



FCA Elementary Excellence

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.
Proverbs 11:13

Bible Story

The Bible teaches us how to talk to each other. We should be willing to help others and can share kind words and encouragement.

The Bible recognizes not all words from our mouth are kind and encouraging. We can use mean and unkind words and they can be hurtful to others.

The Bible shares several stories about gossip. Jesus was the subject of gossip. People told lies about Him and those lies led to His death.

We must also remember God had a plan for Jesus' life. Jesus obediently followed His Father's plans. His plan was for Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins. He knew others would say unkind things about Jesus. Many did not know Him

King David was sick. His enemies acted concerned about him and visited him. Their hearts were not in the right place. Their words caused others to dislike Jesus. They secretly celebrated him and told others he would die. (Psalm 41:5-8)

1 Timothy 5:13-15, Paul talks about young widows who went house to house while talking about things they should not talk about.

Titus 2:3-5 writes older women should not be malicious gossips. They should fill their lives with meaningful work and service for the Lord (1 Timothy 3:11)

How do we stop gossip? We should tell the person who is gossiping we do not want to be a part of the conversation.

Gossip is sin and sin does not honor God. If we have a problems with a person, we should go to the person and talk to them. (biblegateway.com; Bible.org, forthegospel.com)

Definitions

Webster's definition of gossip: a person who habitually reveals personal or sensational facts about others

Biblical definition of gossip: doing evil with words (gotquestions.org)

Discussion Questions

1. What is gossip?
2. Are we showing love like Jesus when we gossip?
3. What should we do if we are with someone and they share gossip?



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- Sin separates you
- Jesus rescues you
- Will you trust in Jesus?

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