

THE LOOK OF LOVE | WEEK 3 OF 4

Gentleness

The Look of Love series explores how the fruit of the Spirit are expressions of love. This week, challenge the students to follow God's example of gentleness and show his love to other people by using gentle words.

BIG IDEA

We can show God's love with gentle words.

KEY VERSE

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

Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

None

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Discuss:
 - When was the last time you raised your voice or used harsh words with someone? Who was it? What was the situation?
 - How do you think the situation might have gone if you used gentle words instead?
 - At school or with your friends, do people use harsh words more often than gentle words or the other way around? Why do you think that's the case?



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2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

Bibles

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- b. Look up and read 1 Kings 19:9b-18.
- c. Discuss:
 - Elijah was frustrated and probably scared he was going to be killed soon. How did God approach him?
 - What do you think God was doing when he chose to whisper? Do you think it would've been more challenging for Elijah to hear God in the wind or the earthquake or the fire?
 - Can you think of a time when you were experiencing something difficult and someone used gentle words with you instead of being aggressive or forceful? How did it change the situation?
 - God often chooses to be gentle. How does this show how we should treat other people?

3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

None

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Discuss:
 - Which area(s) of your life do you need God to whisper into?
 - Do you exemplify God's love with your words, or is this an area in which you need to grow?
 Why or why not?
- Reflect on what your group has shared, then encourage the students to pray for one another.
 Ask God to help them show his love with gentle words in the week ahead.