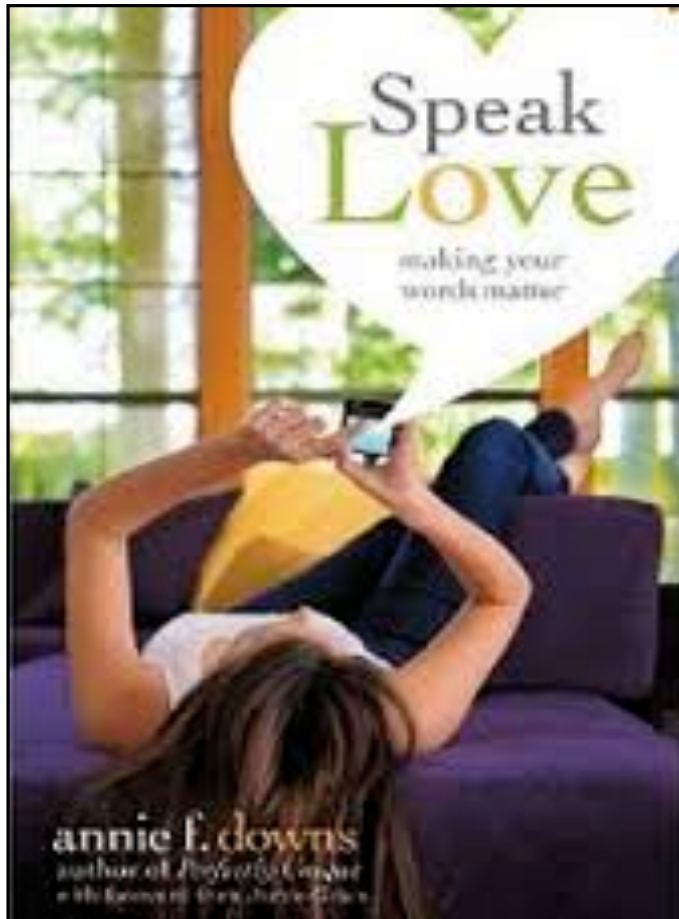




TEEN GIRLS BOOK CLUB

Project Proposal



Speak Love: Making Your Words Matter
By Annie f. Downs

SUMMARY

Objective

You have read the book SPEAK LOVE by Annie Downs. By now, you should have an understanding that your words are powerful and make a big difference. You are made in the image of God who used His very words to create you and He now desires you to use your words to bring life, healing and encouragement to others. When used correctly your words can build up; and when used in a wrong manner, your words can truly tear down.

Goals

You are going to take what you have learned and apply it to a project of your choice. You have the opportunity to take the ideas you have discovered from reading this book and put them on display for all to see. After reading this book, you have gained the knowledge and tools to help you use your words in a life-building and uplifting manner. You will complete one of these projects to help you ensure that knowledge is put to good use. Use your words to tell others what project you plan to do and watch how powerful your words become as they help others on their life journey.

Choices

As a culminating activity you should choose one of the following activities to complete. Each choice is mean to be shared with others. Not only will you showcase your knowledge, you will have the opportunity to possibly make a positive difference in someone's life. You will be able to teach them some of what you have learned through your project. Imagine all the possibilities! Dream Big! Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

- **Host a Fundraising event for a worthwhile cause:** Think on the people group (homeless, orphans, those devastated by natural disasters, etc.) that you have a huge heart for. Contact someone who leads a ministry to this particular group. Ask your pastor, youth pastor, or state office for help in finding the right contact person. Ask the leader if you can send them a donation to support this group. Then host a fundraising event in order to raise awareness and become a contributor of this project. Various fundraising ideas include hosting a bake

sale, gaining sponsors for a rock-a-thon (sitting in a rocking chair for several hours), hosting a talent show (participants give a donation to participate & you could sell tickets to attend), or hosting a yard sale (ask others for donations to your sale). The possibilities are limitless! Here's where the use of your words come into play: In order to help others who will be making contributions to your project, you will need to get "the word" out. Ways to do this include: Making an event on Facebook and inviting your friends, sending social media/texting messages out with information on your particular people group, creating a newsletter/flyer with words and pictures full of information on your project, making posters and banners to advertise and make people aware of the project, or creating a blog with information. Again the ideas and possibilities are unending! Finally, consider using a charity-donation website for monetary donations that will be coming in, such as crowdrise.com or gofundme.com. You are a voice for the hurting and forgotten people. Use your words and your actions to bring change and awareness to the people dearest to your heart. You can do it! You can make a difference!

- **Encourage through the Word:** There are number of verses in the Bible that describe how God feels about you, such as "you were created in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27). You will have an opportunity to not only get these verses instilled in your own brain, but you will also have a way to share these verses with others. Use a website, such as biblegateway.com to find a number of scriptures that explain how God feels about you. Make a list of all these verses. Then write or type each of them on a separate sheet of paper. Be creative with various fonts, colors, and artwork. Once you have each verse on a separate sheet of paper, place each in a separate envelope. Now make a sheet of paper to be placed in each envelope that reads something like: "God loves you more than you could ever know. He has used this verse to encourage me and now I would like to pass it along to encourage you. Hang this verse up somewhere to remind you just how special you are to Him." Next, make a list of the people you would like to encourage with your words/Christ's words. Place their name and address (if necessary) and distribute these envelopes. Your words, used along with Christ's words will make a big impact on someone's life.
- **Share your personal testimony in a group/class:** Using your words verbally in a positive manner allows others the opportunity to hear what Christ as done in and through you. Begin by typing out your testimony. You can focus on

your life's journey, an area that God helped you through, your salvation experience, etc. Next, talk to your youth leader about finding a way to use your words for good. Ask him/her about allowing you the opportunity to share your personal testimony with a small group, teach a children's Sunday School class, speak to a group of Senior Citizens, or another group. When other people hear your testimony and how God helped you through something or how He changed you in some way, they are often inspired to allow God to work in their life, as well. Therefore, seek ways to use your voice for good. Watch God work as you use your voice to honor and glorify Him.