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Saying Stupid Is Stupid

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Ron: Okay, it's a bit hypocritical, but here goes: Saying "stupid" to your kids is stupid.

Announcer: For FamilyLife Blended®, here's Ron Deal.

Ron: Okay, did you feel a little offended when I implied that you were stupid? I'll come back to that. Jackie's husband corrects her 14-year-old's behavior like if he forgets to bring home an assignment from school by calling it stupid. Jackie's concerned that her son will hear, "You are stupid." I think she's right. That's likely what her son will hear, especially if her husband repeats that type of thing over and over.

Hey, kids internalize criticism. So, compliment their character and avoid labeling their behavior. You didn't like it when I called you stupid; don't label them stupid. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

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