

THIS WEEK'S EXPERIMENT:

Tattle-Tale Boomerang

(Matthew 7:1-5)

"Do not judge others. Then you will not be judged. You will be judged in the same way you judge others. You will be measured in the same way you measure others.

You look at the bit of sawdust in your friend's eye.

But you pay no attention to the piece of wood in your own eye. How can you say to your friend,

'Let me take the bit of sawdust out of your eye'?

How can you say this while there is a piece of wood in your own eye?

You pretender! First take the piece of wood out of your own eye. Then you will be able to see clearly to take the bit of sawdust out of your friend's eye."



1. Has anyone ever tattled on you? What did they tattle about? Do you feel they were telling the truth?
2. Sometimes when people tattle on us, we get angry. We get angry because we might get in trouble but sometimes we get angry because they don't tell the WHOLE story. If someone tattling on you is leaving things out, what do you feel like doing? Have you ever felt like tattling back on *them*?
3. Being a tattle-tale is a lot like what Jesus says about judging. Sometimes we might feel like blaming someone for a bad thing they have done. Before we blame (judge) someone, what words of caution does Jesus offer? *You will be judged/blamed in the same way.*
4. Jesus says blaming others is like telling someone there's a little something on their face while at the same time there is a HUGE something on your own. What does Jesus say we must do first before pointing out someone else's spots?
5. **THIS WEEK'S EXPERIMENT:** Imagine that your "blames" are a boomerang. When you throw a boomerang it is going to come back at you. Before blaming another person, make a list of the ways it could come back at you. After making your list, then decide whether or not you want to "throw your blames!"