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If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man. (James 3:2)

It is hard to control the words which come out of our mouths. Controlling our words will be a battle lasting our whole lifetime, and can only be won with God's help and our sincerest efforts. James 3:8

Color the picture



Complete the following statements.

1. Fill in the Blanks

Use the following words: **tongue • words • kind • hurt • wisdom • control**

1. James 3:8 teaches us that the _____ can be difficult to tame.
2. Our _____ can either help someone or hurt someone.
3. We should ask God for _____ before we speak.
4. Angry words can _____ another person's feelings.
5. Christians should learn to _____ what they say.
6. God wants us to use _____ words toward others.

2. Helpful or Harmful?

Write **H** for *Helpful* or **X** for *Harmful*.

- ___ Encouraging someone who made a mistake.
- ___ Spreading a rumor about someone.
- ___ Thanking someone for helping you.
- ___ Making fun of another person's mistake.
- ___ Speaking calmly when you are angry.
- ___ Telling a lie to get someone in trouble.
- ___ Defending someone who is being treated unfairly.
- ___ Apologizing after saying something unkind.

Match the scripture to its lesson.

Proverbs 15:1

Think before you speak.

Ephesians 4:29

A gentle answer can calm anger.

Proverbs 18:21

Our words should build others up.

James 1:19

Words have great power.

Psalms 141:3

Ask God to guard what you say.