**LESSON: *What to Do About Rumors and Gossip***

**OUTLINE**

1. Introduce the topic of Rumors and Gossip: Talk about how rumors spread
2. Discuss how rumors and gossip can hurt others

* words can be hurtful
* rumors/gossip can destroy trust
* rumors/gossip can violate privacy
* believing rumors/gossip can lead to bad choices

1. Introduce the 4 ways students can respond to rumors and gossip:
2. Make the rumor stop with them
3. Just don’t listen in the first place
4. Be a peacemaker
5. Remember that private is private
6. So what do YOU think? discussion question
7. Give out the magnet cards

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

* Facilitator’s Guide
* Activities (Private/Not Private cards; Telephone Game)
* Lesson Summary Card (magnet cards)
* Homework Sheet – “This week I might try to handle gossip and rumors…”
* Mini schedule