



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY clubHouse

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DISCUSSION GUIDE



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 bad things happen? 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.