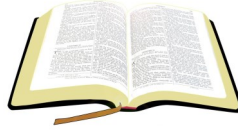


YOUR WALK

When you go to church, at some point you will hear someone say they are “walking with Jesus” or they might mention their “spiritual walk”. But what does that mean? To get a better understanding, read the following scriptures and fill in the blanks:

1 PETER 2:21

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should _____ in _____.

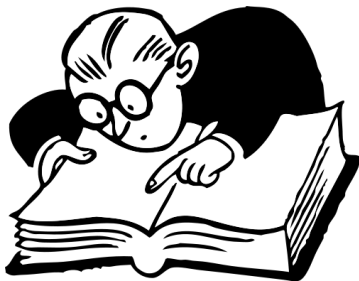


1 JOHN 2:5-6

But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must _____ as _____ did.

IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WRITE WHAT IT MEANS TO “WALK WITH JESUS”:

The moment we accept Jesus as our Savior, we are made right with God. From that point forward, we begin “walking with Jesus” on our path to spiritual maturity. We learn to live in a way that reflects Him in all that we do and say. But just like a baby, we don’t always know how to walk immediately. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:1, we begin as “mere infants in Christ.” We need people to guide and teach us. We need spiritual mentors to disciple us.



LOOK IN A DICTIONARY TO FIND THE DEFINITION OF A MENTOR. WRITE IT HERE:

MATCH THE MOVIE MENTOR WITH THE STUDENT

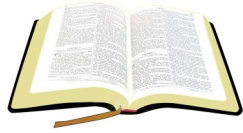
Draw a line from the mentor to his/her student.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Student</u>
Mufasa	Lightning McQueen
Obi-Wan Kenobi	Peter Parker
Doc Hudson	The Banks children
Jiminy Cricket	Simba
Mary Poppins	Pinocchio
Tony Stark	Luke Skywalker



WHO ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL MENTORS? WHO ENCOURAGES YOU AND POURS SPIRITUAL TRUTH INTO YOUR LIFE? WHO CAN YOU GO TO WHEN YOU HAVE SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS? LIST YOUR MENTORS HERE:

PAUL AND TIMOTHY



READ 1 TIMOTHY 1:1-2



Paul was not Timothy's biological father. But he was Timothy's spiritual mentor. **READ ACTS 16:1-3** then answer these questions:

- How does Paul describe himself?



- Where did Paul meet Timothy?

- How does Paul describe Timothy?

- Timothy's mother was a...

- Timothy's father was a...

- Did Timothy have a good reputation? How do you know?

- What did Paul want to do with Timothy?



Paul's Letter to Timothy Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

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FAITH	LOVE	SCRIPTURE
GOSPEL	MINISTRY	SPIRIT
JUDGEMENT	PAUL	TEACH
LETTER	POWER	TIMOTHY

Timothy had other spiritual mentors in his life. **READ 2 TIMOTHY 1:5** then answer these questions:



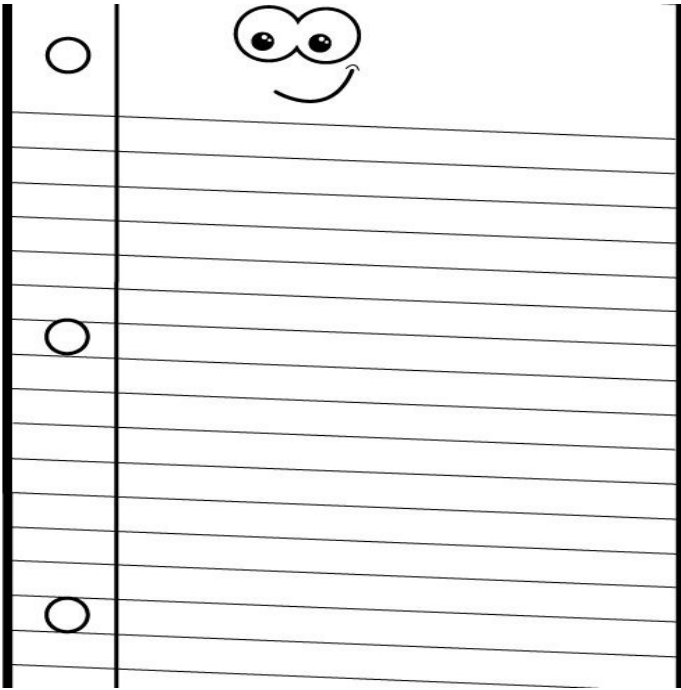
- What were the names of Timothy's mother and grandmother?

- What do you think are some of the things Timothy's mother and grandmother would have taught him?

NEVER TOO YOUNG

Do you ever get frustrated because it seems like you are not old enough to do anything important? Maybe you feel anxious about making your own decisions and handling adult situations. Perhaps you think as a child, you can't serve God in a meaningful way. Well, you don't have to wait to be a grown up for God to use you to build His kingdom. No matter how young you are, you can be a strong example to others.

MAKE A LIST OF THINGS THAT CHILDREN ARE TOO YOUNG TO DO (FOR EXAMPLE, DRIVE A CAR):



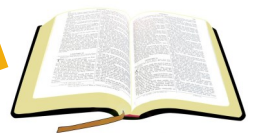
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HOW OLD WAS TIMOTHY?

Timothy's exact age isn't given in the Bible, but we know that he was young (1 Timothy 4:12). Biblical scholars estimate that he was probably in his early 30s when Paul wrote his first letter to him.

Regardless of your age, God can use you!

READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:12



- If you were older, what kinds of things would you like to do to serve God?
- Can you think of other young people in the Bible, besides Timothy, who God used in a powerful way?
- Have you heard of any kids living today who have done great things to serve God and help others?
- How can obeying your parents, reading the Bible, and growing spiritually at this stage of your life be a way of serving God?
- In what other important ways, besides setting a good example for others, can you serve God, even at your young age?

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS EPHEBUS?

Ephesus (pronounced EH-fuh-suhs), now Selçuk (pronounced CELL'-chook) in modern Turkey, was one of the most famous cities of the ancient Mediterranean. It was a bustling seaport, that served as a crossroads between the east and the west for centuries.



Paul had tremendous confidence in Timothy and left him in Ephesus to take charge of the church there. Put a around Lystra, Timothy's home town. Put a around Ephesus, the city where Timothy led the church.



DID YOU KNOW...



- ⇒ Only 25% of the ancient city of Ephesus has been unearthed, yet people visit it regularly like a museum
- ⇒ The toilets in Ephesus were arranged side by side with nothing separating them
- ⇒ Before the rich people used the toilets their slaves sat and heated toilets' stone for their masters
- ⇒ Ephesus, which was once a seaport, is now 6 miles away from the sea
- ⇒ Jesus' mother Mary lived her last years of her life in a small cottage near Ephesus
- ⇒ One of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World, Temple of Artemis, is in Ephesus; it was 4 times as large as the Parthenon in Athens

REAL OR FAKE?



READ 1 TIMOTHY 1:3-15

The apostle Paul gave Timothy the charge of opposing a group of influential leaders in the church at Ephesus. They were spreading incorrect views about Jesus and what it meant to follow Him.

Which would be easier...

- A. Knowing every possible false statement about Jesus
- B. Knowing the truth about Jesus

When the FBI trains in how to detect counterfeit (fake) money, they have agents study the authentic (real) bill so carefully that they can easily recognize the counterfeit. Not the other way around.

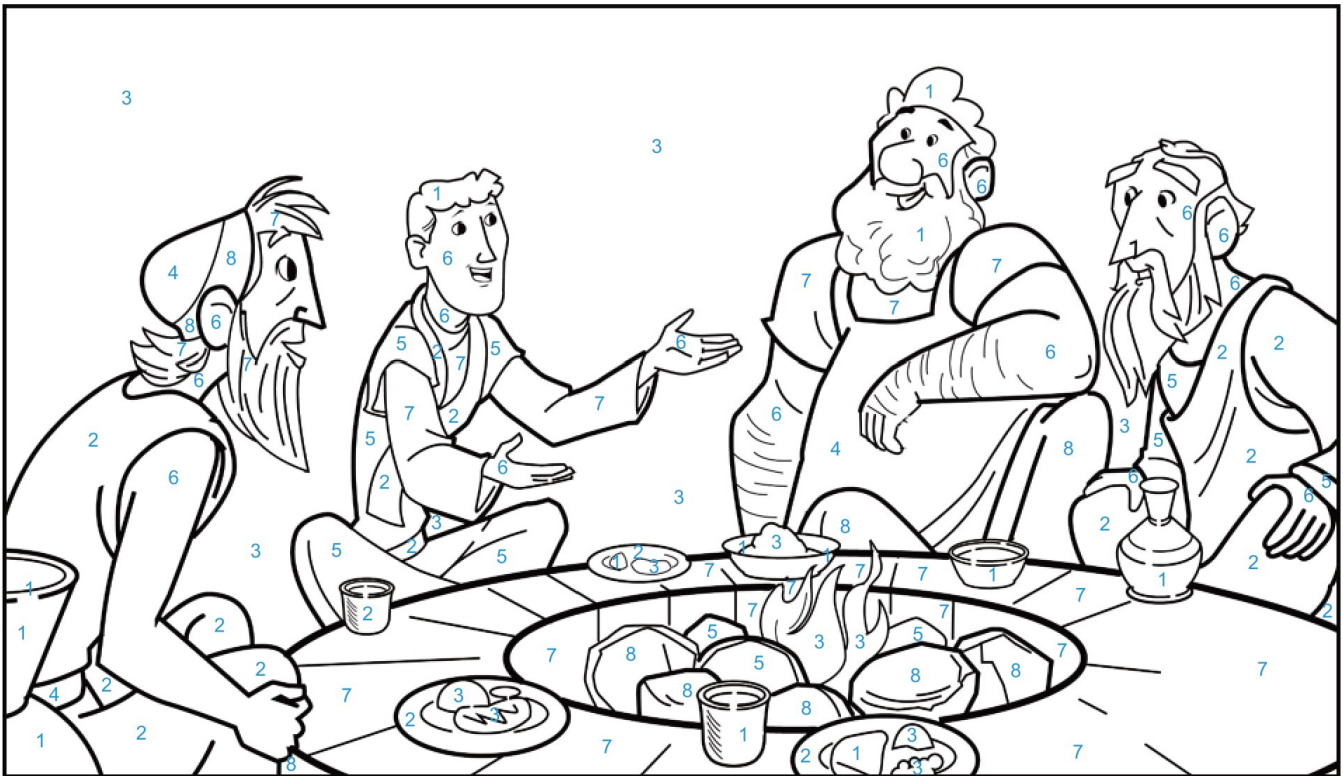
It's the same way with the Scriptures...we need to know what God's Word says so we easily recognize when someone is teaching or telling us something false.



HOW CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT SOMEONE IS TELLING YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS?

Color by Number: Timothy Is Teaching

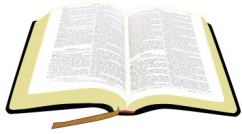
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1. brown 2. green 3. yellow 4. blue 5. orange 6. skin 7. light gray 8. dark gray

GOOD LEADERS

In addition to opposing bad teachers, the apostle Paul told Timothy to appoint good leaders to the church. He gave Timothy a list of specific qualifications and characteristics of a good leader to use as a guide.



READ 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-15



The leaders Timothy was to appoint were men of outstanding character and integrity. They were known for having healthy relationships in their own families so they could lead well in God's family (the church).



- Did the list of qualifications for church leaders mention the specific duties and tasks they would be required to carry out?
- Did the list of qualifications mention previous work experience as a church leader?
- What does that tell you about what's most important to God?
- Why do you think it is important for the leaders of a church to have such good character?



READ JAMES 3:1

Not many of you should become _____, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be _____ more _____.



TEACHERS OF THE WORD WILL BE JUDGED MORE

The Word of God is important. It is a serious responsibility to teach it to others. After all, anyone who teaches the Bible isn't just dealing with an ordinary subject; they are handling the Word of God. They also are dealing with issues that affect the eternal destiny of those they teach.

CHARACTER COUNTS WITH GOD

In addition to giving Timothy instructions on the qualities to look for in a good leader, he also gave Timothy guidance regarding his own personal behavior and spiritual growth.



READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:12



LIST THE 5 AREAS IN WHICH TIMOTHY WAS TO SET AN EXAMPLE:

CHARACTER IS WHO YOU ARE WHEN NOBODY IS LOOKING.

Describe one way you can set an example in those 5 areas...

Speech:

Life:

Love:

Faith:

Purity:



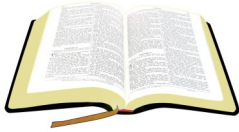
- Which of these areas are the easiest for you to set a good example?
- Which are harder for you to set a good example?

- How do your friends typically act when parents are in the room?
- How are they likely to act when parents aren't around?
- Why is there a difference?
- What might this say about their character?



THE PURSUIT

The dictionary defines the word “pursue” this way:
to follow and try to catch or capture (someone or something)
for usually a long distance or time.



READ 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-12



Paul told Timothy to pursue:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

PAUL WANTED TIMOTHY TO FIGHT HARD AND FINISH STRONG. HE TOLD HIM TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH AND TAKE HOLD OF HIS ETERNAL LIFE.

- Is following Jesus always going to be easy? Why or why not?
- What are some of the hard things Paul faced as a follower of Jesus? (see 2 Corinthians 11:16-33)
- Have you ever had to stand up to a bully at school? Explain.
- Have you ever worked really hard to accomplish something? Describe.



RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is doing what is right in God's sight. It is reflected in our attitude and our actions. It comes from our heart. We strive to be upright in our character and behavior because we love God!

READ THE LYRICS TO THE SONG "GOD IS RIGHT" BY KATHY BRIGHT (COPYRIGHT 2001):

God Is Right

God is Right, 100% of the time, Not 98 or 99.

100%

God is Right, 100% of the time, He never has to say -- "Oops!"

Every decision, Every action, Everything He does, Is Right.

100% of the time, Not 98 or 99.

God is Right, 100% of the time, Even when He has to say, "No."

Believe in His Power, Trust in His Love, You can be sure

He'll do what's right.

100% of the time, Not 98 or 99,

God is Right, 100% of the time, He never has to say --"Oops!"



- How often is God right?
- In all of history, how many times has He been wrong or done something wrong?
- Can you think of anyone else who is right 100% of the time?



READ ROMANS 3:21-22



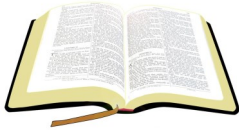
**God's righteousness is given
through _____
_____ to all
who _____.**

Think about it...Describe how the kids below can make the right decision.

- John offers Mike a cheat sheet to help him on a history test. What should Mike do?
- Beth & Avery are talking bad about the new girl in their class. Rachel walks up. When she hears what they are talking about, what should she do?
- Ben and James were best friends until James really hurt Ben's feelings. Ben got so angry at James. What should Ben do?

GODLINESS

Before we choose to follow Jesus, our character is controlled by our sinful nature. But when we turn to God, He gives us His Holy Spirit to change us and guide us to have godly character instead. As followers of Christ, godly character is important, because we are examples to the world around us of who Jesus is and what His character is like. If we have godly character, they learn good things about Jesus. If we choose to continue having sinful character, people will be confused about who Jesus really is.



God's divine power — the Holy Spirit — gives us everything we need for a godly life.

READ 2 PETER 1:3

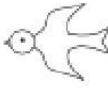
The fruit of the Spirit is listed in Galatians 5:22-23. The Holy Spirit produces these qualities in the life of each Christian. You can decode the list here.



O L E V



Q L B



K V Z X V



K Z G R V M X V



P R M W M V H H



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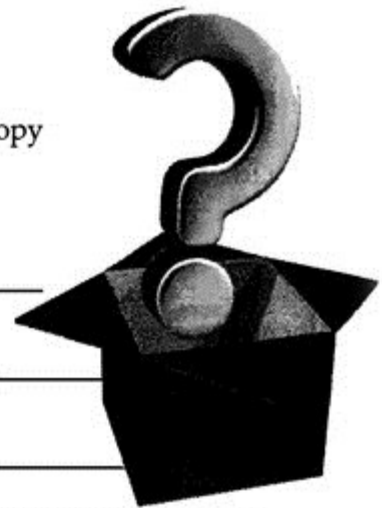
In this code, A stands for Z, Z stands for A, etc.

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WHAT IS FAITH?

What does the word "faith" mean? Write your own definition or copy a definition from a dictionary here:

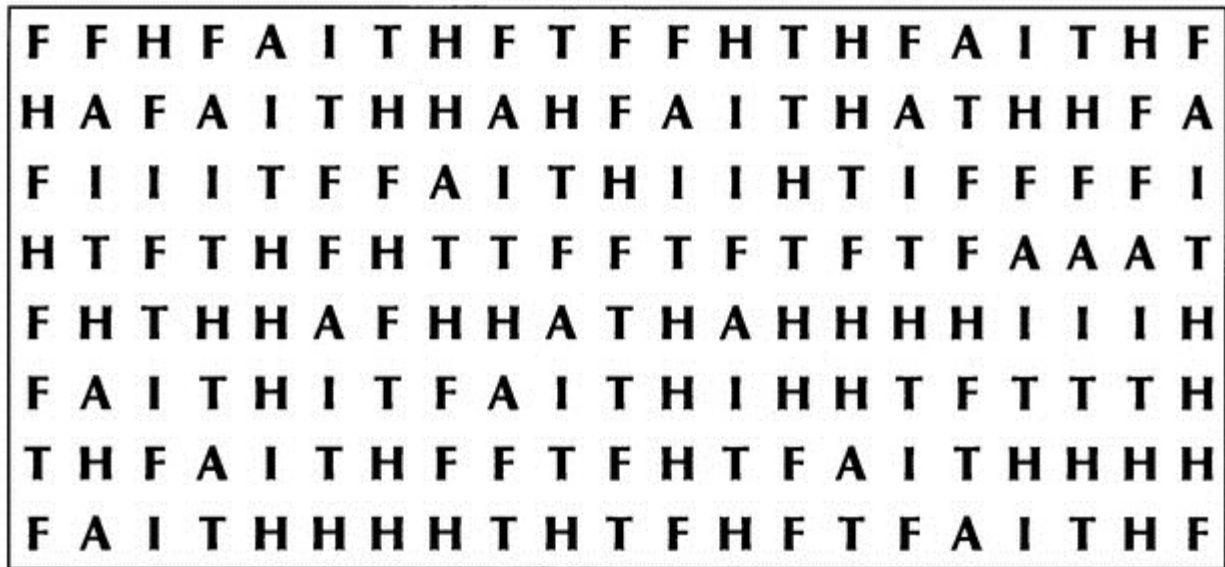
FAITH:



The Bible gives its own definition of faith. Read Hebrews 11:1 and copy the verse here:

FAITH:

See if you can find and circle the word FAITH at least fifteen times in the puzzle below. The word is hidden twenty-six times! Look across, up and down, and diagonally.



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Go to your kitchen and sit down in a chair.

Did you test the chair before you sat in it?

When you sit in a chair for the first time you are showing *faith* that the chair will hold you. Until you are safely seated you don't know for sure if the chair is going to hold you.



LOVE



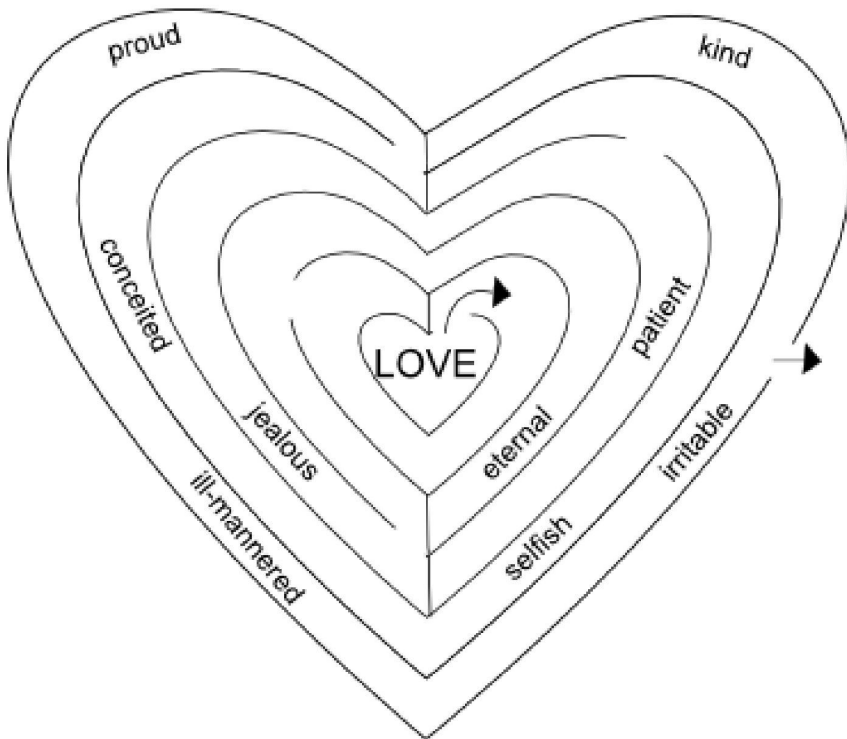
List all of the words used to describe love:

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

- Could you substitute your name for “love” in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7?
- Would these words describe you?
- Which characteristics of love are your strengths?
- Which are your weaknesses?

Draw a path through the maze from the center to the right side. **Some** of the words will be crossed out by the line you draw.

If a word **is not** crossed out, write it in the “LOVE IS” list.
If a word **is** crossed out, write it in the “LOVE IS NOT” list.



LOVE IS

LOVE IS NOT

ENDURANCE

Endurance is our ability to press on — to keep going — despite pain, hardship, fatigue, stress, or other difficulties.

Marathon runners have to run 26.2 miles to reach the finish-line. During the race, they have to dig-deep and push through discomfort and exhaustion and focus on the prize.

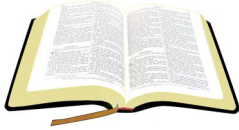


The race we are running as Christians is much bigger than a marathon. The Bible say, **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)**

- Has there been a time in your life where you had to choose if you were going to persevere (keep going) or quit? What did you choose?
- What did Jesus endure? When you think of how much Jesus had to endure and persevere through, does that make the situations you have to persevere through seem less difficult?
- Why should you keep your eyes on Jesus while you are running the race of life?
- Why do you think that persevering and keeping our faith is something that makes Jesus happy? Does that make you want to do it more?

GENTLENESS

Most people associate gentleness with being weak, soft, or timid. But the spirit of gentleness that God gives us is exactly the opposite—it's powerful, strong, and bold. Even though that sounds backwards, God gives us gentleness so that we can show the power of His love without words.



READ PROVERBS 15:1



- What does a gentle answer do?
- What does a harsh word do?

WITH YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION, TASTE A SMALL PINCH OF SALT, THEN A SMALL PINCH OF SUGAR.



- What would you rather eat a spoonful of sugar or a spoonful of salt? Why?
- Have you ever got salt in a cut? How did it feel?
- How does it feel when you have done something wrong and a teacher or parent corrects you harshly?
- How do you feel when someone is mean to you? How is this like salt?
- How do you feel when someone tells you did a good job? How is that like sugar?
- Which one do we need to be? How can you be more like this?



1 timothy 4:12