

# SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE OF VIRTUES

## **Use virtues language to ACKNOWLEDGE, when a virtue is happening:**

“I see your caring in how you comfort your friend when she cries.”

“I want to honor your determination to work hard at achieving your goals.”

“Now that’s what I call using your flexibility, being willing to do something different!”

“Thank you for using your courtesy. Please and thank you are important to remember to say.”

## **Use virtues language to GUIDE, to prepare for something that is going to happen:**

“I need everyone to use their reliability to get their chores and homework done early so that we are ready to leave for the movie by 7 pm.”

“Remember to use your peaceful voices and be gentle with the materials when we go to the library.”

“I know that you have a lot to say at the meeting. Please remember to use your consideration by waiting for your turn to speak.”

## **Use virtues language to CORRECT, when problems occur:**

“Please use your consideration and turn down that music.”

“What would be a kind way you could say that?”

“I know you are really upset that she broke your game on purpose. I can see that you are really angry. I am asking you to use your mercy right now.”

“We practice respect in this house. What would be a respectful way to say that?”

