



# All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE FOR YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS

## Title: Gossip - The Unspoken Sin

**Objective:** The students will be able to explain what gossip is and identify different types of gossip.

It has been said, knowledge is power. Unfortunately, many people like to spread damaging information or intimate details about others, whether true or not. This is what is called gossip. It used to be that people called gossip, dishing the dirt. Whatever it is called, people use gossip to hurt people, in order to feel good about themselves and to feel like they have power over others.

Ask your students the following questions: Ask them to think back to a time when someone gossiped about them. How did it make them feel? What were the consequences of the gossip?

Explain that consequences of gossip could be anything negative that came from the gossip happening. (Some examples of consequences of gossip could be losing friends, loss of trust, bad reputation, etc.) The most dangerous part about gossip is that it steals another person's reputation. A reputation is very fragile. When you gossip, you are helping to destroy something extremely valuable.

### Class discussion

*Please use the verses and questions below to have a class discussion about the topic.*

*Also, if students tend to not volunteer to answer questions, call on a random person.*

*Participation makes people to understand better.*

As a group read **Exodus 20:16** and discuss the following questions:

1. What does the Bible directly tell us not to do in this passage?
2. Why do you think the Bible is so direct about this sin?
3. Explain what telling lies about people can lead to.

As a group read **Matthew 12:36** and discuss the following questions:

1. What do you think this verse is referring to?
2. Will we be held accountable for the words we speak? How?
3. Can you give a reason for every word you have ever spoken?

\*Make sure everything you say is of value and is not going to degrade someone else, whether it is true or not. \*

As a group read **Proverbs 25:9-10** and discuss the following questions:

1. One form of gossip that is common is spreading your issues with someone to everyone else. How does the Bible tell us to handle this type of situation?
2. What else does this verse tell us to do?
3. Why is it important to be a person who keeps secrets?

What can follow someone who gossips? (bad reputation) How so? Do you want to tell information to a gossip?

As a group read **Proverbs 20:19** and discuss the following questions:

1. Why should we avoid people who talk openly and foolishly?
2. Are you friends with any gossips? How can you address the sin?

As a group read **Psalms 141:3** and discuss the following questions:

1. In this Psalm David is making this plea to God. Even the man after God's own heart needed help controlling what he said. What does this tell you about this sin?
2. How can we pray about this in our own lives?

To learn more about gossip, watch this short Video clip – You may just click on the link or copy it and paste it in your URL.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qljD6uxy6dk>

**Closure** - Allow everyone to speak on this.

Read **Ephesians 4:29**.

As Christians, what should our words do for others?