

{ Dinnertime Devotionals }



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Weekly Theme: Influence

Verse #1: Proverbs 22:1-3

(I use the ESV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

Jr. Discussion Starter: What is a “good name”? Why is it so valuable? What does the word prudent mean? Why would they hide themselves?

Discussion Starter: A reputation is easy to destroy and difficult to rebuild. How does this passage apply to your life as a teenager?

Verse #2: Matthew 5:13

Jr. Discussion Starter: What does it mean to be the “salt of the earth”? What did people use salt for back at the time this was written? Could they just go to the store to get some?

Discussion Starter: Look at the context of this verse. What do you think the people in the crowd thought when Jesus made this statement? How does salt compare with our reputation as Christians? What was the purpose of salt at the time Jesus said this?

Verse #3: Matthew 5:14-16

Jr. Discussion Starter: When Jesus said this, did they have lights that they could switch on and off? How did they light their homes at night? How can we let our love for God shine?

Discussion Starter: Every morning before we send our daughter off to school we all sit down and talk about some way that we can let our light shine that day. Do you give a purposed effort to letting your light shine? What are some things that you could be doing?

Verse #4: Philippians 1:27

Jr. Discussion Starter: What do these words mean - manner, worthy, absent, standing firm, striving. Paul wrote this letter to the church at Philippi. What was he reminding them to do?

Discussion Starter: Paul, the author of this letter, was a great encourager but also said things that needed to be said. If Paul were to write you a letter about your influence on others, what would it say? How would you evaluate your effectiveness in influencing others?

Verse #5: Deuteronomy 11:18-19

Jr. Discussion Starter: Who has the responsibility of educating the kids in your family? Did you know that your parents learn things from you too? Do we ever stop learning?

Discussion Starter: Parents and teens can sometimes struggle to get along, but learning together can help ease tensions. Who is in charge of making sure kids in the family learn about God? How can you help your parents accomplish this?