Main Idea:

We Are All Influencers

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

Set it Up:

Gather everyone in the family into a circle. Announce that whoever you throw the ball to must go into the middle of the circle. Then each person will come up with one kind thing to say about that person. (E.g., you help pick up the toys, you let me share the game with you, you are funny, you can run fast, etc.) Continue putting others in the middle of the circle until everyone has had a turn.

Discussion:

How did it feel when others were saying kind words about you?

When we use our words wisely, we can have a big influence on how others feel about themselves. It can help move someone from having a bad day to having a much better day.

Why is it important to say words that help others? (*We all get discouraged; kind words can help us keep going; etc*.)

Read: Ephesians 4:29-32.

[29] *No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear.* [30] *And don't grieve God's Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption.* [31] *Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice.* [32] *And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.*

Based on what we just read, what kind of words should we use to influence others? (E.g., words that build up others; kind words; not angry words; not mean words; etc.)

We all need words that can influence us to make good choices and to help encourage one another.

Prayer:

Use this prayer to pray together as a family:

Lord, we pray that you will give us strength to do all things that will bring you glory. Help us to influence those around us in a good way. God, you are aware of how hard it can be to be a good influence all the time. Give us strength to not be down on ourselves when we mess up and give you praise when we succeed.

Amen