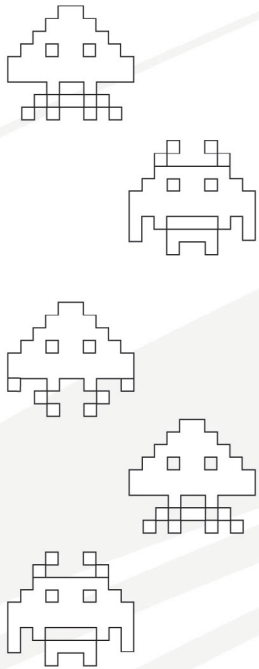


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## Changing the Way You Play

Week 3

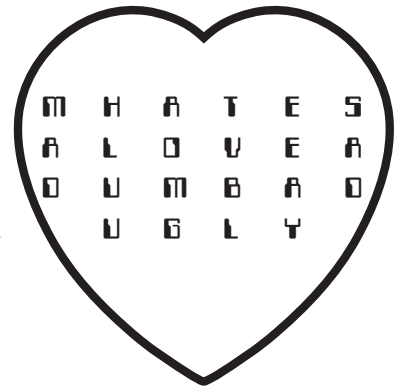


### Read This First

#### Read Proverbs 12:18

Picture that the power of your words are like a laser—able to cut someone in two, but also used by real doctors to heal a person who’s really sick with something like cancer. God wants you to use your words carefully to cut away the bad stuff hurting people (like fear, loneliness, and sadness) so they can heal. God doesn’t want you to be the one hurting people because you say stuff without taking time to think.

Use your pencil like a laser to mark out the hurtful words (bad, dumb, hate, mad, sad, ugly). Then what is the only word left inside the heart?



**Ask** God to help you build people up with your words.



### Read This Next: Day 1

#### Read Psalm 94:18-19

Your words have the power to be a lifeline to someone. Someone you know is hurting. Maybe he feels lonely and that no one cares or notices. Maybe she is nervous about recess or gym and being teased or not picked to play. A kind word from you could be like sunlight peeking through on a cold, cloudy day. Your words and timing can mean a lot to someone.

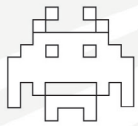
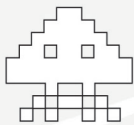
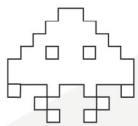
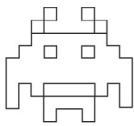
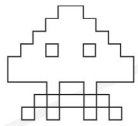
Think of someone who might need some encouragement. In the space below, write their name and when you think you can try to talk to them. What will you say and do to help them?

Thank God that His love and friendship never stop.

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Day 2

## Read Proverbs 15:1

Suppose your buddy was mad at the extra homework your teacher gave. If you gripe about it too, you'll turn his spark of mad into a raging fire of angry! It would be like a firefighter spraying gas on a fire instead of water. Gas makes it much worse—water helps to put it out. Stick with kind, gentle, "water words" to help quench the fire so you and everyone else won't get burned!

Recite James 1:19 (this month's memory verse) and then fill in the blanks below.

Be quick to \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_ and also slow to \_\_\_\_\_!

**Ask** God to help you be a good influence in the world around you.

## Read 1 Peter 3:9

You know about "payback," but God wants you to pay back the way He does. No matter what we do, God loves us, forgives us, and helps us. He has chosen you to do the same. If someone pays you an insult, try to look for the good (any good) in the situation or person instead of reacting strongly. This verse says God will bless your self-control!

Think of one person and something that happens a lot with them that seems to hurt people, including you; or maybe you've just seen it happen over and over. What kinds of things could you say before or after it happens? It helps to plan ahead.

Day 3

### Common Phrases:

Have a great day.  
You're a good friend.  
Good job!  
Thank you.  
I'm sorry.

### In Your Own Words:

**Praise** God for His kindness to you and ask for His help in being kind when others aren't.

