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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 4 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:
THE TONGUE



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to be careful to choose their words wisely.



Lesson Takeaway:

The tongue is very powerful. Use your tongue wisely.



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Bible References:

James 3:3-12;

Psalm 34:13; 12:3-4.



Explain what the tongue can be used for.

The tongue is a tiny part of the body found in the mouth.

The tongue assists us in eating and drinking, sucking (especially for children), chewing, grinding, salivating, swallowing, tasting, and speaking. The tongue moves a lot and is very sensitive to touch.



What does the bible say about the tongue?

The bible has a lot to say about the tongue. In Proverbs 10:31; 15:4, the bible mentions a perverse tongue – a tongue that is corrupt and speaks dirty, immoral language. In Psalm 120:3, the bible talks about a false and deceitful tongue; and in Proverbs 12:19, we read of a tongue that speaks lies.

However, in Proverbs 15:4, we read about a wholesome and soothing tongue – a contrast to the other forms of tongue we saw earlier.

Basically, we understand from the scriptures that the tongue can be used for evil or good; to speak the truth or tell lies; to corrupt or edify; to demean or encourage; to cause pain or bring comfort, etc.

In Acts 5:1-11, Ananias and Sapphira decided to tell a lie with their tongue. They deceived Peter about the cost of the land they had sold. Peter asked, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God”. That lie led to their death.



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What does the bible say about the tongue? (contd.)

On the other hand, in Acts 27:27 – 38, Paul was travelling by ship with 275 other people when their ship had an accident. They were discouraged but Paul continued to encourage them with his words and action. They all got to shore safely.

The choice of what to do with the tongue lies with the owner of the tongue. You get to decide how to use your tongue – and face the consequences of your choice too. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit (Proverbs 18:21).



How does God expect us to use our tongue today?

In our world today, people can use the “freedom of speech and expression” to say anything they want to say, without thinking about the hurt it might cause others.

God’s expectation for how to use our tongue has not changed over the years. As followers of Jesus, while we have the “freedom” to use our tongue, the bible encourages us to do the following:

- Keep our tongue from evil (Psalm 34:13).
- Praise God with our tongue (Psalm 35:28).
- Guard our tongue (Proverbs 21:23; James 1:26).
- Speak words of wisdom with our tongue (Psalm 37:30; 49:3).
- Encourage other people with our words (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

From our text, James reasoned, “Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so” (James 3:10). We are encouraged to use our tongue for only what is good. In Proverbs 13:3, using one’s tongue wisely will lead to preservation of life, rather than destruction.

In conclusion, if a tongue is used for cursing, evil or corrupt speaking, it usually means the heart is dirty. “...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matthew 12:34). If your heart is dirty, ask Jesus to wash your heart with His blood, so you can use your tongue wisely.



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Memorize:

Psalm 19:14 - "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer".



Questions:

- (i) What can you do when you are tempted to boast, tell lies, or deceive with your tongue?
- (ii) What are some of the consequences of not using your tongue wisely?



Remember: The tongue is very powerful. Use your tongue wisely.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for my tongue. Please help me to use my tongue wisely, to speak the truth always, and to say words that will encourage other people. I ask these in Jesus' name. Amen.



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