

Take Home Sheet

Carry on the conversation at home and build faith with us!



Truth that changes me:

Our words show the true state of our hearts.



Faith in Kids looks like:

Children who are careful with their words because they know how powerful they are.



Look at the picture from today's story – you could colour it in, then choose a path to follow:

- "Talk together" gently starts a conversation about today's big truth.
- "Open the Bible" encourages you to read and apply the truth together.

Talk Together

Read: "A big forest fire can be started with only a little flame. And the tongue is like a fire. It is a whole world of evil among the parts of our bodies. It starts a fire that influences all of life. The tongue gets this fire from hell". James 3:5b-6.

Use the picture and the verse to answer:

- What are our tongues like?
- What does that tell us about tongues?
- Is that how you normally think about your tongue?

Our tongues are small but dangerous. God says that our words show what our hearts are like – good words come from a heart that loves God and others, but bad words show that our hearts love ourselves more. Can you tell me...

- 3 good things you could say to God or someone else.
- 2 unkind things you have heard said.
- 1 person who really needs to hear kind words at the moment.

Live it out: Talk about some of the words you have said or heard today. Were they good, kind words or bad, unkind words, or a mixture? How did they make you feel? How do you think they made other people feel?

A prayer to pray: Dear God, thank you that you are changing our hearts and our words. Please help me to control my tongue. Amen.

Open the Bible

Read James 3:2-12 and use the picture to talk about some of the following questions:

7s and under

- How does James show us that our tongues are powerful? And dangerous?
- Can we control our tongues?
- Who could we ask to help us?

8s and over

- Why are our tongues like a fire?
- What do our words show about our hearts?
- Can you think of words you have said today that were good? And bad?

Live it out: Words matter. They can change the whole of our life, and other people's lives. As you watch a screen this week, think about the words people say. How do they affect other characters? How might you feel or react if they were said to you? Why? Jesus never said anything wrong. We can ask God to help us to be more like him.

Pray: Say sorry to God for the wrong things you have said. Thank God that he is changing our hearts so that we are more like Jesus who always used his words perfectly. Ask God to help you to have better control of your tongue.