Lesson 23

Area: Don’t Gossip

Title: What Goes Around Comes Around

Objective: Students will examine the impact of gossip from offender and victim perspective.

Materials: Board or Overhead Markers

Activity: Write the following question on the board: “How I felt when…”

“I took part in gossip”

“I was a victim of gossip”

(Possible student responses)

* I sure hope these people never gossip about me.
* Angry
* Alone
* Scared
* Excited
* Helpless
* Included
* Sad
* Mean
* Special
* Traitor

Discuss responses.

Tell the class, “Think of a friend that rarely participates in gossip. What are some words you would use to describe that person?”

Closure: Ask the class, “Does gossip make anyone truly stronger or better?”

Tell them, “If it is too hard to speak up, you can always just walk away.”