The May 2022 issue of Focus on the Family Clubhouse urges kids to start talking. Whether it’s conversation at the dinner table, jokes in the car or asking a parent for advice, open, honest and direct communication strengthens family bonds.

“The tongue of the wise brings healing.” – Proverbs 12:18

After your child or grandchild has read the magazine, answer these questions as a family.

**Sticky Situation** (pp. 6-7)

1. The more lies you tell, the stickier they get. Have you ever had a lie snowball out of control? What happened?
2. Why is it so hard to admit when we lie?
3. How do you motivate yourself to always tell the truth?

**Wacky Words** (p. 10)

1. What is your favorite word? Why?
2. When someone uses a word you don’t recognize, do you ask them to explain it or do you just nod and smile?
3. Read Matthew 5:3-12. Do you think Jesus surprised the crowd with His words? Which statement do you find the most surprising?

**Parents**, Your child can sign up for a Clubhouse pen pal. See the form on the back cover of the magazine.

**Say What?** (pp. 12-13)

1. When an adult talks to you, do you make eye contact or stare at the floor? What does your body language communicate?
2. How can you make a new kid feel comfortable? What’s your best opening line?
3. Would you rather talk for hours or spend all day in silence?
4. What do you do when you’re bored with a conversation? What should you do?

**The Rebuild** (pp. 24-27)

1. What would you say to Jonah if you saw him at school?
2. Jonah thinks, “If you really cared, you’d know that” . . . but he doesn’t say anything. Is it fair to expect your parents or friends to read your mind?
3. Who do you talk to when you have problems? How do they make you feel?

**Family Prayer:**

Dear Lord, please bless our conversations. May we take initiative, encourage others and always tell the truth. Amen.