JAMES

1. **Opening Prayer**: Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Father,

Thank You for all the great stories of people throughout the Bible who followed You. Help us as we learn from the words of James, as he teaches us about the power of our tongue. Help us to love You and love others in everything we say and do.

In Jesus' precious Name, Amen.

- 2. **Teaching**: Watch Lesson 16: James. Video link: https://vimeo.com/203189347
- 3. **Scripture Search**: Read through the following section of Scripture:
 - 3.1. James 3:1-12
- 4. Question Time:
 - 4.1. Describe a time when somebody hurt you with their words?
 - 4.2. Children often learn the phrase, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Do you think this message is true or accurate?
 - 4.3. What are some ways that words can hurt people? Please, share some examples.
 - 4.4. Not only can words be hurtful, but they can be helpful. What are some examples of ways that our words can help other people?
 - 4.5. Read <u>James 4:7-11</u>. How do these verses relate to the things that we say on a daily basis?
 - 4.6. Vocabulary: <u>Curse</u>, <u>Praise</u>, <u>Prayer</u>
- 5. **Closing Prayer**: Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Help me to use my words carefully. It's so easy for me to one day use my words and hurt the people around me and another day to praise You God. Help me to not only realize the power of my tongue, but to honor You with my words.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.