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“Woke Mom”

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What Though Luke and his mom are speaking the same language, there's a communication breakdown as she tries to get him to read his Bible. Ultimately, mom helps Luke understand that modern-day slang may change from generation to generation, but God's Word stays the same.

Themes: Reading the Bible, Teenager, Youth Culture, Slang, Parenting, Communication

Who Mom
Luke- teenage boy (or adult acting like one)

When Very present day

**Wear
(Props)** Large book marked “MODERN SLANG”
Chair
Video game controller
2 cell phones

Why Proverbs 22:6

How The two are speaking the same language, but not understanding each other.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

Mom enters to find Luke sitting on the chair playing video games.

Mom: *(dry)* Oh look. Luke is playing video games. Again.

Luke: Yeah! I'm about to beat the final boss in Zombie Death Massacre 7...the Bloodening!!

Mom: Sounds great.

Luke: It's sick!

Mom: You're sick? It's probably from looking at all that blood.

Luke: No, it's sick. You know, lit, toit (*"tight"*), bad...

Mom: Oh! Bad! I know that one. *(Mom pulls out slang book, flips through it)* I've been trying to learn some of your slang so we can communicate better. Bad is good, right? Like the Michael Jackson song?

Luke: *(humoring her)* Yes, Mom. You're totally woke.

Mom, confused, tries to look up "woke."

Luke: One more hit... yeeeeet! *(Luke jumps up)* Victory!! *(to game)* Ya basic, zombie!!

Mom: So, you won?

Luke: *(doing victory dance, maybe dabbing)* Moooooooooooood!

Mom: I'll take that as a yes. So now, will you turn off the video games and spend some time reading your Bible?

Luke: Aw, come on, Mom. Why you gotta throw shade on my victory like that?

Mom: *(quickly checks book)* I'm not...throwing shades. I'm asking you to... unplug. Because I'm...shipping you and your Bible as an...OTP?

Luke: Extra, Mom. So extra.

Mom: Come on, Luke. Just pick up your Bible and read a few chapters. It's the tea.

Luke: Still not quite there, Mom.

Mom turns away from Luke and pulls out her phone. She texts. Luke's phone bings.

Luke: *(reading)* Hey Luke, this is Emma. You should totally hook up with your Bible. Really Mom, you're gonna catfish me? I mean it says your name right on the text.

Mom: Oh shoot. I always forget that when I send a twitter.

Luke: It's pronounced "tweet," Mom. And really, all you did was text.

Mom: *(sternly)* Okay, forget this thing. *(she throws her slang book away)* Go read two chapters before dinner or you won't be playing any more video games ever!

Luke: Whoa, Mom. I'm shook. You a little hangry or somethin'?

Mom: I swear we're speaking the same language, but I don't understand a word you're saying.

Luke: It's just simple English.

Mom: *(annoyed)* No *this* is simple English: Luke. Bible. Now.

Luke: I don't even know where it is! I think it's ghosting me.

Mom: It's next to your bed under pile of dirty clothes.

Luke: But I don't know where to start.

Mom: How about Genesis, or John, or... *(gasp)* Luke!

Luke: Come on! I already know all that stuff. I've been in church my whole life.

Mom: Oh really? What's on page 406?

Luke: NEF, Mom. Not even funny.

Mom: Now, listen here, the Bible is a gift. It's guidance from God you should read when you're young, so you'll know how to follow God your whole life.

Luke: But I always fall asleep when I read the Bible.

Mom: Let's hope God doesn't fall asleep while he's answering your prayers. I know you're praying that Emma texts you.

Luke: Whoa! You've been trolling my prayers? Uncool!

Mom: No, I saw Ryan say something about it on your Facebook.

Luke: Whoa! You've been trolling my Facebook? Uncool!

Mom: Look Luke, if you don't want to read it, then audiobook it. But it's important.

Luke: I know, but it's so old.

Mom: The words we use change every day. When my mom was young, clothes were called "threads," and when I was a teenager, I told my friends not to have a cow more than I'd like to admit. Today, we never even meet people we call "friends" and if something goes "viral," we get excited. But the Word of God has been the same for thousands of years. It never changes, it never goes out of style, and it's always true.

Luke: I never thought of that.

Mom: The Word of God is *still* living and active, but it doesn't change to keep up with slang or technology. It doesn't have to. God is not trying to prove how cool he is, he's simply trying to love you.

Luke: That is pretty cool, I guess.

Mom: And remember this: God came out of the "cloud" to live among us IRL. That means "in real life," right?

Luke: *(as he types on his phone)* Slayed it, Mom.

Mom: So, will you please read your Bible?

Luke: *(holds up phone)* I just downloaded a Bible app. Luke is in the New Testament, right?

Mom: Totally sick!

Both exit.

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