

Need to Know:

My Words Can Honor God!

Bible Story:

Balaam's Words

Numbers 22-24

Materials:

- **♦ Snow ball**
- Bible Story Maps
- ***** Markers
- **Bible Story Page**
- Solution Page
- **₩** Prizes
- *** Filler Guide**

Get Their Attention! (5 minutes)

Materials: Snow ball

INTRODUCE yourself and then say:

Hey everyone! I'm glad you're here for the last week of "Out in the Wild: Arctic Chill!"

We are going to toss this snow ball around the circle. When someone tosses it to you, say your name and one kind thing about the person who tossed it! Then toss it to someone else.

INTRODUCE them to what we are learning today:

When we say things that are kind about others, we honor God with our words. Honoring God with our words means that we say what God wants us to say. When we do this, it helps others know what God wants them to know.

That's what we need to know today! My Words Can Honor God!

Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: Bible Story Maps, Markers, Bible Story Page, Solution Page

GIVE each child a Bible Story Map and a coloring utensil.

READ the **Bible Story Page** (See **Solution Page** after activity, if needed). After the story, **ASK:**

- What did the king's men offer Balaam if he would curse God's people? (A lot of money)
- 2. **Did Balaam curse God's people or use his words to honor God?** (Used his words to honor God)
- 3. What kinds of things do we say that do not honor God? (Words that our parents tell us not to, things that are mean about others, words that God does not tell us to say)

We should try hard to say the words God wants us to say. For example, our words can be:

- ★ kind,
- # truthful,
- * helpful,
- * respectful, and
- # forgiving!

When we say what God wants us to say, we honor God with our words!

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ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Model prayer for kids by **PRAYING**:

Dear God, help us to use our words to honor You by saying the words You want us to say. Keep us from saying things that don't honor You. Please let our words help others to know about You! Amen.

Application Activity Summary:

Kids will practice the Memory Verse for this series by putting their hands into the circle. They will say the verse while patting a hand. The hand that pats on the last word of the verse is out!

Memory Verse:

"Let my words
(point to mouth)

And my thoughts (point to head)

Be pleasing to you, God."

(point up)

Psalm 19:14

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Questions:

Is it hard to use words that honor God? (It

can be – we are tempted to say mean things)

What are some nice things we can say to other people?

Application Activity (7 min)

Materials: Penguin Suckers

- 1. Review the Memory Verse with the group (on left). Remind kids that if they can say the verse by themselves today, they will win a prize!
- 2. Have kids to sit in a circle, and place their hands on the ground in the middle of the circle.
- 3. Go around the circle, allowing kids to pat their hand on the ground, saying a word of the verse with each pat.
- 4. Whichever hand pats on the last word of the verse ("14") that hand is out. Allow child to pull his/her hand out of the circle.
- 5. Keep going until there is only one hand left. That child is the winner!
- 6. Repeat steps three and four, allowing kids to pat their hands in the order they are placed in the circle.
- 7. After the game is over, allow kids to practice saying the Memory Verse with each other and then let them say the verse by themselves to the leader.
- 8. Reward each child with a prize even if they need help telling you the verse!
- 9. Afterwards, ASK:

By reading and remembering God's Word, we learn the words God wants us to say. When we say the words God wants us to say, we honor God with our words!

So what do we need to know today: My Words Can Honor God!

Wrap It Up (3 min)

Materials: Filler Guide

ASK the questions on the left and then **USE Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group.

PRACTICE MEMORY VERSE USING THE FILLER GUIDE EXAMPLES!