

# Gifts That Keep on Giving







# Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: “The Right Word” mad-lib page.

## 1. Time to Talk

**Look Up and Read:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11. This is a verse about encouraging others because of what Jesus did for us.

**Discussion Questions:**

- When is a time you’ve been encouraged by someone else?
- Can you think of an example of why our words are “powerful”? (Could mention when words inspire others, or how a leader uses words to tell others how to build buildings, play music, and almost everything else.)
- Who is someone who might need encouragement this week? How could you encourage them?

**Ask:** What is going great right now? Is there something that’s not going great right now?

**Pray:** Talk to God, mentioning things the kids talked about if appropriate.

## 2. Activity

**Do This:** Before reading the story, ask kids to think of something to fill each blank on the mad-lib page. Then, read the entire story to them and enjoy laughing at the (probably ridiculous) story you’ve created.

**Discuss:** Would you have chosen those words if you were actually telling that story? Probably not. Can you think of a time when words made a difference in your life?

**Discuss:** What are some encouraging things we could say to others? (“Great job!” “I’m glad you’re my friend.” “I’m glad you’re here.” “You are great at \_\_\_\_.”)

**Discuss:** What are some encouraging things we could do for others? (Let them go first. Pass the ball to them. Give them a chance to try something. Say good things about them to others.)

**The Point:** We can encourage others with the things we do and the things we say. When we do, it can really change someone’s day, week, month, and even their year.