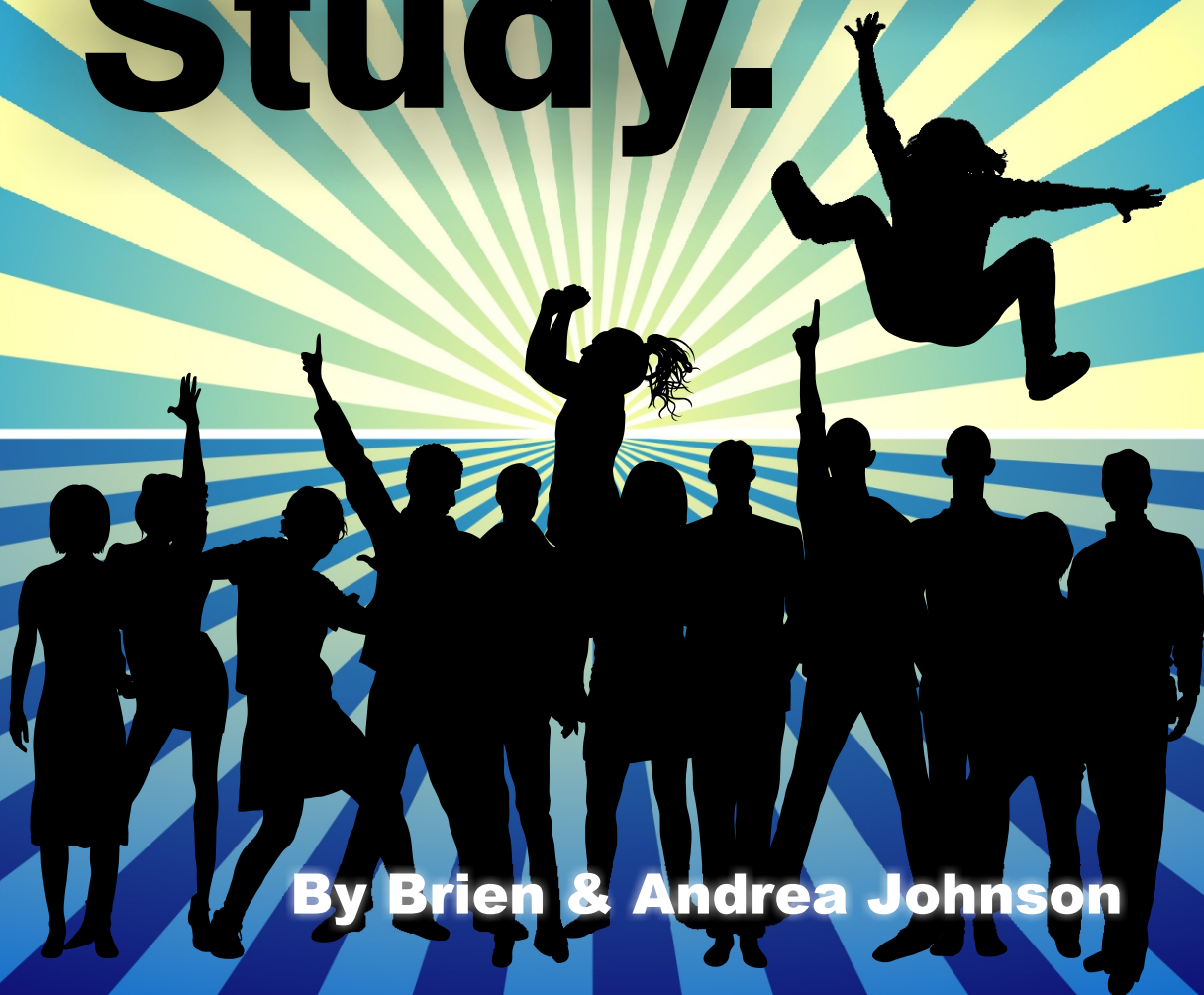


31 PROVERBS FOR KIDS

**Think. Ask.
Pray. Do.
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DAY FIVE

Read It:

"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." Proverbs 16:24

Think About It:

Imagine this. You've been outside on a long bike ride. The sun is shining, and it's a very hot day. You've been pedaling hard uphill all the way home. Sweat is dripping off your face. You pull into your driveway, and put your bike away in the back yard. Your mom comes out to greet you with a delicious ice cream treat and a tall glass of ice-cold juice, then sets up a chair for you in the shade. Ahh...There's nothing quite as sweet as ice cream in the shade on a hot day. Yum yum! Good words are like a sweet treat, or a shady break from the hot sun. When we speak kind, encouraging words to others, it's refreshing. Don't you love it when someone tells you that you did a great job, or that they're proud of you, or that they're praying for you? It's important that we use our words to bless and build people up. If your friend looks like she's having a rough day, say, "How are you doing? I've been praying for you, and I want you to know that I love you!" Words like this will be sweet to your friend's soul. Your friend may not need a fancy gift; they may just need some pleasant words to build them up. It's so easy to do, and it's so much better than saying mean things! Choose to bring those around you a refreshing treat of kind words!

Ask Myself:

When was the last time someone complimented me? How did I feel? Have I gossiped or spoken unkind words this week?

Pray:

Heavenly Father, I thank you for your Word. It's full of wonderful words of life that build me up. Help me to use words like you do. Help me to encourage others around me, and to speak pleasant words that bring life and healing to them. I ask you to forgive me for using unkind words. I want to encourage and strengthen my family and friends by my words. Help me to speak your words. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Do It:

Make a card for someone in your family, telling them how much you appreciate them. Tell them your favourite things about them, and then write a Scripture for them. It will be sweet like a honeycomb...or like ice cream!

Study:

Proverbs 16:23, Proverbs 15:1, 23, Proverbs 12:25