



# Gospel Light®

HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE  
for ages 10-12

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Lesson 3

## Positive Talk at Home

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*

Romans 12:14

When the kids had fallen into patterns of talking with disrespect or attitude to each other, we had a family meeting about it. They came up with the idea of putting dimes into a jar when anyone was “caught” talking positively, and removing dimes when someone had “bad talk.” We had to start our jar with IOUs because of the bad habits that had developed. But it wasn’t long until text messages were flying with words of love and encouragement. Notes were found on mirrors and pillows and in backpacks. And the whole tone of the house became fun and friendly: **You can do it! Praying for you. Love ya! You’re a good brother. Like your haircut. Thanks for help on my homework.** After we had knocked out the bad speak, we quickly filled the jar and it was easier in the future for me to say, It’s better to say something positive, even when the other person doesn’t.

### Try This:

We have identified for our kids what words we consider curse words. These are words no one in our family is to use. We are careful not to watch movies that use these words or phrases. We acknowledge that they will hear these words at school and other places and we can’t stop that, but we can control what is at our house. **We choose our words to please God.**