

GET WISDOM! Lesson 8:**BE WISE! LOVE IS SENT THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT.****(Proverbs 15:1, 4; 16:24; 17:14; 18:21; 26:18-22; 27:4-6)****Proverbs 15:1****“A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.”**

Sometimes people get angry – we all do. If we speak to an angry person in a calm, quiet voice we can help them to calm down. A sharp, loud voice will do the opposite – it can make matters worse. It is really hard to be patient and kind with someone who is angry. But that is what we must try to do. Remember, a calm, kind voice will usually stop anger.

**What do these proverbs mean to you?
Write or draw your answer.**

Proverbs 15:4

“As a tree gives us fruit, healing words give us life.
But evil words crush the spirit.” *(ICB)*



Proverbs 16:24

“Pleasant words are like a honeycomb.
They make a person happy and healthy.” *(ICB)*



Proverbs 26:18-19

“A person shouldn’t trick his neighbor
and then say, “I was just joking!”
That is like a madman shooting
deadly, burning arrows.” *(ICB)*



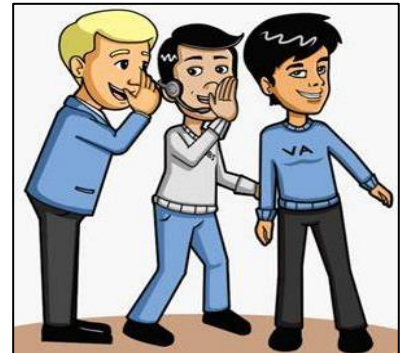
Proverbs 26:21

“Charcoal and wood keep a fire going.
In the same way, a quarrelsome person keeps
an argument going.” *(ICB)*



Proverbs 26:22

“The words of a gossip are like tasty bits of food.
People take them all in.” *(ICB)*



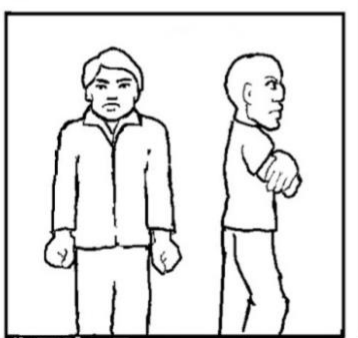

Proverbs 17:14 & 27:4

“Starting a quarrel is like a leak in a dam.
So, stop the quarrel before a fight breaks out...
Anger is cruel. It destroys like a flood.” *(ICB)*



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

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Proverbs 15:1

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UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

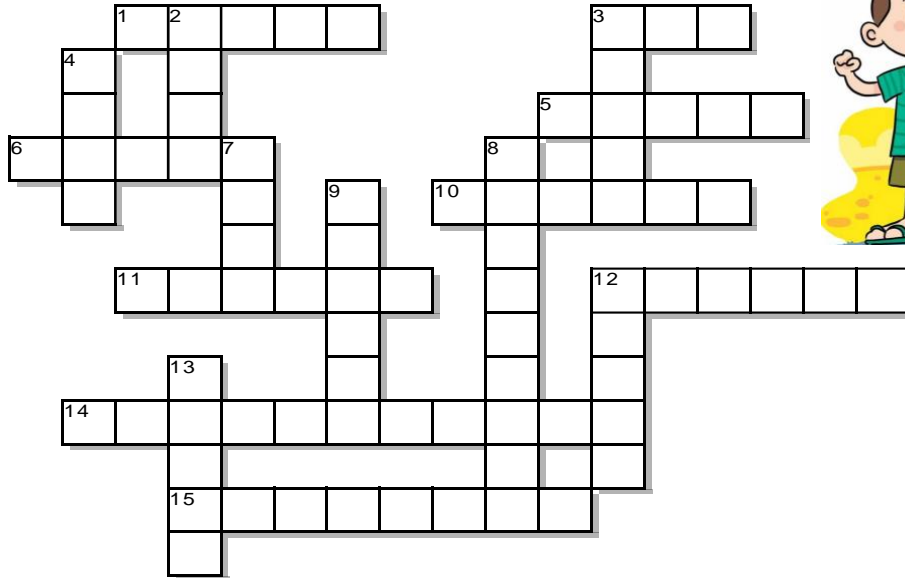
Think of this:

In all your relationships (friends, brother, sister, classmates, etc.) try to use your words wisely! Use words that will make you **both happy and healthy**.

That's a **WIN / WIN!**

Use Words Wisely - Proverbs

Look at the verses on Pg. 1 & 2 for help.



ACROSS

- 1 Anger destroys like a _____.
- 3 My words can make my friend and I both _____.
- 5 Evil words _____ the spirit.
- 6 Anger is _____.
- 10 Talking about people behind their back is _____.
- 11 Don't say something mean and then say "I was just _____."
- 12 Hurting someone's feelings is like a madman shooting burning _____.
- 14 A _____ person keeps an argument going.
- 15 Solomon wrote this book to give advice.

DOWN

- 2 Healing words give us _____.
- 3 _____ really can hurt someone.
- 4 Keeping an argument going is like keeping a _____ burning.
- 7 Starting a quarrel is like a _____ in a dam.
- 8 Pleasant words are like a _____.
- 9 This kind of answer turns away wrath.
- 12 A harsh word stirs up _____.
- 13 Pleasant words make a person _____ and healthy.