

# Proverbs

## Huddle 8: A Gentle Answer

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### SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

#### Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- What does it mean to be gentle?
- What is the opposite of being gentle?
- Which one is more like Jesus? Being gentle or not?

#### Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

#### Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

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### LESSON HUDDLE

Let’s all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out. Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (Pause) **TO OTHERS**.

We have 4 more Huddles to cover in our Proverbs unit. There are a lot of them in the Bible to learn about. Can someone look up Proverbs 15:1 in their Bible and read it to us? “*Proverbs 15:1...A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.*” Who can try to explain this Proverb to us? Did you notice that we are dealing with opposites? The first part of the answer talks about giving gentle answers and the second half of the verse describes what might happen when we use harsh words.

Let’s also look at verse 3 and 4 in this chapter.

3The LORD is watching everywhere, keeping his eye on both the evil and the good.

4Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

It isn’t always easy being gentle, is it? Think about the times you get angry with your brother or sister or even your parents. We are being told here that the Lord is watching us so we

need to be careful with the words that we use. If we want to be like Christ, then we must act like Him. Being careful with the words that we use is one way that we can love others just as Christ loves us.

*Huddle Up, Pray, & Break*

### **ACTIVITY: Gentle or Harsh**

Make partners. Call out either “Gentle Face” or “Harsh Face” (*Describe that a harsh face will look angry*) in which the kids make that face at one another. Whichever kid makes the incorrect face or starts laughing is out.

Talk to the kids about how they respond when asked to help with the chores at home. The expression on your face at that time is an example of where your heart is when you are asked. Review the Proverb one last time.

*A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.*  
Proverbs 15:1



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