

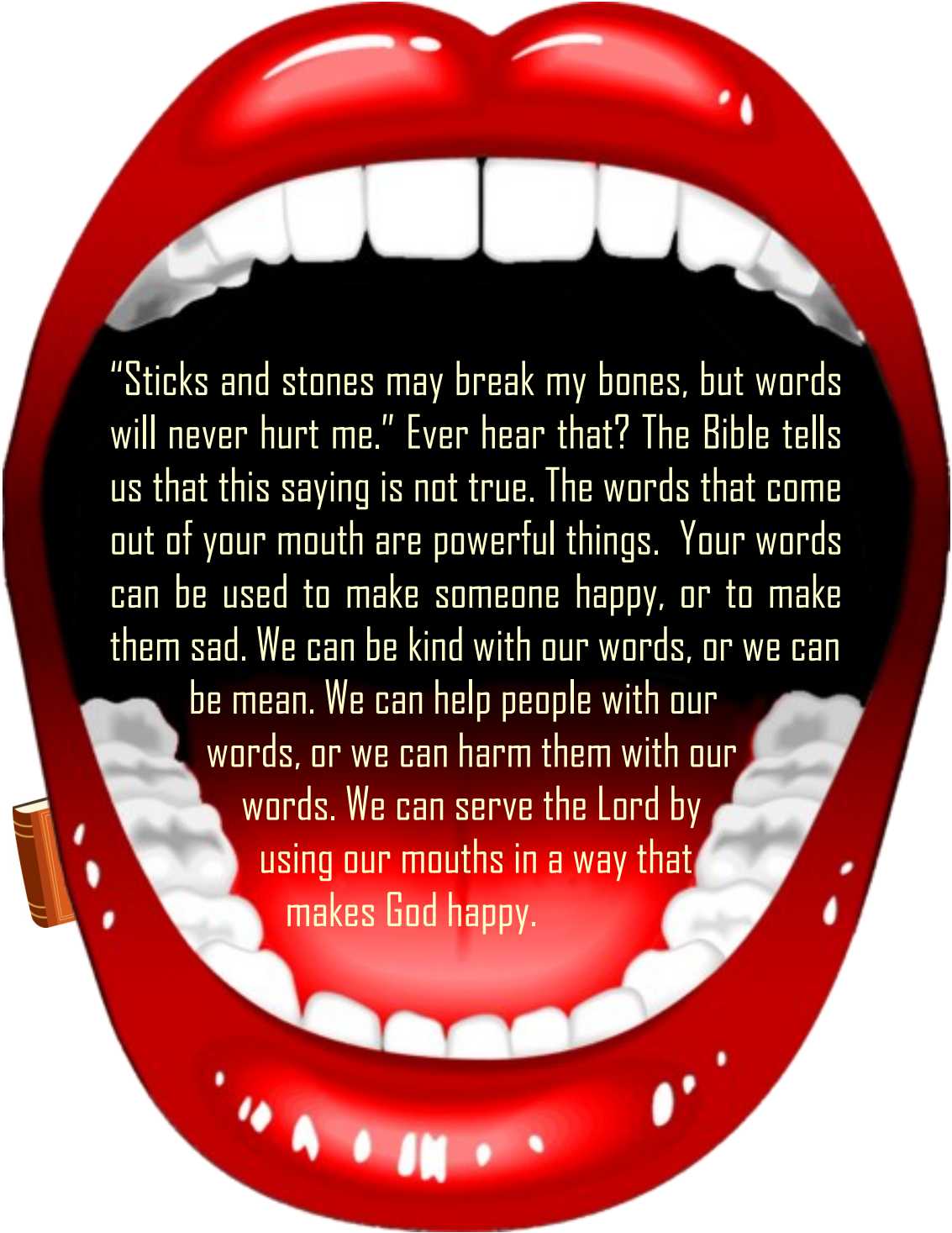
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MIGHTY mouth

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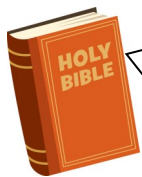
"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Ever hear that? The Bible tells us that this saying is not true. The words that come out of your mouth are powerful things. Your words can be used to make someone happy, or to make them sad. We can be kind with our words, or we can be mean. We can help people with our words, or we can harm them with our words. We can serve the Lord by using our mouths in a way that makes God happy.



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."

Proverbs 18:21.

Has anyone ever said something to you that made you feel good? How about something that made you feel bad? Words have power. In fact, Proverbs 18:21 says that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." God created our mouth and tongue for His glory and His use. He wants us to use words that do good for others.

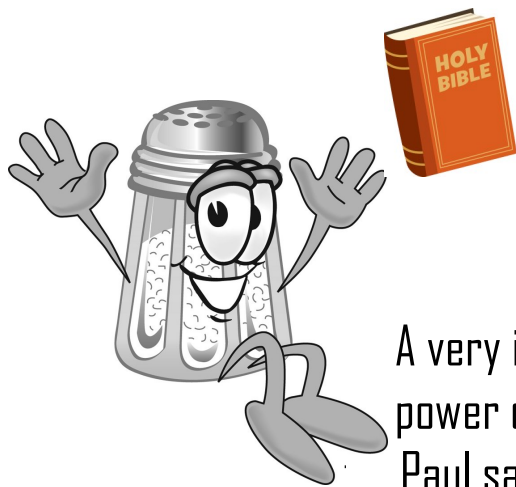


GOD'S WORD SAYS: "Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."

Psalms 150:6.

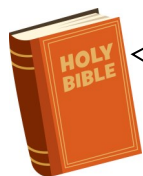
There are many people in the Bible that had special powers given to them by God for His use. Joseph could interpret dreams, and used his gift for good. Samson had super strength, and God used Samson to help Israel in battles. The prophet Elisha went around working miracles to help people. He even made an axe head float in water! We know that today God is not giving people these kinds of powers, but He can still use each one of us to help others. One of the ways we can be used to help others is by the words we say.





GOD'S WORD SAYS: "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."
Colossians 4:6.

A very important way we can help others is to use the power of good words. In Colossians 4:6 the Apostle Paul says that our speech should always have grace similar to how we use salt to flavor our food. Salt can make a lot of foods taste better. Grace makes our words a lot better for the people we speak to. What Paul means is that we should speak with kindness and love and say the things God wants us to say. We should say things that encourage people and help them to know who Jesus is. When we do this, God is using our mouth to do something mighty for Him. We have a mighty mouth!



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "Pray...for me... that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."
Ephesians 6:19

One of the main ways God wants us to use our mouth for good is to tell others the good news (Gospel) of Jesus Christ. We open our mouths to tell them that Jesus Christ died for their sins, was buried, and rose again. They can be saved if they believe that Jesus did this for them. We praise the Lord when we tell others what mighty things He has done for us.



NEXT ISSUE:
"Good News"

Look up the verses and answer the questions.

READ PROVERBS 15:1.

How should you answer when someone is being unkind to you?



READ PROVERBS 16:24.

What does this verse say about kind (pleasant) words?



READ EPHESIANS 4:29.

How are our words to be used to help others?



Use the boxes to write down some ways you can use your mouth to honor God.

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