

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



The Tongue is a Fire

- Best for Middle Elementary on up •

Main Point: Words can hurt big time. Let's bless people with our words.

Materials Needed: A beef tongue(!) and something to keep it in, plus some way to rinse your hands afterward.

Bible Passage: The Tongue is a Fire. Excerpts from James 3:

A great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue is a fire, it can set the whole course of one's life on fire. Indeed, the tongue is itself set on fire by hell.

We've tamed all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, yet with it we curse human beings made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing.

Order of Presentation:

- Read the Bible story while handling the cow tongue. Watch the video demonstration (link below).
- The Word Ladders game is challenging. It's best for High School ages.
- The Hangman game works with all ages, so choose it when working with young readers.

Activity Pages: There are two: Word Ladders and Hangman.

- **Word Ladders:** This is a challenging game not all kids will be attracted to. It's probably best for older kids to take home to enjoy. The game page has the playing instructions and the solutions. If you play in class, be prepared to discuss the importance of thinking before speaking, as our words can hurt big time. On the other hand, we can make a habit of speaking things like encouragement, kindness, helpfulness.
- **Hangman:** This two-team activity works fine for anyone old enough to read. Assemble the Hangman poster to tape to a wall (the poster assembly instruction page is below). Playing instructions are on the poster.

The solutions are, in order: FIRE, TAME, TONGUE, GOSSIP, PRAISE.

Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video: <https://youtu.be/NkVHq7Yd8hs>

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Word Ladders!

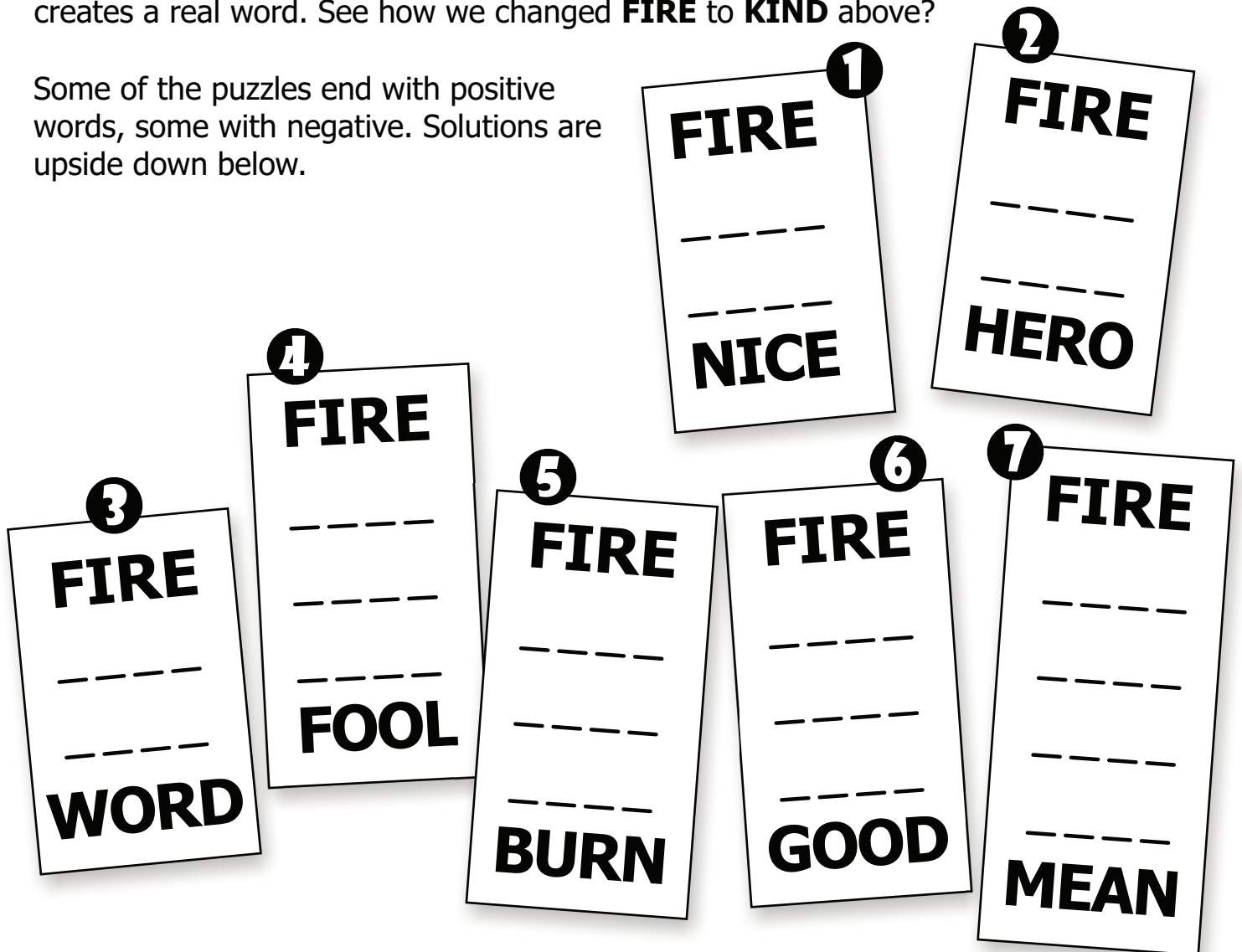
“The tongue is a fire” (from James 3:6).

Gossip. Lies. Unkind words. These all come from the things we say. Like a fire, our words can hurt big time. On the other hand, we can make a habit of speaking things like encouragement, kindness, helpfulness.



To help you remember all this, try this challenging game we call Word Ladders. Your job is to change the word **FIRE** at the top of each ladder to the word at the bottom. You do this by changing one letter at a time, making sure that each change creates a real word. See how we changed **FIRE** to **KIND** above?

Some of the puzzles end with positive words, some with negative. Solutions are upside down below.



1. FIRE-MIRE-NICE. 2. FIRE-HIRE-HERE-HERO. 3. FIRE-WIRE-WORE-WORD.
4. FIRE-FIRE-FORT-FOOT-FOOL. 5. FIRE-FARE-BARE-BARN-BURN.
6. FIRE-FIRE-FORE-FORD-FOOD-GOOD. 7. FIRE-FIRE-FORE-MORE-MORN-MOAN-MEAN.

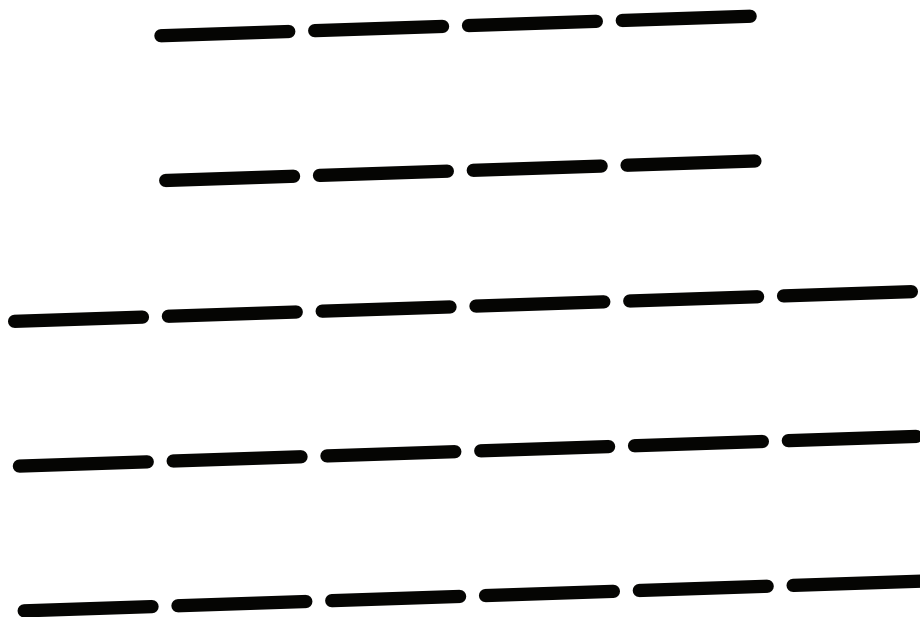
The Hangman Poster

The page following this one shows you how to trim and tape four pages to form a poster large enough for the class to see. Two teams take turns guessing letters in an attempt to solve the words. The words in order are: FIRE, TAME, TONGUE, GOSSIP and PRAISE. These words along with the Bible passage give you an opportunity to discuss the importance of choosing our words carefully as representatives of Jesus Christ.

Hangman!

Form two teams. Teams take turns guessing letters to figure out the words. A word can be guessed only by the team taking a turn.

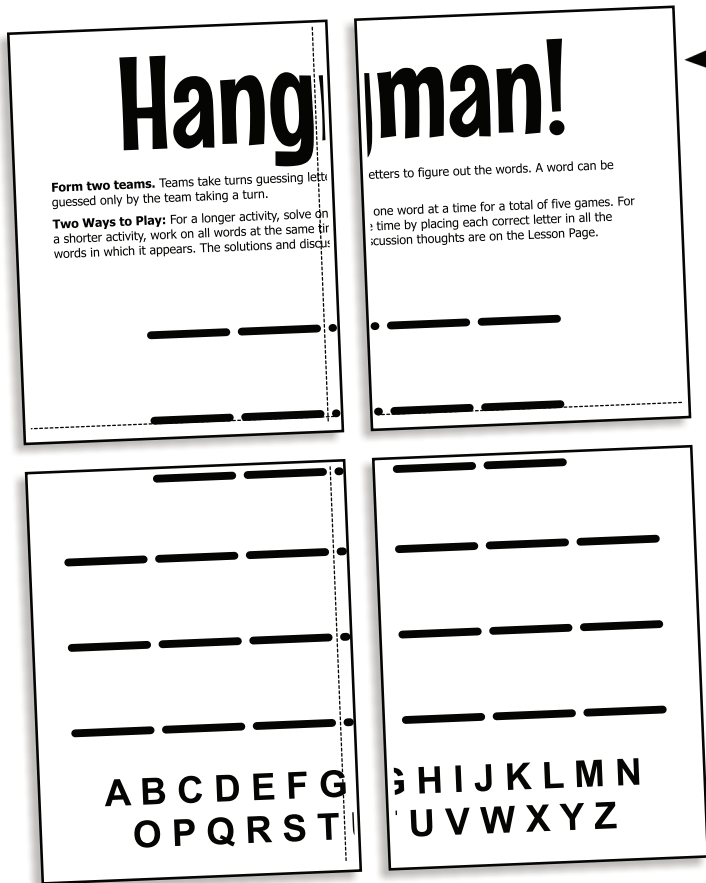
Two Ways to Play: For a longer activity, solve one word at a time for a total of five games. For a shorter activity, work on all words at the same time by placing each correct letter in all the words in which it appears. The solutions and discussion thoughts are on the Lesson Page.



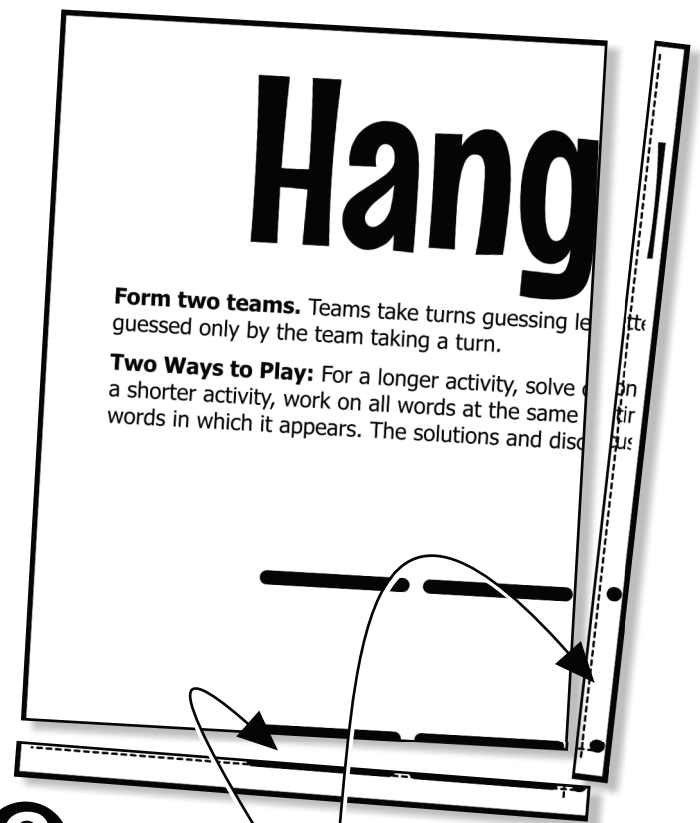
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How to Print, Cut and Assemble the HANGMAN Poster

This illustration shows the four pages that make up the HANGMAN poster.



1 **Print:** One copy per class, per service.



2 Use a paper cutter to trim just inside the dashed trim lines. Trim **only** the edges that have trim lines—the first page has two, the next two pages have one each and the final page has none.

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Now you're ready to tape the four pages together to form the poster. Start with the top section. Lap the first page over the second and carefully align the text. Run tape along the whole seam (on the front looks good and is easiest). Do the same for the bottom section. Finally, tape the two sections together. **DONE!**

Hangman

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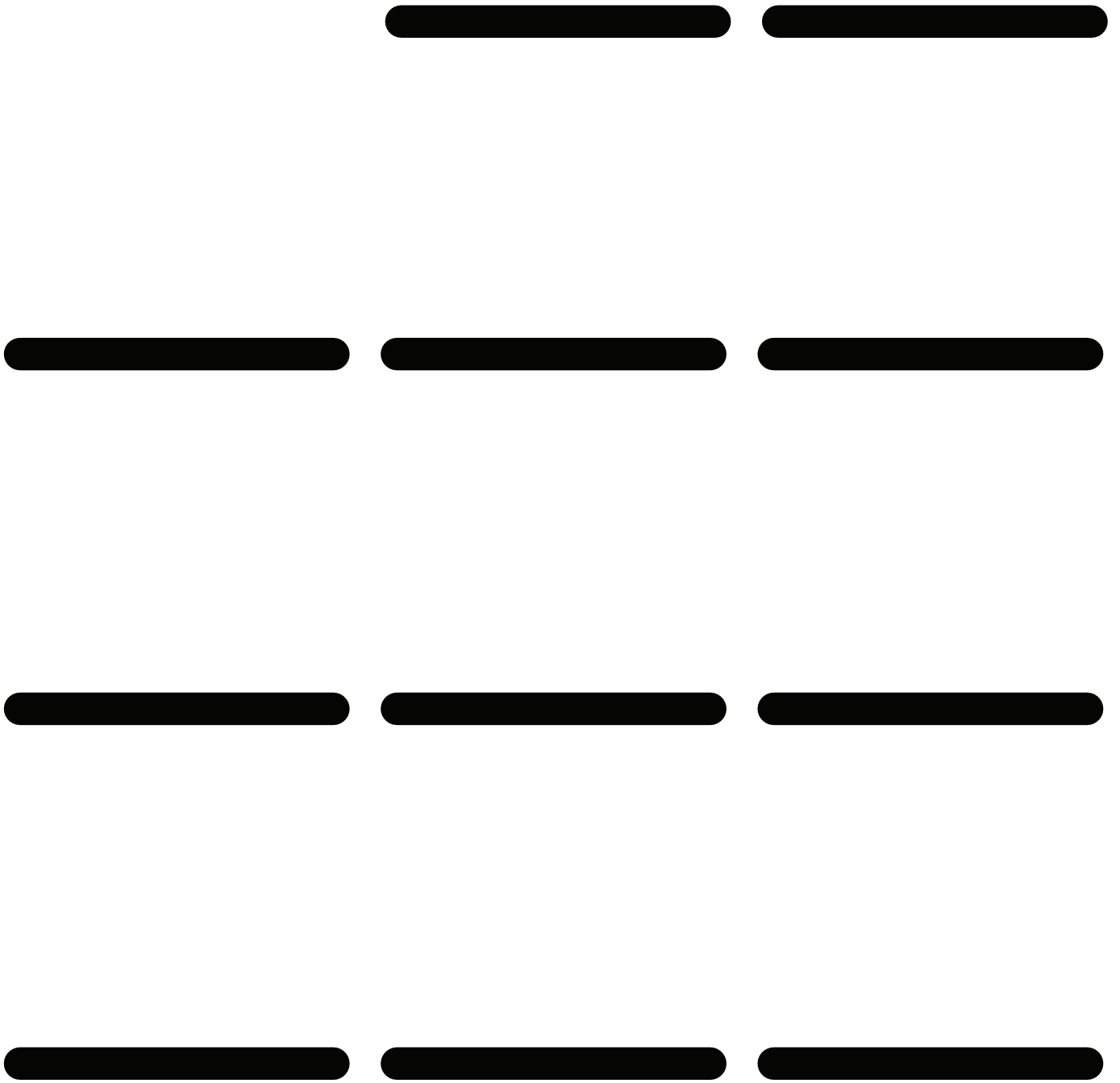


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