

### Part 3 Act it out.

With friends or family members, act out one of the situations below. Show how you can resist the discouraging words and pay attention to the encouraging words.

**You:** My mom says not to watch that show, so I don't think I should.

**Friend A:** Who cares? She'll never know.

**Friend B:** Okay. It's good to obey your mom.

**You:** I think I'd better tell the teacher the truth about ruining that kid's markers.

**Friend A:** I'll go with you, if you want.

**Friend B:** That would be too scary. Blame it on someone else.

**You:** I'm helping collect toys for the family shelter in town.

**Friend A:** Why bother?

**Friend B:** Oh, that's cool. I'd like to help, too.



## 3 Stopping Gossip

### Part 1 Clean up the mouth!

The way you talk can hurt others and ruin friendships—or help them. Read Proverbs 11:13; 26:20; and James 3:9-10. Then clean up the mouth! The sentences below are all false. Change, add or cross out words to make each sentence true.



### Part 2 Plan for better talk.

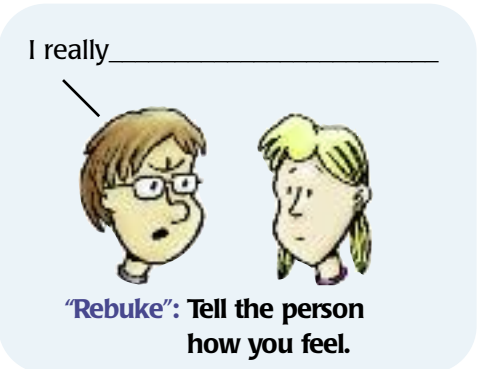
Look at the four sentences you corrected in Part 1, describing how a good friend talks and acts. Which of these are a problem for you? Circle the ones you need to work on. Finish the letter to God below, filling in one of the ideas you circled. Then pray the prayer.



## 4 Forgiving

### Part 1 Learn to fix a broken friendship.

What can friends do when one of them does something wrong to the other one? Read Luke 17:3. Finish the sentence in the cartoon frame here and the two on the next page.



I'm \_\_\_\_\_



**"Repent":** Say you're sorry.

OK, I \_\_\_\_\_



**"Forgive":** Stop being angry.

**Part 2** Do your part.

What hurts or wrongs in your friendships do you need to help fix? Look at the ideas below, and circle one or more that you'll do this week. Or write your own idea.

*This week I need to . . .*

- ▶ Tell a friend "I'm sorry."
- ▶ Find out why someone is upset with me.
- ▶ Forgive someone.
- ▶ Give someone another chance to be friends.
- ▶ Listen carefully to someone.
- ▶ Tell a friend how I feel about something he or she did wrong to me.

▶ Your idea: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Verses**

- John 15:12**
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22**
- Proverbs 26:20**

When you learn a verse, put a Memory Verse Sticker on the back cover chart.

This week I used my Bible Memory Cards to review my verses.