

# Virtual Roots Leader Guide

## January Week 5

**Today's Bible Story:** Say What You Need to Say (Use Words Wisely) • *Ephesians 4:29*

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a (NirV)*

### What You Need:

- Gibberish Phrases written down to show the kids.

(I color coded everyone's role for the call. Admin- Red Emcee- green Teacher 1- Blue Teacher 2- Orange)

### SUNDAY MORNING

(Bring kids in from waiting room)

#### WELCOME:

**Emcee What You Say:** Wohoo! It's Sunday! Who's excited to be here? I'm excited to see you! Welcome to Virtual Roots. My name is (share your name and the other teacher's names). I'm feeling ready to worship God today. I'd love for you to join me today. Are you ready? Let's worship!

Begin video and play until worship is done at 2:56

#### BIBLE STORY:

**Emcee What You Say** "How is everyone's week going? Good, I'm glad to see so many thumbs up! Last week you drew a picture of how to make the most of something that God has given you. For example: if God has given you the talent of drawing, you could make the most of that talent, by drawing pictures for your family and friends to let them know that God cares about them. I'd like to know if anyone was able to put their picture into action. Did someone try what they drew? (*have kids share about what they did and how it went*). Thank you for sharing, and just because that was last week's lesson, doesn't mean it's over. You can keep finding ways to make the most of your your time, talents, and relationships. This week we're going to talk about the importance of words. Let's watch the video so you guys can see what I mean.

Play Video at 2:57 until 11:02

#### ACTIVITY:

**Teacher 1 What You Say:** What we say, AND how we say it, are really important. God cares how we speak to others, and even how we speak to ourselves. We can share kindness and joy with others with the words that we say. Now I thought that game Erica was playing looked so fun and so I thought we should play a similar game today. This is what we're going to do. I'm going to hold up a gibberish phrase. The paper won't really say words, it's kind of mixed up letters to make the sounds close to the words I want you to say. Here's an example (*hold up example paper*). You try to be the first one to figure out what the phrase is by saying it over and over to yourself. Let's do this one together. (*help kids figure out the phrase*). Great Job! Are you ready to start the game? (*hold up the paper until kids have guessed it correctly, then start the next one. Give help if needed. Have kids be unmuted during the game so they can yell out the phrase*)

Gibberish Sayings:

~ Example: WEEL UB OX IDS (We love VoxKids)

1. GEEZ EZ RAX (Jesus rocks.)
2. CHURGE IZ KULE (Church is cool.)
3. OL EV GODE (I love God.)
4. LEVG OD LEV PEEP UL (Love God. Love people.)
5. WUR CHIP DA LODDE (Worship the Lord.)

“Great Job everyone! That game can be tricky! Sometimes we forget how important our words are and how much they can affect someone else. What was the point of the Scripture that we read today? *(We should use our words wisely and to build each other up.)*

What’s something encouraging or helpful you can say to someone else today? *(If kids are stuck for ideas, ask prompting questions like: What’s something kind that you can say to your brother or sister? Your grandma or grandpa? Someone who’s sad? Someone who needs help?)*

Here’s the thing, God put us on Earth to point everyone to Him. When you **use your words wisely**, everyone around us has a better chance of feeling His love and knowing Him! When we leave today, we can remember the awesome responsibility and role we have to show everyone the love of Jesus through our powerful words.”

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

**Teacher 2 What You Say:** Words are really powerful. The words God gives us in the Bible are the most powerful words. Because they’re God’s words. That’s why memorizing Scripture is so important. We can fill our minds with the most powerful words so we can be strong in times of trouble or temptation or doubt. You guys have been doing an AMAZING job of saying your memory verse so this week I’m not even going to give you a hint. I want to see who can share the verse because they have it inside their minds and hearts. Who want to say the verse? *(have kids share)*

#### **PRAYER:**

**Teacher 2 What You Say:** I’ve really enjoyed having you guys share prayer requests and pray this month. You have so many things you’ve been talking to God about. I’d like to take a couple minutes to share some of the prayer requests that God has answered. Who would like to share how God has answered your requests? *(have kids share answered prayers or ways that they have been blessed by God recently)* Thank you everyone for sharing! I’m going to close our time together in prayer.

“Dear God, thank You for being a faithful God who loves us so much. Thank you for hearing us when we pray and for answering so many of the prayers we’ve brought to you. I’m so glad God that all of Your words are trustworthy and true. Help us show others what You’re like by saying words that build up and help the people around us. Help us say words like *(repeat some of the encouraging and helpful things kids mentioned in your earlier conversation)*. And when we make mistakes with our words, please help us be quick to say, ‘I’m sorry. Will you forgive me?’ Thank You for loving us so much, God. We love You, too. Amen.”

#### **CLOSE OUT**

**Emcee What you Say:** Friends, our words are really important aren't they. This week I challenge you to be saying only words that are kind and encouraging. Find ways to speak life into people and point them to Jesus. Next week we will be meeting at a different time! Our meeting time is changing to 3:15 in the afternoon. I hope to see all of you then. Have a great week and use your words wisely! Bye everyone!

**End call**