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## It's good to talk

Introduce the theme of these activities. Throughout the Bible there are many references to the importance of using your voice to speak God's hope and light into the world. Our voices are important. They help us communicate to each other.

**Value/characteristic:**  
**It's good to talk**

**Character:**  
**Naaman's servant**



## Plug in

It's often said that the best form of advertising is a happy customer. A recent straw poll revealed that 80% of children who came along to n:gage/Girls' Brigade did so because they'd heard about it from their friends. Isn't it great to think that by your child telling their friends what they enjoy at GB/other clubs, they also want to share these experiences too.

Get your child to write a list/discuss what they love about GB/another club and what they miss about GB/another club whilst they can't meet.



## Activate

### Cookie love

You'll need: Icing pens/icing/Sweets/sprinkles; plain biscuits/cookies (you could bake some if you have ingredients); cellophane and ribbon (or similar)

Get your child to decorate the biscuits with icing and sprinkles. Write a positive message on each one e.g. I like you, You're a fab friend, I love you, you make me laugh. When the icing is dry, wrap them in cellophane and tie with ribbon. You should then gift these positive words to people of their choice – family members/neighbours/friends etc. Please respect social distancing and travel guidelines. If you don't have the resources for biscuit decorating, try a different type of craft that your child could make, add a positive message to and then gift e.g. a cross-stitch, collage or card.



## Get Connected

Read your child the key points from the story of Naaman – found in 2 Kings Chapter 5 in the Bible – there was a man called Naaman. He was a great soldier in the king of Syria's army.

- But Naaman was a leper. Leprosy is a disease that attacks the nerves in the hands, feet and face. Nobody wanted to be around people with leprosy as they were scared they'd catch it. Today there's treatment for the disease, but in Naaman's day there was no cure. Naaman was going to die soon.
- In a recent battle, Naaman had captured a young girl. He brought her home to be a servant for his wife.
- Although she was captured and away from her home, the servant was very kind and compassionate. She told Naaman's wife about a man of God in her home country who could heal Naaman.
- Naaman thought that she meant the king of Israel, his enemy. In fact, the servant girl meant Elisha, a man who was very close to God.
- When he visited Elisha, Elisha told Naaman to wash in the river seven times and he'd be cured of his leprosy. Naaman didn't believe Elisha and was very angry! But his servant persuaded him to do it... and he was healed.
- As a result, Naaman believed that God was the only true God.

Although we never know her name, the words of Naaman's servant saved his life. She shared information and words that helped to transform his life – he was made well again. Words have power. Does your child know someone at school who might be lonely? When they go back to school, maybe they could speak to this person, using kind words and invite them along to GB/another club. They might transform their life!