

No, children, they are neither of these. The dangerous doors I mean are very pretty doors as a rule. They are a pretty red color and when they are open you can see two rows of little servants dressed in white, and behind them is a little lady dressed in red. "Oh, I should like to go inside such pretty doors," you say.

Well we are not going to talk about what goes inside these doors. It is what comes out of these pretty doors that causes them to be dangerous doors. They need a strong guard on each side, or else there is great trouble in keeping back some very bad things that are certain to come out.

Let us see what comes out. When the guards are away some things come out that are sharper than arrows that cut and hurt worse than knives, things that hurt our hearts and make us cry. One day I saw one of these pretty doors open, and the pretty lady in red began to talk to a little lad who was crying and whining. "Oh, you little grumbler be quiet. Must I bother with you all the time?" and the little grumbler turned away with a sore heart.

Now you know what the dangerous doors are. Yes, they are our own lips (outline). "Who are the guards?" you ask. They are sent by King Jesus when we ask for them.

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." Jesus will send patience and love so that no unkind words will come out.

Repeat—

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

—Hymn 238, Book of Praise

Lesson—Our story tells us of a time when Moses forgot to ask God to send these guards and the dangerous door of Moses opened and some angry, impatient, proud words came out, v. 10. Outline a rock with water flowing from it. Tell the story (vs. 1-13)—a grumbling people, a proud, angry Moses, God's kindness and forgiveness in sending the water from the rock misrepresented by Moses (v. 10), Moses punished, v. 12.

Golden Text—Repeat as a prayer.

Sing—

O, what can little lips do
To please the King of Heaven?
The little lips can praise and pray,
And gentle words of kindness say:
Such grace to mine be given.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

Something to Think About—I should watch my lips.

FROM THE PLATFORM

MOSES' AND AARON'S SIN SENTENCE

Question somewhat as follows: Where do we find Israel in the Lesson? Who died there? What was lacking to the people? Against whom did they complain? What wish did they express? What did they say about the land to which they had been brought? To whom did Moses and Aaron go? What appearance did they see? What command did the Lord give to Moses? What was the "rod"? What did Moses call the Israelites? What complaint did he make against them? What did he do with the rod? Had God told him to do this? What was the sin of Moses and Aaron? (Print MOSES AND AARON'S SIN.) What did the Lord say to Moses and Aaron? (Print SENTENCE.) How did Moses and Aaron misrepresent God. The point to bring out here is the difference between the angry impatience of the two leaders and the patient kindness of God. Impress the unlimitedness of God's kindness and our duty to imitate it.