Assume the BEST.

When WE do something bad, we often blame our circumstances ("I couldn't see that car because of the sun!"). But we don't extend that same grace to others—when THEY do something bad, we say it's because of who they are ("That guy's a horrible driver.")

This judgmental mindset can isolate us, cause conflict, and make us cynical. God calls us to give others the grace that we want to receive ourselves.

TOOL: Remind your student to assume that others have good intentions, but to also act with discernment. When you catch yourself or your student judging someone harshly, stop and try to come up with a more gracious explanation. Remember: nobody is perfect.

For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Matthew 7:2