[James wrote,] Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. (James 3:10)
Watch Your Tongue
(James 3:1-12)

To “control your tongue” is to be careful about what you say. People who control their tongues are good at controlling themselves.

We can control a horse by a tiny bit in his mouth. We can control a ship with a tiny wheel. The tongue is tiny too, but it is hard to control. The tongue can hurt others with wrong words, just like a fire burns.

Sometimes, the tongue is used to praise God. The tongue is also used to say mean things to people. So good words and bad words come out of the same mouth! This is not right. Watch what you say!

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, your child heard a message concerning how difficult it is to control the tongue. Those who control their tongues are able to control themselves. As you review today’s lesson with your child, remind him or her to use wisdom by listening first and then speaking politely. Practice using kind words with your child, encouraging such behavior at home and at school. Praise your child for his or her efforts.

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Your Child’s Teacher