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Our years of open conversation and reckless dialogue are done. These days, words are starting to stick. Phrases hang around. Nothing is said "in passing" anymore. Because my four-year old's mind is like a steel trap. What's said is almost always remembered.

"I need a few minutes of quiet."
"What in the world is going on here?"
"This place is a mess." It's kind of entertaining stuff coming from the mouth of four-year-old, unless you're that four-year-old's mother. Then it's just convicting.

But, last weekend, something beautiful happened. Asher told me he wanted to write a letter to his best friend. I was instructed to write down everything he spoke aloud. Thinking this could be interesting, I obliged, sitting down with a pad of paper and pen in hand.

"Dear Levi," he very confidently began, "God loves us. Be strong and courageous. God, help us learn to have a good attitude. Be strong and courageous. Be brave. Be good and kind. Cook with your dad. Pray as much as you can. Pray and take baths

every night. Do not be afraid."

As his scribe, memorializing these stream of consciousness phrases, I couldn't help but think: *Just keep your mouth shut. Let him talk. This is gold.*

Be strong and courageous.

Pray as much as you can.

Take baths.

It doesn't get much simpler than that.

Sometimes, when you just let your kids talk, and you do the listening, you catch some real gems. Sure, you find out that your nagging about washing their hands, finishing their vegetables, and saying "thank you" are sticking (or not), but you also hear that there are a lot more meaningful truths being catalogued and filed away as well.

So when it comes to weighing what we say, maybe we choose to say less. And listen more. And then choose the words we do say more wisely.

Because they stick. They are remembered.

Let's make sure what gets remembered is worth repeating and speaks to the needs our kids are so subtly letting us know they have.

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