

bridle (object or drawing ; describe its use). What power this small bit has (v. 2) ! Show a picture or draw an outline of a ship. (Some of the boys may tell how a ship is guided.) You have seen the man at the helm. What power to turn and sway the mighty ship is in this small helm (v. 3) !

Lesson—Our Lesson is about something which is very small, but has great power for bad or good. This small thing lives in a very odd house (describe the mouth). There are double doors (teeth and lips), and yet it is almost impossible to hold it. The doors constantly burst open, and the small thing is free. Perhaps some of you have guessed the name of this, vs. 5-8. Print, TONGUE—WORDS. All repeat,

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds.

You can't do that when you are flying words."

Words have much power for good or bad. Once spoken, they fly like sparks of fire, kindling either quarrels or love (give simple illustrations). "You did", "I did not", "Tit for tat",—all these come from a tongue of which the owner has lost control.

Sweet and Bitter—Does the same fountain send out both sweet and bitter water ?

Neither should the tongue speak words of praise to God in hymns and prayer, and then speak bad things about those around.

A Disease and a Remedy—Did the doctor ever ask you to let him "see your tongue", when you were ill ? He does this in order to know if there is sickness or not. The words our tongues speak show whether or not the sin disease is spoiling our hearts and minds. We should pray to God to make our hearts pure and good, and then the words we speak will be good too.

A Keeper—Ps. 34 : 10, "Keep thy tongue from evil" (repeat). Can we do this ourselves ? Ps. 141 : 3 tells us who will help us. Sing Hymn 529, Book of Praise.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text.

A Prayer—"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer."

The Best Use of the Tongue—Let the teacher make a list on the blackboard of some good ways to use the tongue. Best of all, use your tongue in speaking of Jesus. (Repeat)—

"Yes, we have a word for Jesus ;
We will bravely speak for Thee ;
And Thy bold and faithful soldiers,
Saviour we would henceforth be."

To Think About—I should speak for Jesus.

FROM THE PLATFORM
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THE GOOD LITTLE EVIL FICKLE TONGUE

Call for the Lesson Plan (see p. 269). Ask for the mark of the "perfect man" given in v. 2. The scholars will readily tell that it is he who controls his tongue, so that it speaks only right things and is kept pure from evil. This is THE GOOD TONGUE (Print). Now ask about the two little things spoken of in the Lesson,—the bits by which horses are controlled, and the rudder by which the ship is turned about. The tongue is likened to these ; so it is the LITTLE (Print) tongue. Talk, next, about forest fires,—many scholars will likely have heard of or seen a forest fire. Bring out that such great destruction of timber is often caused by a fire left burning by some careless camper (see Exposition). The tongue is often like such a fire, doing untold harm by a single heedless word. It is then an EVIL (Print) tongue. Use, in like manner, the illustrations in vs. 9-12 of the FICKLE (Print) tongue. Urge the yielding of the tongue to the control of Christ.