

“Speak Like Jesus” Family Guide

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In walking through this as a family, you have a great opportunity to facilitate discussions between your students. We want to encourage and equip you with some discussion questions and the notes from today’s message. However, before you begin, here is a simple guide to follow:

As a family, we encourage you to use the following E.S.P.N. format to have a healthy group setting:

E-Encourage

- *Take a moment and encourage your family in ways that you see them walking like Jesus.*

S-Scripture

- *Read a Bible story/scripture together. (Give older kids or even your spouse the opportunity to read)*

P-Prayer

- *Pray with and for one another.*

N-Next Steps

- *Encourage and hold each other accountable for taking Next Steps in being like Jesus.*
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Message Notes:

*Every person has the need to be LISTENED TO
and UNDERSTOOD.*

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” James 1:19

*People are willing to listen when they
know they’ve been heard.*

- 1. When we don’t feel listened to.*
- 2. When we don’t understand others.*

HOW CAN WE APPLY THIS RIGHT NOW?

- 1. Find ways to CONNECT.*
 - 2. LISTEN intently.*
 - 3. Speak WORDS OF LIFE.*
 - 4. Replace fear and frustration with HOPE and CONFIDENCE.*
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Family Discussion

Guide Structure (*Intro Questions, A Dive In, Next Steps and Pray Together*)

Intro

1. Do you think you are a good listener? Why or why not?
2. **READ: Matthew 7:12**, What does it mean to treat others the way you want to be treated?
3. What are some ways that you can use your words to encourage others this week?

Dive

1. **ICE BREAKER GAME:** Everyone will have a turn. The game is “Encouragement Circle” and the rules are: 1) When someone else is speaking, you cannot speak. 2) If you’re being encouraged, you can’t respond to the encouragement. 3) What you say needs to encourage the person you’re speaking to.
Start with one person who is encouraged by every other person in the group. Once everyone is done encouraging the first person, repeat these steps and rules for every person in your family until everyone has been encouraged in your circle. If there are just two of you, don’t skip out and you’ll be glad you didn’t!
2. **READ: James 1:19**, What should we be quick to do and slow to do?
3. **Parents or kids ask this question to one another:** Do you feel like I listen to you? Why or why not?
 - a. Will you forgive me for not listening?
 - b. How can I show you that I listen to you?
4. **READ: Proverbs 18:21**, How can I my words bring life or death?
5. Can I speak like Jesus if I don’t know what Jesus said? How can I learn what Jesus said and how to speak like Jesus?

Next Steps

6. (Next Steps) How can I start speaking like Jesus this week?
 - a. Spend quality time reading the words of Jesus
 - b. Practice listening to others
 - c. Using my words to speak life and encouragement

Prayer

Take time to listen to pray request from one another, split into groups of two and pray for each other.

During your time together at the table or eating together, feel free to use the **Table Talk** questions that we have written for families. Raising your family up to be like Jesus doesn’t just happen on Sunday, but every day in your home. You are the best leader your kids have. Don’t underestimate the power of being their parent and leader in their walk with Jesus.

Table Talk

Questions to help guide conversation around the dinner table

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1. What is your favorite type of music to listen to and why?
2. Do you have a favorite saying of Jesus? (EX: *Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest*)
3. What do you think it was like as James, to be the brother of Jesus?
4. Do you feel afraid or anxious during this time at home? Why?
5. Who is one person that I look up to? Why do you look up to them?
6. What are you looking forward to most when you get to go back to school? Why?

Enjoy your time together. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions and need pray for your family by emailing info@crosspointchurch.tv