



## LESSON 2 // BE CONSIDERATE

**Big Idea:** Consideration is thinking about others and the impact of your actions, attitudes and words on them. Considerate people treat others respectfully, practice good manners and are secure in their identity. They seek to understand people, anticipate needs, listen more than they talk and think before they speak. They actively contribute to relationships, give people a “break” where needed, and apologize appropriately.

**Philippians 4:5 (TLB)** *Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon.*

**Titus 3:2 (TPT)** *And remind them to never tear down anyone with their words or quarrel, but instead be considerate, humble, and courteous to everyone.*

### Start Talking:

How do people respond when you are considerate to them? What are some situations in which it can be challenging for you to be considerate?

### Start Thinking:

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:4, 5.** How does God’s love for you provide what you need to be a considerate person to others?

**Read Proverbs 10:19, 20 and James 1:19.** How does listening well and thinking before you speak help you express consideration to others?

**Read Galatians 6:5.** What does it mean to “carry your load” and contribute to your relationships? What happens if you don’t show this kind of consideration?

**Read Ephesians 4:32.** In what ways can you “give people a break”? How does this make room for relationships to grow?

### Start Praying:

Pray that God will develop in you a greater heart for and awareness of being a considerate person. Pray that His love will shine through as you express consideration in tangible ways to others.

### Start Doing:

Begin to intentionally practice at least one expression of consideration that you learned about, or were reminded of, through this lesson.

For instance, you might focus on being a better listener and thinking carefully before you speak. Or you can deliberately extend and communicate forgiveness where that’s needed. Write down how God works in you and in your relationships as you do this!