Children’s Sermon

Date: 1/24/15

Title: Watch Your Words

Theme: God wants us to use our words to help others, not hurt them.

Object: Tube of toothpaste, saucer and spoon

Text: James 3, 5, 9-10

Did you know that your words are powerful? They can have a big effect on people.

They can build people up or they can tear people down.

James says that our tongues or our words are like the bit in a horse’s mouth.

In the same way, our words can help other people or hurt other people.

When Bella says, “I love you Papa,” it makes me feel good. And I want to be the best papa I can be.

We can speak words that are loving, friendly, kind, cheerful, courteous, and respectful.

These kinds of words build people up and make them kind and friendly too.

It’s too bad that our words are not always loving and kind.

Sometimes our words can become mean and nasty:

like when we make fun of kids in school, or call them names, or tell them to shut up, or say that we don’t like them and don’t want to be their friend.

Or sometimes we can be disrespectful with our parents or teachers:

Like when they ask us to clean up our room or make our bed and we say, “No.”

These kinds of words can hurt people’s feelings.

Once you say words that hurt people, you can’t take them back. The best you can do is to say you’re sorry.

Hurtful words are easy to say, but they are not easy to take back.

[Illustration: Toothpaste comes out very easily, but it is very hard to put back in.]

So stop and think before you speak. Will your words be helpful or hurtful?

How many would like to speak words that help others and build them up? (Eph 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up…)