

# Taming the Tongue

*James 3:1-12*

**Narrated Drama** - script by Sandy Galea.

**Main Point** - Our words can do either good or evil. So watch what comes out of your mouth.

## *Instructions*

*If actors are hard to come by, two actors could learn all four parts.*

### **Need:**

- Narrator
- Four actors

## **Script**

(Narrator)

In James chapter three it says that we can tame all kinds of animals, birds and reptiles, but there is one thing we can't seem to tame.

And children, that's our tongue.

Our tongue is wild and restless.

Our tongue is very, very powerful.

Let's stop and think about the power our tongue has.

(pause)

We can say words that start fights.

## **Actions**

Narrator moves to centre stage and addresses audience.

Narrator moves to one side. Enter four actors, Actors #1 and #2 stand on one side of the stage, Actors #3 and #4 on the other.

Actor #1 pushes Actor #2 and cries, "Go on! Make me!"

Or, we can say words that stop fights.

Actor #2 pushes back. Both actors freeze.

We can say words that spread lies.

Actor #4 looks upset.  
Actor #3 offers a handshake to Actor #4 and says, "I was wrong. Can you ever forgive me?"  
Actor #4 shakes hands or they hug.  
Both actors freeze.

Or, we can say words that are the truth.

Actor # 2 pulls Actor #1 close and says, "Did you hear that...", then continues to whisper in their ear.  
Actor #1 says, "Really?"  
Actor #2 winks at audience.  
Both actors freeze.

We can say words that hurt others.

Actor #4 opens up a Bible to show Actor #3 and says, "Heh, I've got some really good news about Jesus."

Or, we can say words that make people feel loved.

Actor #1 points at Actor #2 clothes and says, "Where'd you got that top from? The toilet shop!"  
Actor #2 hangs head, is sad.  
Both actors freeze.

Actor #3 smiles at Actor #4 and

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Or, we can say words that give people good ideas.

says, "It's great to see you here today. I missed you last week."  
Actor #4 smiles and says, "Thanks."  
Both actors freeze.

Actor #2 looks around and says to Actor #1, "Heh, nobodies looking. Let's go and look in everyone's bag for money?"  
Actor #1 nods.  
Both exit.

Actor #4 says to Actor #3, "Sam was sick last week. Why don't we go and ring him up and see how he is?"  
Actor #3 nods.  
Both exit.

*(Narrator moves to centre stage and addresses the audience)*

The words we speak are powerful.

Our tongues can say things that start fights or tear people down.

We can speak lies or spread bad ideas.

Or, we can say things that stop fights or make people feel good.

We can speak the truth or spread good ideas.

Our tongues are very, very powerful.

We can use our tongue for good or we can use our tongue for

evil.

Children, if you love Jesus, then you will watch every word that comes off your tongue.

And you will try and speak the way Jesus spoke.

Wanting good not evil.