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Gossiping About Others

Everyone gossips from time to time. People are interested in other people. It's just the way we are. We like to know about all the things others around us are doing. We want to share with each other and talk about our world, and the people in our world are the most important part of it. This by itself isn't bad.

The problem with gossip is that most of it tends to be negative, and a lot of times it isn't even true. Think about it: When is the last time you heard someone gossiping about how wonderful someone else is? Or is it always something scandalous, such as "I heard Jessica kissed 10 boys behind the jungle gym!" or "Robert told me that James lives in a cardboard box and eats cockroaches for dinner!" Too often, gossip is mean spirited and meant to hurt those we talk about.

In the space below, write something you've hears others gossiping about, but leave out names, so that you're not spreading rumors yourself:

