



# FOCUS ON THE FAMILY clubhouse DISCUSSION GUIDE

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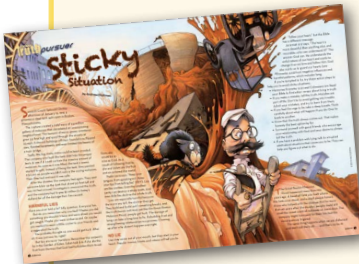


The May 2022 issue of *Focus on the Family Clubhouse* urges kids to start talking. Whether it's conversation at the dinner table, jokes in the car or asking a parent for advice, open, honest and direct communication strengthens family bonds.

*"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.