Accountable Talk

This activity will allow members to:

• Practice active listening.
• Improve communication skills.
• Increase confidence and team-building skills.

Materials needed:

• One printed worksheet per member. Download it at kkids.org/IDEA.
• Pens or pencils

How to lead this activity:

Learn how to use your voice to lead others!

1. Give each member an Accountable Talk worksheet. Members will complete this activity together.

2. Ask members to form four different groups. Here’s how:
   a. Using numbers 1–4, assign each member a number.
   b. Or ask members to count off 1–4.

3. Assign a number to each corner of the room. Ask members to go to the corner that matches their number.

4. Tell members to use the phrases on their worksheet as they talk with one another.

5. Get conversations started by using these topics, and use the blanks to create your own:
   a. What is your favorite holiday?
   b. What makes you happy?
   c. Why do you like helping others?
   d. ______________________________________________________
   e. ______________________________________________________
   f. ______________________________________________________

6. When the activity is over, thank everyone for their time and participation. This is a resource members can use with the following activities: Top Choice and Pick and Choose. See pages 18–21 for more information.
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To lead well, young leaders must know how to inspire without intimidation. Improve your communication skills by practicing these phrases during discussions with fellow K-Kids members.

I agree with ____________
because ________________.

I disagree with ____________
because ________________.

Help me understand what you mean when you say ____________.

Tell me more about ____________.

Can you explain what ____________.

I would like to add ____________

I see ________________
differently now because ____________.

One thing I noticed is ____________.

I am confused by ____________

So what you’re saying is ____________.

Couldn’t it be that also ____________.

I think that because ____________.