

# Don't Speak Poisonous Words

## week 2

Slides and Videos are in **bold**.

Props: Use signs that say "Beware", "Toxic", "Can be Harmful" and "poison" to hang around in your large group space. You can also add signs that say "Thoughts", "Words" and "Relationships" in differing colors and sizes

### -SLIDE- Welcome

**Start kid's countdown once all classes are present**

### -SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Hey kids! Welcome to kids church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

Who was here last week when we talked about, what was it, poisonous snakes? **(allow kids to answer)** Oh right! Poisonous thoughts. Those are good for us, right? **(allow kids to answer)** Well, what kind of thoughts are poisonous? **(allow kids to answer)** Those are great answers. Fearful, angry and negative thoughts are poisonous for us because they hurt us and can even hurt others. Is hurting others honoring God? **(allow kids to answer)** No way! We need to love others, just like God loves us. What did God give us so we know the right way to think? **(allow kids to answer)** You got it, the Bible!

### -SLIDE- Lesson Intro (2 min)

Today, we're going to talk about another kind of poison that can hurt others. Has anyone ever been called a mean name or been made fun of? **(allow kids to answer)** I have, too, and it really hurt my feelings. I'm a little embarrassed to admit it, but I \*gulp\* have, well... I have made fun of others, too. We've all done it! I have said some mean words, and those words make me sick. Kind of like poison! We'll talk more about that in a few minutes, but first let's stand and sing our first song.

### -SONG- All The Glory (3 min)

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea and key question together!

**-SLIDE- Big Idea: Use your words to help others every chance you get.**  
**(repeat with kids)**

**-SLIDE- Key Question: How can our words help people?**

That's a great question, let's listen to our video closely to learn how our words can help others.

**-VIDEO-Toxic 2 (4 min)**

**-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)**

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- True or False: Our words don't really affect other people? (False)
- How should we use our words? (To help others)
- Can you take back words once you've said them? (No)
- Who helps us to speak kind words? (Jesus)

Great job! Words are tricky because you can't take it back once you say it. So if I say "I have bubblegum in my tootsies" can I take that back? **(allow kids to answer)** Are you sure? I mean, I could tell you I didn't say it and that you are hearing things, but that would be lying. Now that is a silly example, but some of our words can cause others a lot of pain. For example, what if I say, "Your hair is ugly" to my friend. Can I take that back once I've said it? **(allow kids to answer)** No, I can't. And guess what, I've really hurt my friend's feelings. Is that being a good friend if I make her feel bad about herself? **(allow kids to answer)** No way! That's why we have to be so careful with our words. So, what should we do to stay away from saying mean, poisonous things? **(allow kids to answer)** You got it, choose to use our words to help others!

Instead of saying mean things, we can use our words to encourage others! What is something encouraging we could say to a friend? **(allow kids to answer)** Those are great ideas. Another way to use our words is to tell others all the things we like about them.

That's what our memory verse is all about. We either use our words to build others up or we use them to tear others down. Let's stand and say it together.

**-SLIDE- Memory Verse:** "The tongue **(point to mouth)** can bring death **(hands over eyes)** or life **(hands burst outward)**; those who love **(arms crossed over chest)** to talk will reap **(thumbs down)** the consequences." Proverbs 18:21 **(Repeat)**

This verse is telling us that what we say with our tongue (**point to tongue**) can actually hurt or help others. Now, does this mean that talking is bad? (**allow kids to answer**) No! It's what we SAY when we're talking that can be bad. So, remember that we need to stay away from poisonous words. You may think it's impossible to not say poisonous things but nothing is impossible when you have God!! Let imagine the impossible as we sing our last song.

Let's all stand together and sing our last song!

**-SONG- Imagine The Impossible (3 min)**

Okay, we're ready to answer the Key Question.

**-SLIDE- Key question: How can our words help people?**  
**(allow a few kids to answer).**

**-SLIDE- The answer: Our words can help people by making them feel special.**  
We can use our words to encourage others by telling them all the things we like about them and giving them value by telling them all the things they are good at.

Before we go to small group, let's say the Big Idea one last time...

**-SLIDE- Big Idea: Use your words to help others every chance you get.**  
**(Have kids repeat)**

**-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)**

**-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups**