

## **CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER LESSONS**

### **COURTEOUS COMMUNICATION:**

#### **“COURTEOUS COMMUNICATION HABITS”**

**Read James 1:19-20.**

#### **Questions for discussion**

1. Do you prefer talking or listening?
2. Which is easier for you to do?
3. What is the first thing many people do when they get mad?
4. What should we do first?
5. What should we be slow to do?
6. Why should we be slow to speak and become angry?
7. If we were to follow the Bible’s instructions on communication, how would things be different at our house?

#### **Key concepts**

The Bible has very clear instructions on how to have harmony in communication. James wrote that we are to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry. Most people use poor communication skills, rather than those described in the Bible. Communication works better when we are focused on listening rather than speaking. Choosing to be patient and forgiving, rather than being quick to get angry with each other, helps keep our home peaceful.

*Have your children practice filling in the blanks in this phrase from **James 1:19**: “Everyone should be quick to \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_ and slow to become \_\_\_\_\_.”*

*Now pray **James 1:19** aloud, allowing your children to fill in the missing words as you pray.*